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Application by Highways England to upgrade new A14 development to motorway status

We have been advised that this application has been submitted and I am taking this opportunity to write on behalf of Hilton Parish Council on the matter.

The Parish Council is disappointed that this change in the scheme has been proposed now and was not raised when the original DCO was submitted and that the opportunity to comment is only open for a relatively short time period.

As you will be aware, during the planning application we made representations to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration of increased mitigation steps in relation to the potential effects of the new road on Hilton. Highways England proposed no increased steps beyond those proposed and the scheme was approved on that basis.

Now that the proposal is for the route to be converted to motorway status we would ask if there is any opportunity for increased mitigation to be imposed as part of the agreement.

In particular, we would request that the whole of the new scheme be laid with the very low noise road surface which was to be laid in certain places but not the whole length.

Additionally, as we are uncertain what extra gantries or lighting the proposal would bring, could the bunds should be increased from the 2 metre height set out in the scheme.

We would also ask you to consider what effects the upgrade to motorway status will have on local traffic and users of the A14.

Please do advise if there are any plans for a more detailed consultation process or is this merely a cursory consultation to comply with regulations?

Yours sincerely

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Chair, Hilton Parish Council.

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