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By email

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010019

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Dear Ms Harling-Phillips

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 55

Application by the Highways Agency for an Order Granting Development Consent for the proposed M4 Junctions 2 to 12 Smart Motorway

Notification of decision to accept an application for examination for an order granting development consent

I refer to the above application for an order granting development consent made under section 37(2) of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended), and received by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State on 30 March 2015.

The Secretary of State has decided to accept this application for examination. In reaching this decision, the Secretary of State has:

- in respect of section 55(3)(e) had regard to the matters set out in section 55(4), and concluded that the applicant has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 of PA2008; and
- in respect of section 55(3)(f), had regard to the extent to which those matters set out in section 55(5A) have either been complied with or followed, and concluded that the application (including accompaniments) is of a satisfactory standard.

Please be aware of your duties under:

- sections 56, 58 and 59 of PA2008;
- Regulations 8, 9 and 10 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended); and
- Regulation 13 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009.

Yours sincerely

Mark Southgate

Mark Southgate
Director of Major Applications and Plans
For and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local
Government

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

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