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To interested parties, statutory parties  
and other persons invited to the  
preliminary meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010019

Date: 24 February 2016

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Dear Sir/Madam

## **The Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rules 8(3) and 17**

### **Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the M4 Junctions 3 to 12 Smart Motorway**

#### **Request for further information**

I am writing on behalf of the Examining Authority to request further information from those involved in the examination. Questions and requests are brought to the attention of specific parties, from whom specific responses are sought, but any other interested party may also respond if they wish.

Please consider and respond to the questions and requests **Annex A by Monday 29 February 2016 (Deadline VIII)**. Any comments on responses to this request for information must be submitted by **Thursday 3 March 2016 (Deadline IX)**.

**This is the final deadline by which any further comment, whether or not related to these specific matters, should be received if it is to be taken into account during the Examination.**

Yours faithfully,

*Wendy Burden*

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the Planning Inspectorate website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.

## QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

### 1) Proposed Requirement on Traffic Modelling and Mitigation

The Examining Authority invites the comments of the parties on a proposed requirement on Traffic Modelling and Mitigation, as reproduced below.

This is put forward for discussion only, and the ExA has reached no view on whether or not to recommend that a requirement should be made, and if so in what form:

Traffic modelling and mitigation

- 1) No part of the authorised development is to commence until the undertaker has:
  - a) Agreed the following with Buckinghamshire County Council:
    - (i) baseline Manual Classified Count surveys;
    - (ii) factored up Manual Classified Counts for 2020, based on Trip End Model Presentation Program (TEMPO) growth factors and committed development;
    - (iii) modelling input assumptions (traffic flows and junction geometric data);
  - b) Carried out the agreed baseline Manual Classified Count surveys at the relevant junctions in the earliest neutral month;
  - c) Completed junction modelling for forecast year 2020 for the relevant junctions using industry standard software, both with and without any increase in traffic predicted by the assignment model attributable to the authorised development, and agreed the outputs of the junction modelling with Buckinghamshire County Council; and
  - d) Undertaken a safety review of the relevant junctions and routes affected, including an assessment of accident records over a relevant 5 year period.
  
- 2) If the junction modelling predicts a material impact on Ratio to Flow Capacity, queue lengths, or safety which is attributable to the authorised development, the undertaker must submit for approval a scheme of appropriate mitigation measures to the Secretary of State, following consultation with Buckinghamshire County Council. The approved scheme of mitigation must be implemented in full prior to the commencement of the authorised development.
  
- 3) In this requirement: “relevant junctions” means:
  - A4 Corridor**
    - A4/A4094
    - A4/Mill Lane – this junction is currently a priority; to be left in as part of the mitigation proposed for the development on Mill Lane
    - A4/Mill Lane – new roundabout to be installed as part of the mitigation proposed for the development on Mill Lane
    - A4/Berryhill – temporary traffic lights installed to facilitate gravel extraction
    - A4/Marsh Lane/Station Road – with and without closure of Marsh Lane
    - A4/Bishop Centre
    - A4/Hitcham Road/Hag Hill Lane
    - A4/Lake End Road – with and without closure of Marsh Lane
  - A335 Corridor**
    - A355/Park Road/Farnham Close – double mini-roundabout
    - A355/One Pin Lane

**A412 Corridor**

- A412/Church Lane
- A412/George Green Road
- A412/Coronation Avenue
- A412/Wexham Park Lane
- A412/Black Park Road
- A412/Pinewood/Church Road – mitigation scheme proposed as part of the Pinewood Masterplan

**A4007**

- A4007/Bangors Road North/Bangors Road South - double mini roundabout.

**2) Safety review and assessment of accident records**

Buckinghamshire County Council is asked to provide information about its interpretation of the terms in clause 1(d) of the draft requirement above, and particularly on when the '*5 year period*' should begin.

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