

For the attention of Richard Price, Case Manager
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Your reference: TR010019
Interested Party reference: 10031720

27 August 2015
Dear Mr Richard Price,

Re: Planning Act 2008 (as amended) Section 88 and the Infrastructure
Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010
(as amended)
Rule 6 Application by the Highways Agency (now Highways England) for an Order Granting Development Consent for
the proposed M4 Junctions 3 to 12 Smart Motorway

I wish to attend the forthcoming Preliminary Meeting as representative for the Hayes
Community Development Forum and have liaised with the Cranford Park Friends
(interested party 10031358).

I wish also to confirm that we are seeking to attend an accompanied site visit and to
speak at an open floor hearing to be held at a local venue. We will be making a
more formal request with the necessary detail in due course and we are
endeavouring to identify and co-operate with other interested parties in the London
Borough of Hillingdon.

I wish to speak at the Preliminary Meeting on the following points:

Item 3: Re: principle issues: whilst recognising that this is not a comprehensive or
exclusive list, I would like to draw attention to the importance of considering impact
on the water regimes, quality and aquatic life of the water bodies and courses that
receive run-off from the M4.

AOB presumably: Re: Press Release from: [Highways England](#), [Department for
Transport](#) and [Andrew Jones MP](#) Published on 22 July 2015
[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-15-billion-of-investment-awarded-to-
upgrade-motorways-in-england](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-15-billion-of-investment-awarded-to-upgrade-motorways-in-england)

This quotes Highways England smart motorway programme director, Andy Watson,
"The Balfour Beatty and VINCI joint venture... have also been appointed to
construct two future schemes: the M6 junction 2 to junction 4 in the Midlands...and
the M4 junction 3 to junction 12 in London and Berkshire due to start work in
2016/2017, at an estimated combined value of up to £562 million."*

Given this announcement by the Roads Minister, the Department for Transport and
Highway England, does this not mean that this project is a forgone conclusion and
that this examination process is simply going through the motions.

Re: the Rule 6 Letter's Annex E section on Statements of Common Ground
At the end of this section there is a reference to tests set out in National Planning
Practice Guidance which the requirements proposed in the draft DCO should meet,
as well as providing effective mitigation. Where may I find these tests which I have
failed to locate after searching the PPG.

As the Cranford Park Friends have written, of the dates indicated as available for a hearing, our preference is the evening of 17 or 18 November. Other dates are likely to be convenient. A local venue may well be available and we would invite other local interested parties to attend.

We have also expressed views on the site visit (10 to 12 November). Namely that we would like this to address not only Cranford Park on both sides of the M4 but also the public footpath to Harlington High Street overbridge and thence to the Recreation Ground at Shepiston Lane and via the public subway to Church of St Peter & Paul, St Peter's Way, Harlington. Since formulating these views the applicant's proposed inspection itinerary has been published and we will be studying this proposal in order to comment further.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Brown, Hayes Community Development Forum

Cc Bob Barton (Secretary to Cranford Park Friends), John McDonnell MP, Cllr John Morse & Justine Bayley (Heathrow Villages Conservation Areas Advisory Panel)

Press release **Over £1.5 billion of investment awarded to upgrade motorways in England**

From: [Highways England](#), [Department for Transport](#) and [Andrew Jones MP](#)

First published: 22 July 2015 <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-15-billion-of-investment-awarded-to-upgrade-motorways-in-england> Part of: [Road network and traffic](#)

Highways England has today appointed six joint-venture companies to design and build 10 'smart motorways' across England as part of a £1.5 billion investment.

Three of these projects will start in autumn this year: 2 in the Midlands - M1 junction 19 to junction 16 in Northamptonshire and the M5 junction 4a to Junction 6 in Worcestershire, and 1 in the North West - M6 junction 16 to junction 19 near Stoke-on-Trent.

The [smart motorway](#) schemes, part of the £15 billion government investment Highways England is delivering between now and 2021, will see 292 extra lane miles added to motorways. The hard shoulder will be converted to a traffic lane and signing and technology will tell drivers what speed to drive at, if lanes are blocked or closed and about incidents up ahead.

Construction contractors appointed are Balfour Beatty and VINCI* joint venture, Costain and Galliford Try joint venture, and Carillion and Kier joint venture. With designers being CH2M and Hyder joint venture, Amey and Arup joint venture, and Jacobs and Atkins joint venture.

Valued at up to £1.55 billion in total, this is the second major procurement to be awarded under the company's Collaborative Delivery Framework (CDF). The first was the appointment of designers and contractors for the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement which was announced last month (June).

Roads minister, Andrew Jones, said:

As part of our long-term economic plan, we are investing more than £1.5 billion over the next five years in upgrading congested sections of motorway. This means better journeys for millions of people across the country, easier access to jobs, and stronger links between towns and cities. This is good for the economy and good for Britain.

Highways England smart motorway programme director, Andy Watson, said:

We have awarded these contracts to the companies who demonstrated to us they will work together, across all the projects, not just the ones they have been awarded. They proved they are driven to get the best results on price, quality and on reducing impact on road users: keeping the motorways flowing while they construct these vital improvements.

The Balfour Beatty and VINCI* joint venture have won a construction package including delivery of the M5 junction 4a to junction 6 smart motorway in Worcestershire, starting this autumn at a value of £45.4 million.

They have also been appointed to construct two future schemes: the M6 junction 2 to junction 4 in the Midlands, expected to start work in 2017/2018, and the M4 junction 3 to junction 12 in London and Berkshire due to start work in 2016/2017, at an estimated combined value of up to £562 million. CH2M and Hyder joint venture have been appointed as the designers for these two future schemes, valued between £25 to £30 million.

The Costain and Galliford Try joint venture have won a construction package including delivery of the M1 junction 19 to junction 16 smart motorway in Northamptonshire, starting this autumn at a value of £65.39 million.

They have also been appointed to construct two future schemes: the M1 junction 24 to junction 25 in the East Midlands, and the M1 junction 13 to junction 16 in Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire, both expected to start work in 2016/2017, at an estimated combined value of up to £302.3 million. Amey and Arup joint venture have been appointed as the designers for these two future schemes, valued between £20 million to £25 million.

The Carillion and Kier joint venture have won a construction package including delivery of the M6 junction 16 to junction 19 smart motorway in Staffordshire and Cheshire, starting this autumn at a value of £129.5 million.

They have also been appointed to construct three future schemes: the M6 junction 13 to junction 15 in Staffordshire, the M20 junction 3 to junction 5 in Kent, and the M23 junction 8 to junction 10 in Surrey and West Sussex, all expected to start work 2017/2018, at an estimated combined value of up to £345 million. Jacobs and Atkins joint venture have appointed as the designers of these three future schemes, valued between £20 million to £25 million.

The value of construction and design contracts for those projects starting after 2015/2016 are indicative as the schemes are in early development phase. Highways England will work with the contractors to agree final target costs.

Work starting on major projects is subject to continued value for money and successful completion of any statutory processes.

There is wealth of information on [Highways England's website](#) about smart motorways including how they work and what drivers will see.

*VINCI's subsidiaries are VINCI Construction Grands Projets and Taylor Woodrow.

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