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Subject: LB Hillingdon representations
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LB Hillingdon representations

Re: DCO application made by Highways England

Location: M4 junctions 3-12

Date: 26th August 2015

Your ref: TR010019

Further to your letter of the 7th August 2015, I write in response to the queries raised regarding the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) in Annex E which states:

*".....The applicant is requested to prepare the Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) listed below. The date for their submission is set in the draft examination timetable, and I would welcome comments on the proposed list of SoCG **by Thursday 27 August 2015** for discussion at the Preliminary Meeting.*

A SoCG should identify, at an early stage of the examination, the areas of agreement between the applicant and the interested parties, and make clear where areas of disagreement remain unresolved. It should identify those matters which need not be in dispute or the subject of further evidence, and state where and why there may be disagreement about the interpretation and relevance of the information. The reasons for the differences and the interpretation of the implications of a difference can then be expanded in the evidence....."

I wish to bring to your attention that, to date, LB Hillingdon Officers have not received a copy of the draft SoCG from the applicants. As such, the timeframes set out in Annex C of the draft timetable cannot be achieved and should be amended to reflect this position.

Officers have met once with Highways England, on 22nd June 2015, with regard to discussing the scheme in the context of the SoCG. At that meeting Officers raised numerous queries regarding the information contained within the application, and reiterated other queries which had been raised at earlier meetings, for which responses were sought from the applicants. To date, officers have received some limited feedback to the queries raised but there remain many unanswered questions.

For this reason, the LB Hillingdon wish to alert the Inspectorate to the current situation and inform the Inspectorate that the current draft timetable is likely to slip passed the key dates in respect of the SOCG.

Kind regards

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Please note my working days are Monday-Thursday.

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