

From: Blue Kinane [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 October 2015 12:45
To: M4 Junction 3-12 Smart Motorway
Subject: 151024_TR010019_Blue Kinane _no visitation to property or feel the need to speak

Attn Wendy Burden

Hi Wendy

I have copied and pasted the last email I got from Hannah Deykin my concerns are still unanswered on retrospect I do feel I need some form of visitation to my property or I feel the need to speak at the meetings.

Dear Mr Kinane

Thank you for your response, we do understand your concerns.

The scheme is currently in the pre-examination phase of its assessment by the Planning Inspectorate and I would encourage you to register your concerns with them. The process for doing this and the form to electronically complete to become an 'interested party' can be found on their website here: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/south-east/m4-junctions-3-to-12-smart-motorway/?ipcsection=relreps>. Written representations from interested parties are used by the Planning Inspectorate to carry out their initial assessment of principal issues and to decide the best way to examine the application. The closing date for registering an interest is 3 July 2015.

More information on the proposed M4 junctions 3 to 12 smart motorway scheme is available on the scheme website: www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/M4-Junctions-3-12. If you have any further questions or if you would like more information about the scheme the please contact the Project Manager for the scheme, Lynne Stinson. She can be contacted via the scheme's email address which is M4J3to12SmartMotorways@highwaysengland.co.uk.

Kind Regards

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From: Blue Kinane [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 June 2015 12:26
To: M4 J3 to 12 Smart Motorways
Cc: M4 J3 to 12 Smart Motorways
Subject: Re: Noise and visual impact

Hi Hannah

Thank you for your response.

I appreciate the the points you have made and after carefully reading them I hope the noise levels will potentially reduce after your works have been carried out. My only concern still is the the height of the barrier as you stated “gaining any view into your property if travelling on the nearside lane but that this potential is reduced by the trees and bushes growing on the embankment slope”. Which is fine in the summer months but these are all deciduous plants during the winter periods all the leaves are lost and I can actually see lorries passing along the motorway in its current format in the slow lane. Obviously during these earlier darker evenings the lights will be on in my property. As I'm sure you are aware when its dark and lights are on in a property everything is clearly visible and being that my bedrooms are level with the motorway a lorry would have clear line of sight. Which to reiterate would have a privacy impact and financial impact on my property.

So unfortunately no planned works to being carried out on the barriers does concern and worry me.

Kind Regards

Mr B Kinane

From: M4 J3 to 12 Smart Motorways
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2015 9:37 AM
To: 'Blue Kinane'
Cc: M4 J3 to 12 Smart Motorways
Subject: RE: Noise and visual impact

Dear Mr Kinane

We've had some technical difficulties, and we want to make sure you've received a response to your original query. We're very sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused. Just as a precaution I have put the response underneath

Thank you for your interest in the M4 junctions 3 to 12 smart motorway scheme and your enquiry dated 6 May 2015 regarding noise and visual impact issues at your property The Inches, Holyport Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 2HD.

As background the scheme proposal is essentially to increase capacity along the M4 between junctions 3 (Hayes) and 12 (Theale) by converting the existing hard shoulder permanently to a live traffic lane and using technology to monitor traffic and set speed limits. The majority of the works will be constructed within land owned by Highways England (the Highways Agency prior to 1 April 2015) although in some locations additional land may be required permanently (to accommodate works such as widened bridges) or temporarily (to provide space for construction).

Taking each of your concerns in turn my comments are as follows:

- Noise barrier height. The existing noise barrier adjacent to your property will prevent the majority of people using the M4 from gaining any view into your property. if travelling on the nearside lane but that this potential is reduced by the trees and bushes growing on the embankment slope if travelling on the nearside lane but that this potential is reduced by the trees and bushes growing on the embankment slope. Our current scheme proposals are to replace existing noise barrier where this is found

to be in poor repair and to provide new or extended barrier where this is required to mitigate adverse noise impacts identified in the Environmental Statement prepared for the scheme. There are currently no plans to increase the height of the barrier adjacent to your property on noise mitigation grounds. Your request for a higher barrier on visual amenity grounds has been logged and will be considered further as the scheme design is progressed.

- Increased lighting levels. Your comments and questions regarding the lighting scheme that has been undertaken near your property have been passed to the team responsible for the scheme and the day-to-day maintenance of the M4 in this location. I have asked them to respond to you directly on this matter.
- Access to your property to undertake noise surveys. Noise assessments are not undertaken by recording sound levels at each property, instead the recognised method is to set up noise monitoring stations at regular intervals along the scheme and to input the data gathered into a sophisticated computer model that of the route. The model includes the topography of the area, the land use, the sound absorbing/reflecting characteristics of various surfaces and the both existing and future traffic flows. The nearest noise monitoring station to your property was located between Holyport Road and Eskdale Gardens. The model is used to calculate existing and future noise levels and to produce noise contour maps for the Environmental Statement. As such noise engineers do not need to visit each property, unless they host a noise monitoring station, and this is why you have not been visited in person.
- Noise level increases. The Environmental Noise (England) Regulations 2006 implement the Assessment and Management of Noise Directive 2002/49/EC (the "Environmental Noise Directive" or "END"). The M4 came under the first round of strategic noise mapping required for 'major roads' under END and traffic noise levels along the M4 were mapped. As required by the Directive, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ("Defra") produced Noise Action Plans for Major Roads in March 2010. The Noise Action Plans focus on those areas most exposed to noise from major roads. These are defined as 'Important Areas'. There are presently 35 Important Areas along the M4 between junctions 3 and 12 and one of these includes the Holyport area (as shown by Defra plan 129). The Defra Noise Action Plans for these Important Areas have been taken into account in the development of noise mitigation for the M4 scheme. To address the Holyport 'Important Area' we have specified that low-noise surfacing will be used across all lanes of the motorway – this can reduce noise levels by 3.5dB. The noise assessment shows that additional or higher noise barriers are not required adjacent to your property as part of the mitigation package to address the scheme's impact on the 'Important Area'.

The location of the 'Important Areas', the noise maps and our proposed noise mitigation measures are identified within the Environmental Statement submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on 30 March 2015 as part of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application. The full application is now available to view on the PINS website: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/south-east/m4-junctions-3-to-12-smart-motorway/?ipcsection=overview>. The sections of the DCO application that you may be interested in are as follows:

- An overview of the proposed scheme is given by the Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010019/2.%20Post->

[Submission/Application%20Documents/Environmental%20Statement/6-4-ES-NonTechnicalSummary.pdf](http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010019/2.%20Post-Submission/Application%20Documents/Environmental%20Statement/6-4-ES-NonTechnicalSummary.pdf)

- The Land Plans showing that the property is outside our Order boundary (see sheet 18 of 31): http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010019/2.%20Post-Submission/Application%20Documents/Plans/2-2-LandPlans_Sht17-24.pdf . This drawing shows that all the works adjacent to your property will be undertaken within the existing highway boundary.
- The Vegetation Clearance drawings (see sheet 18 of 31): http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010019/2.%20Post-Submission/Application%20Documents/Other%20Documents/7-4-EDR-Annexes_A2-VegetationClearance_Sht17-24.pdf This shows that there are no proposals that affect the existing mature vegetation that is established on the motorway embankment adjacent to your property.
- Chapter 12 of the Environmental Statement covers noise and vibration issues: http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010019/2.%20Post-Submission/Application%20Documents/Environmental%20Statement/6-1-ES-Chapters_12-Noise-and-vibration.pdf
- Figures 12-1 which accompany the ES show the study area and receptors (see sheet 9 of 16): http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010019/2.%20Post-Submission/Application%20Documents/Environmental%20Statement/6-2-ES-Figures_12-1-Noise_Sht07-12.pdf
- The key for the above set of plans: http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010019/2.%20Post-Submission/Application%20Documents/Environmental%20Statement/6-2-ES-Figures_12-1-Noise_Cover-and-Keyplan.pdf Note that Important Areas are shown by a box with an orange dashed border.
- Figures 12-2 which accompany the ES show the noise mitigation measures to address the 'Important Area' (see sheet 9 of 16): http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010019/2.%20Post-Submission/Application%20Documents/Environmental%20Statement/6-2-ES-Figures_12-2-NoiseMitigation_Sht07-12.pdf The existing noise barriers adjacent to your property are shown as a purple line. The new low-noise surfacing (light blue areas) is shown across all 4 lanes of the motorway.

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Again I am very sorry for any inconvenience caused by this technical issue.

Kind Regards

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From: Blue Kinane [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 May 2015 15:35
To: M4 J3 to 12 Smart Motorways
Subject: Noise and visual impact

Hi Lynne

We are the Residents at [REDACTED] which we purchased 18 months ago. I have been to all the local consultations available to the public and listed my concerns with regard to the new project. I do realise this is something that will happen. But I do believe consideration for the residents it will immediately impacts should be taken into account.

The motorway backs directly onto my garden on the embankment approximately 15 ft higher than my property level. One of my concerns was that if the barrier height isn't increased large vehicles will have direct line of sight into our bedrooms. I raised this at one of the meetings to one of your colleagues and he stated that there was no proposal to change the barriers at this part of the motorway! But he also stated that this was not the final plan and someone would be round so assess the situation. Noise level increase would also be a factor but once again nobody has been around to record levels. I have purchased a decibel meter and will start to record levels. The lighting levels have increased into our property due to new bulbs installed which we was told would be looked into but this hasn't happened yet. We was also told that these would automatically switch off at 12.00, which they did for a period of time but now they seem to be permanently on.

When I have briefly read through the report it states the all these kind of points would be done in the autumn environment report 2014. I can not see possibly how because my property is 200ft long and to view this you would have to gain access through my property which has not happened.

I am only trying to protect my property from a visual and a financial impact I am slowly refurnishing my property and have had an approximate valuation of £1.2 Million, when I have finished the works I plan to do. Which will be drastically altered if you look down the end of the garden and there is a lorry driver starring at me.

Kind regards

Mr B Kinane

From: [M4 Junction 3-12 Smart Motorway](#)

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 3:59 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: M4 Junctions 3 to 12 Smart Motorway (TR010019)

Dear Sir/Madam

Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 13 and Rule 16

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

Notification of hearings and site inspection in the company of interested parties

Your reference: 10031251

Please follow the link below to view a letter from the Examining Authority providing details of the dates, times and places of forthcoming hearings which will be held in the week commencing 16 November 2015, and the dates, times and meeting places for a site inspection to be held in the company of interested parties on 10, 11 and 12 November 2015.

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/document/3420850>

If this link does not open automatically, please cut and paste it into your browser.

Yours faithfully

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