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To: M4 Junction 3-12 Smart Motorway
Subject: Slough MotoX Parc

Dear Sirs

**SLOUGH MOTOX - M4 JUNCTIONS 3 TO 12 SMART MOTORWAY
WRITTEN SUMMARY OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS PUT AT HEARING HELD ON 19TH
NOVEMBER**

I apologise for the delay in submitting this written summary, however I have not received any correspondence to date setting out the Development Consent Order timetable. Please note our postal address below.

I confirm the objection of Slough MotoX Parc to the M4 Smart Motorway Scheme.

We offer a professional motocross facility for the borough and beyond attracting over 200 riders per month. We actively working on plans to significantly increase rider numbers and to improve facilities.

The motorway widening scheme will have a catastrophic effect to the facility. The temporary possession of land including a large and vital section of the track would make the remainder of the track unsafe and uninteresting for riders. As a consequence the track would be forced to close for the duration of the works associated with the construction of the new bridge, at least one year, but possibly longer. Based on previous experiences of re-branding the facility and decreases in rider numbers we have major concerns about the long term viability of the facility following an extended closure.

We also have major concerns that increasing the height of the bridge and road leading to and from it on the park side will increase the fall, resulting in a wider embankment being needed and permanently reducing the track size. The current engineering proposals do not account for noise and security bunds on the site that run alongside the fall, and along with the increase of the fall will need to be an increase in the bund, which we believe will impact on a large section of the track.

The facility provides an important social function in the area by controlling anti-social riding and trespass. Closure of the facility will result in an increase in illegal riding in the boroughs parks and farmland. This is something that we have been working closely with Slough borough council to reduce for years, and any closure of the track will increase the risk that a member of the public is seriously injured or even killed due to anti-social moto-cross riding on unauthorised land.

Yours faithfully

Neil Morgan
Slough MotoX Parc

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