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PROPOSED M4 JUNCTIONS 3 to 12 "WIDENING" OF THE M4
- INCLUDING SMART MOTORWAY

I refer to your letter dated 11 September 2015 - your reference TR010019.
With regard to deadlines indicated I respond as follows :-

1) ATTENDANCE OF SITE INSPECTORATE (DEADLINE 02.10.15)

I feel that it will be necessary for you to make provision for a small number of Myrke residents to be in attendance to raise individual concerns. The Myrke is a small community with a high proportion of elderly residents who feel that their living environment is under considerable threat from this scheme!
I should be glad if you would advise me of the date of the Myrke inspection.

2) WRITTEN REPRESENTATION (DEADLINE 08.10.15)

The main points that I considered required special consideration at The Myrke were represented to you in the accompanying sheet to the Registration Form returned to Planning Inspectorate on 25.06.15. A further copy of this note (amended to cover the neglected area of compensation) is attached - all aspects remain currently relevant.

Yours sincerely,

J.A. HARRIS

1. I do not support the application because the sheer scale of infrastructure and local environmental consequences (including the envisaged considerable displacement of M4 traffic onto local roads) implicit in the HA Scheme should be avoided in any way possible. A simpler, speedier and more economic solution should be looked for to avoid the enormous financial cost, social distress, and risk of dislocation of main services - which would be caused by the huge and long-time-scale task of dismantling and then re-building bridges in the midst of long established housing communities and local activities.
2. However, on the basis that current proposals are to be progressed I would like to raise the following local concerns, as there are many issues where there is a real lack of clarity regarding the impact on people and their homes:

LAND TAKE FOR OPERATIONAL PURPOSES

I am registering as an interested party because on 25.4.2014 I was advised that I needed to Register my land interest i.e. a small house and garden, which is approximately 100 yards from Datchet Road overbridge. This instruction, complete with questionnaire, came completely by surprise and out of the blue from 'Mouchell', as there had been no prior advice or consultation by Highways Agency!! Requests to HA for information on the envisaged land take for operational use at the rear of homes at The Myrke have been fruitless!! I must therefore ask if you will obtain clarification as there is a distinct and long overdue need for clarity - we need to know:-

- i) The land area involved - sketch map please;
- ii) The nature of operations;
- iii) For how long.
- iv) Compensation arrangements.

DATCHET ROAD OVERBRIDGE

The Datchet Road embankment and associated vegetation affords considerable - and very necessary - noise and air pollution protection for much of The Myrke, particularly when the prevailing wind is from an easterly direction. It is therefore vital to The Myrke community that this embankment and associated established vegetation is preserved when the Datchet Road is re-configured, and to this end HA have been requested to provide a sketch illustrating the re-contouring and landscaping arrangements together with the revised footpath changes. We would be grateful for anything you can do to speed the availability of this sketch - which again is long overdue.

CONSTRUCTION COMPOUND 8

There is a need to seriously consider placement of this compound further away from housing and provide effective screening against noise and dust.

NB Northern Myrke residents could be adversely affected by noise and air borne contaminants during operations due to their close proximity.

MOTORWAY NOISE

The noise protection barriers proposed for the northern end of The Myrke extremity are welcomed but it is strongly felt that Acoustic Noise Barrier protection needs to be applied throughout the whole of the Motorways curvature around The Myrke.

Quiet surface treatments as proposed soften noise for a limited period only until wear and tear takes place, and there is unquestionable need for more barrier noise protection. This needs to be seriously considered, especially in view of the additional traffic which will be generated by the M4 widening implicit in this scheme!!

LAND TAKE, CONSTRUCTION, ROAD POLLUTION & NOISE

Compensation arrangements to finance household insulation, double glazing, and ultimately house purchase & disturbance allowance need to be clearly and seperately communicated to those whose properties are said to be affected by the works of this "widening" scheme and resultant added traffic levels.