

M4 JUNCTIONS 3 TO 12 SMART MOTORWAY

**The M4 Motorway (Junctions 3 to 12)(Smart Motorway)
Development Consent Order 201[]**

Planning Inspectorate Scheme Reference: TR010019

STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

between

(1) HIGHWAYS ENGLAND

and

(2) WEST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared and agreed by (1) Highways England Company Limited and (2) West Berkshire District Council.

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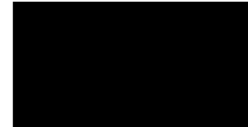


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1 Introduction

Purpose of Statement of Common Ground

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground ("SoCG") has been prepared in respect of an application ("Application") made by the Highways Agency (which has now become the "Highways England Company Limited", known as "Highways England") to the Secretary of State for Transport ("Secretary of State") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("PA 2008").
- 1.2 The draft DCO is referred to as The M4 Motorway (Junctions 3 to 12) (Smart Motorway) Development Consent Order 201[*] (the "Order"). The Order would grant powers to improve the M4 motorway ("M4") to a smart motorway between junction 3 (Hayes) in west London and junction 12 (Theale), which is near Reading (the "Scheme").
- 1.3 Guidance on the purpose and possible content of SoCGs is given in paragraphs 58 - 65 of the Department for Communities and Local Government's "Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent" (March 2015).
- 1.4 Paragraph 58 confirms the basic function of SoCGs:

"A statement of common ground is a written statement prepared jointly by the applicant and another party or parties, setting out any matters on which they agree. As well as identifying matters which are not in real dispute, it is also useful if a statement identifies those areas where agreement has not been reached. The statement should include references to show where those matters are dealt with in the written representations or other documentary evidence."

Parties to this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.5 This SoCG has been prepared by (1) Highways England as the Applicant and (2) West Berkshire District Council.
- 1.6 The Application was made by the Highways Agency. On 1 April 2015, the Highways Agency became a government-owned Strategic Highways Company, limited by shares, with the Secretary of State as sole shareholder. Highways England is the new company. It is established as the highway authority in England for the strategic road network and has the necessary powers and duties to operate, manage, maintain and enhance the network. Regulatory powers remain with the Secretary of State. The

legislation establishing Highways England made provision for all legal rights and obligations of the Highways Agency, including in respect of the Application, to be conferred upon or assumed by Highways England.

- 1.7 West Berkshire District Council is the local planning and highway authority and council responsible for the administrative area of West Berkshire.

Summary of the Scheme

- 1.8 The M4 is the main strategic route between London and the west of England, and on to South Wales. Major towns and cities along the M4 include London, Reading, Swindon, Bristol, Newport, Cardiff and Swansea.

- 1.9 The M4 between junctions 3 and 12 carries over 130,000 vehicles per day, and more in places. At peak times, traffic flows on many links are close to or exceed the total flow that the link is designed to handle. This causes heavy congestion on the M4, which can lead to unpredictable journey times.

- 1.10 The Scheme will help to relieve congestion by permanently converting the hard shoulder of the M4 to a running lane and using technology to vary speed limits and manage traffic. Signs and signals will be used to inform drivers of conditions on the highway network, when and where variable speed limits are in place, and when lanes are closed.

- 1.11 The Scheme is some 51 km (32 miles) in length and will have a number of principal elements:

1.11.1 conversion of the hard shoulder to a permanent running lane and, where no hard shoulder is in place at present, the construction of a new lane. This will mainly take place between junction 4b and junction 8/9;

1.11.2 replacement of overbridge structures where portals are too narrow to accommodate the improved motorway;

1.11.3 extension of underbridges and other structures such as culverts and subways to accommodate the improved motorway;

1.11.4 changes to junctions and slip roads needed to accommodate traffic joining and leaving the improved motorway, and to allow use of the hard shoulder as a running lane, as well as allowing "through junction running" ("TJR");

1.11.5 provision of new gantries and signs to allow the motorway to function as a smart motorway with a variable speed limit, and to provide messages to road users; and

1.11.6 other infrastructure needed for the improved motorway, such as Emergency Refuge Areas (“ERAs”), enhanced communication systems, closed circuit television (“CCTV”) and electrical supplies, as well as works to accommodate statutory undertakers' apparatus and other parties who may be affected by the Scheme.

1.12 The works are more particularly described in Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Draft DCO (Application Document Reference 3.1).

1.13 The Application was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 30 March 2015, and the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, accepted the Application on 27 April 2015.

Structure of this Statement of Common Ground

1.14 This SoCG has been prepared for the purposes of the Examination to be held by the Secretary of State in accordance with PA 2008. In this SoCG, Highways England has provided a summary of its assessment for each issue addressed, as recorded in the Application documentation and subsequent reports.

1.15 Throughout this SoCG the phrase “It is agreed.....” is used as a precursor to any point of agreement that has been specifically stated to be agreed between (1) the Applicant and (2) West Berkshire District Council. The phrase “It is not agreed....” is used as a precursor to any point that (1) the Applicant and (2) West Berkshire District Council wish to state as clearly not yet agreed. Points that are “not agreed” will be the subject of ongoing discussion wherever possible to resolve, or refine, the extent of disagreement between the parties.

1.16 This SoCG considers the items raised by West Berkshire District Council in their relevant representation on the Application. The SoCG has also been drafted having regard to the list of principal issues set out at Annex B of the Examining Authority's Rule 6 letter dated 7 August 2015. However, only the principal issues of concern to West Berkshire District Council are addressed in this SoCG. Any of the principal issues identified which are not specifically referenced in this SoCG are to be taken to be agreed between the parties.

1.17 This SoCG considers the following items:

1.17.1 Additional capacity and more reliable journey times;

1.17.2 Junction 12 and A4/Dorking Way junctions works;

1.17.3 Construction activity along the M4 and construction compound 2;

1.17.4 Overnight working and highway closures; and

1.17.5 Construction Compound 2 and housing allocation.

1.18 This SoCG considers data and assesses them in respect of the above topics and the methodologies set out in:

1.18.1 The Environmental Statement ("ES") (Application Document Reference 6.1);

1.18.2 Appendix 4.2A of the ES, Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Application Document Reference 6.3);

1.18.3 Appendix 4.2A of the ES, Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan, Annex F, Construction Traffic Management Plan (Application Document Reference 6.3);

1.18.4 Socio Economic Report (Application Document Reference 7.2); and

1.18.5 Engineering and Design Report (Application Document Reference 7.3).

1.19 Where items in the ES (Application Document Reference 6.1) and/or the accompanying technical reports are agreed, this is stated with the relevant document reference. Where items of data are new or represent an agreed variation presented in a technical report or other document, then a list of those documents is provided in Appendix 1 to this SoCG.

1.20 The assessments include a combination of desk based studies, site investigations and technical assessment work. The ES (Application Document Reference 6.1) sets out mitigation and remedial measures where appropriate, concluding with a summary of the residual effects following mitigation. [The mitigation referred to in the ES (Application Document Reference 6.1) has been refined and enhanced during the course of the Examination as set out in this SoCG and Highways England's submissions to the Examining Authority.]

2 Overview of Previous Engagement

2.1 A summary of key meetings, workshops and consultation between (1) Highways England and (2) West Berkshire District Council can be found in the following tables:

Table 2.1.1: Pre-application Engagement

Date	Form of Contact	Summary
10 March 2014	Invitation to attend a Preview Public Information Exhibition, to be held on 18 March 2014	Invitation to a Preview Public Information Exhibition as part of initial stakeholder engagement and information exercise
12 March 2014	Letter response from West Berkshire District Council to invitation received on 10 March 2014	Clarification provided regarding contact details to be used within West Berkshire District Council
18 March 2014	Preview Public Information Exhibition	Did not attend, but a representative from West Berkshire District Council did attend the Public Information Exhibition held at Theale Village Hall on 21 March 2014
30 May 2014	Email from West Berkshire District Council to Highways Agency	Provision of contact details for the project
25 June 2014	Traffic Modelling Workshop and Scheme Presentation organised in conjunction with Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership	Information meeting to provide Berkshire authorities' traffic representatives with an overview of the Scheme and the traffic modelling
9 July 2014	Letter from Highways Agency requesting suitable dates for a pre-application notification meeting to discuss the Scheme proposals	Request for suitable dates when Highways Agency could meet with West Berkshire District Council during July and August 2014 to discuss the Scheme proposals and the local planning authority's involvement in the DCO process
8 August 2014	Invitation to attend an Environmental Information Workshop – Scoping (1),	Invitation to an information meeting to discuss the EIA

Date	Form of Contact	Summary
	to be held on 20 August 2014	Scoping Report
14 August 2014	Letter from Highways Agency requesting completion of land interest questionnaire	Questionnaire to obtain land details of interested parties who may be affected by the works. Return request date of 3 September 2014
20 August 2014	Environmental Information Workshop – Scoping (1)	Did not attend
1 September 2014	Invitation to attend an Environmental Information Workshop – Scoping (2), to be held 12 September 2014	Invitation to an information meeting to discuss the EIA Scoping Report
12 September 2014	Environmental Information Workshop – Scoping (2)	Representative from West Berkshire District Council attended
18 September 2014	Meeting between Highways Agency and local planning authorities	Information meeting to discuss the Scheme and planning related issues. Representative from West Berkshire District Council attended
3 October 2014	Formal Issue of Draft Statement of Community Consultation for review under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008	Formal consultation on Draft Statement of Community Consultation
22 October 2014	Email response from West Berkshire District Council regarding Draft Statement of Community Consultation	Approval of what is proposed by way of exhibitions, brochures, deposit locations and website details. Confirmation requested on how Highways Agency plans to inform the local community about the public exhibitions. Offered help through local Councillors and Parish Councils
10 November 2014	Planning Act 2008 Section 47: Notification Letter	Details of the pre-application consultation to be held between 10 November and 21

Date	Form of Contact	Summary
		December 2014
10 November 2014	Planning Act 2008 Section 42: Notice of statutory Pre-application consultation period	Notification of the formal pre-application consultation between 10 November and 21 December 2014 about the Scheme in accordance with Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008. Delivery of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report and Non-Technical Summary
18 November 2014	Public Exhibition Preview Event	Representative from West Berkshire District Council attended
3 December 2014	Letter requesting information on cumulative developments	Request for details on relevant developments within 1km of the Scheme
4 December 2014	Email to West Berkshire District Council regarding allocated sites	Request for allocated sites identified within 1km of the Scheme within West Berkshire District Council
9 December 2014	Email response from West Berkshire District Council to email dated 4 December 2014	Advice on how to use the online portal
16 December 2014	Planning Act 2008 Section 42 Consultation Response	Completed two Section 42 consultation responses via online questionnaires. Supportive of the proposals. Raised issues in connection with overnight closures and diversions; ramp metering; co-ordination of works around Junction 12 and A4 in Calcot, and impact on local residents and businesses; impact of activities at construction compounds on noise and air quality at sensitive receptors; construction traffic associated with construction compounds; traffic modelling and

Date	Form of Contact	Summary
		forecasts
6 January 2015	Invitation to attend an Environmental Information Workshop – Preliminary Environmental Information Report, to be held on 20 January 2015	Invitation to an information meeting to discuss the Preliminary Environmental Information Report
14 January 2015	Email from West Berkshire District Council to Highways Agency	Confirming attendance at the Environmental Information Workshop – Preliminary Environmental Information Report, to be held on 20 January 2015
20 January 2015	Environmental Information Workshop – Preliminary Environmental Information Report	Representative from West Berkshire District Council attended
22 January 2015	Email response from West Berkshire District Council to email dated 3 December 2014	Provision of details on developments. More details to follow
11 February 2015	Email from Highways Agency requesting confirmation on viewpoints proposed for the ES	Clarification requested that the viewpoints selected for the Preliminary Environmental Information Report are acceptable, and therefore can be used for the purposes of the ES. No response received
19 February 2015	Letter from Highways Agency requesting confirmation of Interests	Request for confirmation that the information on West Berkshire District Council held by Highways Agency was correct at the time of writing as outlined in the Book of Reference. Request for confirmation of information by 27 February 2015
17 March 2015	Email response from West Berkshire District Council to letter dated 19 February 2015 regarding confirmation of interests	Eight copies of completed questionnaire provided

Date	Form of Contact	Summary
24 March 2015	Email from West Berkshire District Council to Highways Agency	Concern over little mention of public rights of way in the consultation documents. Answers to queries in regards to specific overbridges and footpaths requested
24 March 2015	Email response from Highways Agency to email dated 24 March 2015	Confirmation that comments raised in regards to the public rights of way will be answered in due course

Table 2.1.2: Post-application Engagement

Date	Form of Contact	Summary
8 April 2015	Email from West Berkshire District Council to Highways England	Confirmation of compliance with the duty to consult the local community with regard to Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008
27 April 2015	Email response from Highways England to email dated 24 March 2015 regarding public rights of way query	Comments provided on each public right of way route
28 April 2015	Email response from West Berkshire District Council to email dated 27 April 2015	Confirmation of receipt of response to public rights of way query. Additional query as to why temporary diversions of footpaths are not adversely affected
28 April 2015	Email response from Highways England to email dated 28 April 2015 regarding additional public rights of way query	Confirmed that temporary diversions of public rights of way was a general comment with respect to several instances along the Scheme as a whole, rather than the specific public right of way referred to by West Berkshire District Council

Date	Form of Contact	Summary
22 May 2015	Email request from Highways England for Statement of Common Ground ("SoCG") meeting dates	Requested availability for a number of potential meeting dates in June 2015 to discuss the draft SoCG
27 May 2015	Email from Highways England providing preview of Section 56 notice template to landowners	Copy of the Section 56 letter sent to the relevant local planning authorities for information and advising where application documents are available for inspection
28 May 2015	Section 56 notice of acceptance of an application for a Development Consent Order	Copy of the Section 56 letter sent to the relevant local planning authorities for information
29 May 2015	Email from West Berkshire District Council to Highways England	Potential dates for Statement of Common Ground ("SoCG") meeting suggested
5 June 2015	Email response from Highways England to email dated 29 May 2015	SoCG meeting arranged for 23 June 2015
8 June 2015	Letter from Highways England regarding freehold land interests – property negotiation	Requesting confirmation whether West Berkshire District Council is willing to enter into negotiating terms relating to the purchase of land
11 June 2015	Email from Highways England to West Berkshire District Council	Confirming agenda for SoCG meeting, based on topics raised by West Berkshire District Council in previous representations
17 June 2015	Email from Highways England to West Berkshire District Council	SoCG meeting agenda document
23 June 2015	SoCG meeting between Highways England and West Berkshire District Council	Issues raised regarding Dorking Way construction compound – use by IKEA, impacts on residents, and construction traffic; traffic modelling, including IKEA development; resurfacing

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		<p>of Junction 12; need to accommodate special military vehicles during construction; air quality during construction; construction noise; noise mitigation and ramp metering.</p> <p>Copy of a plan showing proposed locations for housing in West Berkshire provided to Highways England.</p>
3 July 2015	Relevant Representation	Generally accept the Scheme, but concerned about construction issues, particularly around Junction 12 and construction compounds
27 July 2015	Email from Highways England to West Berkshire District Council	Minutes of SoCG meeting, and the provision of the Traffic Forecasting Report and some additional links
29 July 2015	Repeat letter from Highways England regarding freehold land interests - property negotiation (originally sent 8 June 2015)	Requesting confirmation whether West Berkshire District Council is willing to enter into negotiating terms relating to the purchase of land
29 July 2015	Letter from Highways England regarding leasehold land interests - property negotiation	Request to leaseholders to negotiate land by agreement
20 August 2015	Email from West Berkshire District Council to Highways England regarding SoCG minutes	Provided a tracked changes version outlining comments/changes.
9 September 2015	Email from Highways England to West Berkshire District Council	Provided documents that provide the current guidance and specification details for surfacing on the Highways England major road network
12 September 2015	Email from Highways England to West Berkshire	Issue of draft SoCG

Date	Form of Contact	Summary
	District Council	
24 September 2015	Email from Highways England to West Berkshire District Council	Seeking confirmation that draft SoCG had been received
24 September 2015	Email from West Berkshire District Council to Highways England	Confirmed that draft SoCG had been received and was being reviewed by officers
1 October 2015	Email from West Berkshire District Council to Highways England	Requested plan showing the location of Compound 2
1 October 2015	Email from Highways England to West Berkshire District Council	Provided a link to Works Plan sheet 2 which shows the location of Compound 2
7 October 2015	Email from West Berkshire District Council to Highways England	Provided comments on the draft SoCG
7 October 2015	Email from Highways England to West Berkshire District Council	Provided amended SoCG for signing. All West Berkshire District Council's comments were accepted

2.2 It is agreed that this is an accurate record of the key meetings, workshops and consultation between (1) Highways England and (2) West Berkshire District Council in relation to the issues addressed in this SoCG.

3 Matters Agreed

3.1 Additional capacity and more reliable journey times

3.2 West Berkshire District Council, as part of the Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership (“TVB LEP”) is supportive of the Scheme as outlined in the TVB LEP Strategic Economic Plan and recognises that the Scheme will provide additional capacity and more reliable journey times on the M4, where peak time congestion regularly occurs, and will help maintain West Berkshire District’s connectivity with the wider Thames Valley, Heathrow Airport and London. Paragraph 4.3.3 and Tables 2 and 3 of the Engineering and Design Report (Application Document Reference 7.3) illustrate the improvements in traffic capacity during peak periods with the Scheme. Connectivity of West Berkshire with key destinations in the region is described in Section 2.1 of the ES for the whole Scheme and Sections 2.3 to 2.10 of the ES for the links (Application Document Reference 6.1) and Chapter 3.3 of the Socio Economic Report (Application Document Reference 7.2).

3.3 Junction 12 and A4/Dorking Way Junctions Works

3.4 The improvement works at Junction 12 and the A4/Dorking Way Junctions are part of a third party funded scheme associated with the construction of an IKEA store at the Berkshire Retail Park, Calcot, north of Junction 12, with expected completion in June 2016, prior to the forecast commencement of the Scheme in late 2016. These works will use the same site for a construction compound as Construction Compound 2 identified by Highways England for the Scheme.

3.5 It is agreed that there will be further liaison between Highways England, the contractor and West Berkshire District Council, as set out in section 7.1 of the outline Construction Environment Management Plan (Appendix 4.2A of the ES), and explained below, regarding the completion of the developer-related works and the use of the site off Dorking Way for Construction Compound 2 for the start of the Scheme construction works.

3.6 The location of Construction Compound 2 is shown on Drawing 1.1, Sheet 2 of 31 (Application Document Reference 6.2). The approach to the selection of construction compounds is discussed in Section 5.5 of the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Appendix 4.2A of the ES) (Application Document Reference 6.3). In the event that the contractor selects Construction Compound 2, the contractor will liaise with West Berkshire District Council as the Highways Authority for the local

highway network on a range of matters regarding the programme for taking possession of the site, access, and use of the site as indicated in paragraphs 1.7.1 and 3.5.3 of the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Appendix 4.2A of the ES) (Application Document Reference 6.3). The draft construction programme is provided in Appendix 4.1 of the ES (Application Document Reference 6.3), which shows the notice to proceed in September 2016, followed by a three month mobilisation period, which is after the expected completion of the Junction 12 and A4 improvements.

3.7 It is agreed that the consultation arrangements set out above will adequately address West Berkshire District Council's concerns regarding the use of Construction Compound 2.

3.8 Construction Activity along the M4 and Construction Compound 2

3.9 It is agreed that the mitigation measures identified in the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Appendix 4.2A of the ES) (Application Document Reference 6.3), as set out below, which are secured under Schedule 2, regulation 8 of the Draft DCO (Application Document Reference 3.1), are suitable for managing and mitigating any adverse effects from construction activities along the M4 and at Construction Compound 2 in relation to noise (Chapter 12), air quality from dust, vehicle and plant emissions (Chapter 6), and night-time lighting (paragraph 5.6.2 (i)).

3.10 The Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Appendix 4.2A of the ES) (Application Document Reference 6.3) sets out the approach to environmental management to control and mitigate adverse impacts. Section 3 of that document provides an overview of the requirements for the Environmental Management and Implementation, including in Table 3.1 Key Roles and Responsibilities. Section 4 sets out external and internal communication procedures, including communications with affected communities and a complaints procedure. Chapter 5 of the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Appendix 4.2A of the ES) (Application Document Reference 6.3) sets out how construction activities at construction compounds will be managed to minimise impacts on nearby residential areas (particularly noise, dust, air quality, and light). This includes information on the procedure for selecting construction compounds (Section 5.5); a requirement for method statements to be agreed with local authorities in relation to site layout and appearance (Section 5.6); and best practice measures to reduce the likelihood of environmental incidents or nuisances (Section 5.6).

3.11 The Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Appendix 4.2A of the ES) (Application Document Reference 6.3) is supported by the following outline sub-plans, which comprise live documents to be reviewed and updated by the contractor throughout the construction phase:

3.11.1 'Site Waste Management Plan' (Annex A): This plan will assess and record how waste is reduced, reused, recycled, and disposed of by the contractor by recording decisions taken to prevent waste, forecasting waste produced on site, planning how to reduce, reuse and recover forecast waste, implement and monitor planned waste related activity, and review the Site Waste Management Plan and record lessons learnt.

3.11.2 'Materials Management Plan' (Annex B): This plan will set out how all construction materials (material resources and waste) will be managed to demonstrate that the materials are suitable for their intended use, there is a requirement for the material, the quantities required are defined, and the potential risks to human health and the environment have been considered.

3.11.3 'Logistics' (Annex C): The Logistics Plan is a tool to manage all materials (resources and waste), including supply routes, handling, storage, security, use and re-use, recycling and disposal of waste.

3.11.4 'Scheme Asbestos Management Plan' (Annex D): The purpose of this plan is to collate information on sources of asbestos within the existing scheme and provide the information required to manage the handling and disposal of asbestos safely.

3.11.5 'Construction Traffic Management Plan' (Annex E): This plan outlines the proposed traffic management procedures during the construction of the Scheme and routine maintenance during the operation phase.

3.12 The Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Appendix 4.2A of the ES) (Application Document Reference 6.3) will be adopted and developed by the contractor, in consultation with local authorities (including West Berkshire District Council), parish councils and local residents. The measures will include procedures to cover the full range of activities likely to impact on the local environment and sensitive receptors.

3.13 Schedule 2, regulation 8 (1) of the Draft DCO (Application Document Reference 3.1)

states that “No part of the authorised development is to be carried out until a CEMP, substantially in accordance with the outline Construction Environmental Management Plan, annexed to the outline EMP (dated March 2015), has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority.” Highways England and their contractor are bound by these requirements. It is agreed that the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan submitted by Highways England governing the construction activity and covering *inter alia* site working hours, traffic management, and the mitigation of construction related impacts provides adequate mitigation and management of the construction impacts of the Scheme to address the concerns raised by West Berkshire District Council.

- 3.14 Construction Compound 2 is located in Calcot and close to residential properties on Dorking Way. West Berkshire District Council is concerned that construction activities on the M4, the access route to the construction compound, and activities at the construction compound itself need to be managed to minimise impacts on nearby residential areas and that a Construction Management Plan should be produced covering operating times, freight movements, delivery time and waiting areas, and mitigation of construction-related impacts.
- 3.15 The Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan and its Annexes (Appendix 4.2A of the ES) (Application Document Reference 6.3) will be adopted, developed in consultation with the relevant authorities, and implemented by the contractor, as secured under Schedule 2, regulation 8 of the Draft DCO (Application Document Reference 3.1). The contractor will implement the general site management measures detailed in Chapter 5 of the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan, including Section 5.4 'operating hours' and Section 5.6 'site layout and appearance' including specific measures for construction compounds described in paragraph 5.6.3. Additional mitigation measures on traffic management are provided Chapter 13, Effects on All Travellers, especially Section 13.3.1 to 13.3.3 on general measures to reduce construction traffic impacts and 13.8.1 to 13.8.3 on access routes for construction traffic.
- 3.16 In the event that the contractor selects Construction Compound 2, the contractor will liaise with the local authorities to discuss the Construction Environmental Management Plan and Construction Traffic Management Plan, which, if required by the Council, can include further details such as the management of freight movements, restrictions on delivery times and preventing HGVs waiting around Dorking Way and the compound entrance.

- 3.17 It is agreed that the measures provided for in the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan are appropriate to address the concerns raised by West Berkshire District Council in relation to construction impacts on residential properties in the vicinity of Dorking Way.
- 3.18 Overnight Working and Highway Closures
- 3.19 West Berkshire District Council accepts that some overnight working and closures may be required during construction, but states that diversionary routes should be used with prior agreement of the Council and requests that nearby local communities are kept fully informed when closures and diversions are due to occur.
- 3.20 Further outline details of the proposed construction activities and approach are provided in the Engineering and Design Report (Application Document Reference 7.3), including night-time working (paragraph 8.2.9) and traffic management on the M4 (paragraphs 7.13.3 to 7.13.7) and side roads (paragraph 7.13.8).
- 3.21 Chapter 4 of the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Appendix 4.2A of the ES) (Application Document Reference 6.3) sets out procedures for liaising the affected communities. In particular paragraphs 4.1.1 to 4.1.4 set out the overall approach to engaging with local communities. Chapter 13 and Annex E 'Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan' set out indicative procedures for traffic management on the M4, covering Section 13.1 general provisions of traffic management, Section 13.2 general provisions to reduce construction traffic impacts, Section 13.3 a construction workers' travel plan, Section 13.4 traffic safety and control, Section 13.5 temporary closures and diversion routes, and Section 13.6 public transport, pedestrian, equestrian and cycle routes. The Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan will be adopted and developed in more detail in consultation with local authorities, including West Berkshire District Council, along with other stakeholders, and implemented by the contractor, as explained in paragraphs 13.2.1 to 13.2.7 of the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Appendix 4.2A of the ES) (Application Document Reference 6.3). The requirement for the Construction Environmental Management Plan, including approval by the relevant local authorities, is secured under Schedule 2, regulation 8 of the Draft DCO (Application Document Reference 3.1).
- 3.22 It is agreed that the procedures set out in the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Application Document Reference 6.3) are appropriate and address

the concerns raised by West Berkshire District Council in relation to overnight working and highway closures.

3.23 Construction Compound 2 and Housing Allocation

3.24 West Berkshire District Council's relevant representations notes that the proposed site for Construction Compound 2 at Calcot has been identified as the location for two proposed housing sites (ref: EUA025 and EUA026) shortlisted for allocation within the West Berkshire Housing Site Allocations Development Plan Document ("HSA DPD"), which is currently being prepared and will form part of the Council's Local Plan, once adopted. Each housing site allocation in the HSA DPD will be supported by a delivery policy, which may specify phasing requirements for their development. Should either housing sites EUA025 and EUA026 be allocated within the Plan, the delivery policy for each would take into consideration the time period for the use of these sites as a construction compound for the Scheme.

3.25 Construction Compound 2 is shown on Drawing 1.1, Sheet 2 of 31 (Application Document Reference 6.2). The draft construction programme is provided in Appendix 4.1 of the ES (Application Document Reference 6.3).

3.26 It is agreed that the use of Construction Compound 2 by the Scheme will not impact on West Berkshire District Council's ability to deliver its housing target, as the site specific delivery policies will be able to take into consideration the time period for the use of the site as a construction compound.

3.27 DCO Requirements

3.28 West Berkshire District Council has reviewed the draft requirements in Schedule 2 to the Draft DCO (Application Document Reference 3.1) and agrees that they are appropriate to secure the mitigation and other matters to be addressed in that Schedule.

4 Matters Not Agreed

4.1 There are no matters not agreed

Appendix 1: Supplementary Technical information

Date	Form of Document	Summary
27 July 2015	Minutes of meeting and attachments	SoCG meeting minutes (held on 22 June 2015). Traffic Forecasting Report. Links to the PINS website and Highways England website.
9 September 2015	Copies of design standards and guidance notes for low noise surfacing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HD36/06 - Surfacing Materials For New And Maintenance Construction 2. IAN 157/11 - Thin Surface Course Systems - Installation And Maintenance 3. Manual Of Contract Documents For Highway Works Volume 1 Specification For Highway Works - Series 900 Road pavements – bituminous bound materials