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**To:** M4 Junction 3-12 Smart Motorway  
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Dear James and Richard

I would like to make the following additional submission in relation to the Highways England Application for an Order Granting Development Consent for the M4 Junctions 3 to 12 Smart Motorway (Case ref TR010019).

“During the Accompanied Site Visit in Earley on Tuesday 10 November and at Open Floor Hearing 1 on Monday 16 November I was asked by the Planning Inspector to provide a list of the properties in Earley that I felt are most badly affected by noise.

There are many properties in Earley affected by noise because of the topography of the area. Earley is a Town of population approximately 30,000 people and approximately 13,000 dwellings. Around a third of the Town is close to and on a slope rising from the motorway hence there are people some way from the motorway that experience high levels of noise if they are not screened by other houses or natural features.

The level of noise is also very dependant on ambient weather conditions. It is worse when the wind is blowing from the motorway across Earley, ie from the South West, the prevailing wind direction, and when the road is wet.

I live more than half a mile from the motorway and have hundreds of houses between there and the motorway and still have to close my door at times to keep out noise from the M4.

The houses closest to the motorway with little or no protection from noise are in the housing estates off Ryhill Way and off Bradmore Way. More specifically I believe the worst affected houses are those at 28-34 Finbeck Way (RG6 4AH) and 30 to 40 Notton Way (RG6 4AJ). Standing in front of these properties there is direct line of sight to the vehicles going by on the motorway.

Other properties in the vicinity are close behind and these include 39-67 Maltby Way, 5-8 Heacham Close, 42-64 Notton Way, 7-12 Tickhill Close, 17 Worrall Way, 23-27 Bradmore Way, 11-25 Rainworth Close, 1-5 Farnsfield Close and properties in Cutbush Close and Redhouse Close.

I will be happy to take the Planning Inspectors and/or Highways England to these locations if that would help.

I welcome the introduction of lower noise surface materials into the scheme but feel more should be done within the scheme to decrease the noise nuisance to residents of Earley and other locations along the proposed scheme. I am encouraged that Highways England is now developing an enhanced noise mitigation strategy and that consideration of noise barriers for the stretch of motorway passing Earley is a priority within that. At the Issue Specific Hearing on the Environment we were told this strategy would be available in three weeks so I look forward to reviewing this. It would be helpful if I can see it prior to Christmas please so I have the opportunity to comment by the January submission deadline.”

Best wishes

Norman Jorgensen

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