

DR. NORMAN JORGENSEN

WRITTEN REPRESENTATION

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND'S RESPONSE

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM DR NORMAN JORGENSEN

1.1 At the Issue Specific Hearing on Environment on 18 November I was asked by the Inspectors to submit details of roads in parts of Wokingham Borough in addition to Earley that would benefit from further noise reduction measures. I have therefore consulted the Borough Councillors for other Wards alongside the motorway including those for the Emmbrook Ward covering the area of North Wokingham just South of the M4 and near the intersection with the A329M. One of the Councillors UllaKarin Clark has provided the following list of properties she believes are the most adversely affected by noise: Old Forest Road RG41 1JA; Ashton Road RG41 1HL; Bredon Road RG41 1HW; Beckford Close RG41 1HN; Summerfield Close RG41 1PH; Toutley Road RG41 1QN; Lowther Road RG41 1JB; Commons Road RG41 1JG and Simons Lane RG41 3HH.

Highways England Comment

1.1.1 Highways England notes the additional areas that Councillor UllaKarin Clark believes are the most adversely affected by noise.

1.1.2 These areas are all located within 600 metres of the Scheme and, therefore, were included in the detailed noise assessment, as reported in the Environmental Statement (“ES”) (Application Document Reference 6-1, APP-152).

1.1.3 Furthermore, Highways England confirms that these roads in the Emmbrook Ward were included in the enhanced noise mitigation study, the results of which are provided with the submission at Deadline V.

1.2 My Borough Councillor colleague Tim Holton, also registered as an Interested Party, and representing the Hawkedon Ward of Earley last week submitted a list of streets he feels are most affected and I provided a list of what I believe are the worst affected in Earley.

Highways England Comment

1.2.1 Highways England acknowledges the receipt of the two lists of the streets that were provided by Mr Holton and Dr Jorgensen. Highways England's comments, in response to these lists, are provided separately within the representations in which the lists were received.

1.2.2 Highways England confirms that the areas referenced in the representations of Mr Holton and Dr Jorgensen are included within the enhanced noise mitigation study; the results of which will be released at Deadline V.

- 1.3 *I believe you are already aware of the houses in Sindlesham near the motorway, however for completeness I will mention these again. This is an area where the plan in the scheme is to upgrade the existing barriers.*

Highways England Comment

- 1.3.1 Highways England confirms that this area was also included in the enhanced noise mitigation study. As outlined in the response to paragraph 1.1 above, the results of the enhanced noise mitigation study are provided with the submission at Deadline V.
- 1.3.2 The confirmed barrier provision in the Sindlesham area is detailed within Appendix E of the Enhanced Noise Mitigation Study Report (Ref 514451-MUH-00-ZZ-RP-EN-400158); sheet 5 is relevant to this area. This barrier provision has been based on a detailed cost/benefit analysis, undertaken as part of the enhanced noise mitigation study quantitative assessment.
- 1.3.3 The results of the enhanced noise mitigation study proposes to increase the height of the 583m long noise barrier, at Sindlesham, to 3.5m and to provide 314m of new 3.5m high noise barrier in the Mill Lane area. The provision of this mitigation will provide further noise decreases to properties in Sindlesham, in addition to those the negligible to minor noise decreases on Scheme opening (without enhanced mitigation) presented on Sheet 5 of Drawing 12.4 of the ES (Application Document Reference 6-2, APP-266).
- 1.3.4 *I am also expecting two other Borough Councillors who are registered Interested Parties to submit lists of properties in their areas. These are Philip Houldsworth Member for Winnersh and Gary Cowan Member for Arborfield.*