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FAO Richard Price

Response from Councillor Kaiser attached in respect of the Enhanced Noise Mitigation measures now proposed.

Following consultation with the WBC Environmental Health department, I provide the following comments at Officer level:

“We broadly welcome any increased barriers and the levels of mitigation proposed, above 3dB is usually considered a perceptible difference in the noise levels. Our only concern would be the Emmbrook location (EM11) where there is a 3.5m high stretch of barrier, but not on the bridge. On the northern side EM9 they are showing 2m on the bridge so I would have expected this on the southern side too. It is positive that there will be high absorptive barriers in Lower Earley and Winnersh, however from a Wokingham Borough Highways point of view I would just want to be sure that there won't be an issue from Lower Earley way noise being reflected back from the barrier on the none M4 side”.

Highway's England responded to the above points yesterday and I am awaiting further comments from our Environmental Health department before I can respond fully.

Regards

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Dear Mr. Price,

APPLICATION BY HIGHWAYS ENGLAND FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE PROPOSED M4 (JUNCTIONS 3 TO 12) SMART MOTORWAY.

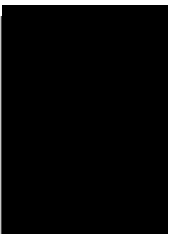
Further to my letter of 10th December, I thank you for consulting Wokingham Borough Council on the recent Enhanced Noise Mitigation (ENM) study as proposed by Highways England.

In addition to comments provided by this Council's Planning and Environmental Health departments, I would like to take the opportunity to submit the following comments as the Executive Member of the Council for Planning and Transport, and on behalf of other elected members and residents in the borough.

I note that in some places a 3.5m high noise barrier is proposed whereas in others only a 2.0m high structure is intended; e.g. within Embrook on the northern side of the bridge (EM9). I would wish to see a consistent approach to noise attenuation with 3.5m high barriers being provided in the necessary locations throughout the whole of the borough.

Please consider this information in your assessment of the above Development Consent Order.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor John Kaiser

(Executive Member for Planning and Highways)