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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.

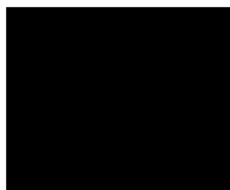
Further to my letters of 10th December 2015 and 22nd January 2016, I wish to take the opportunity to submit the following additional comments as an elected member of the Council and on behalf of my constituents.

It has come to my attention that there would be a significant gap in the 3.5m high noise barrier which is proposed within Embrook (EM9). This would fail to provide adequate noise protection measures for the future Hatch Farm development of 400 new homes (as permitted under Outline planning permission O/2006/8687) which would be sited directly north of the M4 at this point. A copy of the latest reserved matters (152359) Site Layout plan is appended for your information.

In terms of traffic issues, and following consultation with the Council's Highways team, the traffic modelling information provided by Highways England is considered insufficient to determine the impact, or not, on the borough's network taking into account future planning housing growth; and particularly those links that feed onto the M4.

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

Yours sincerely,



Councillor John Kaiser

(Executive Member for Planning and Highways)