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To: M4 Junction 3-12 Smart Motorway
Subject: RE: M4 Junctions 3 to 12 Smart Motorway

Dear Richard

I wish to make the following submission to deadline VII. This is a written summary of part of the oral submission I made at the Hearing on Environmental issues on 10 February 2016. The remainder of the points I raised at the Hearing I have already submitted in writing to deadline VI and are published on the website so I will not repeat them.

As a result of the Enhanced Noise Mitigation Study it is now proposed to erect a 2.5m high absorptive acoustic barrier of approximately 2km in length where the M4 passes Lower Earley. I welcome this and it will help the many residents of Earley who endure noise from the M4.

However, it appears that those areas which currently have protection from 2m or 2.5m high barriers are to have those upgraded to 3.5m high. Why not 3.5m high barriers for Lower Earley?

As the M4 goes past Lower Earley some properties are very close to the Motorway while others are further away. Please will you further consider the level of protection for those properties closest to the M4 in Lower Earley and specifically those located in Worrall Way, Tickhill Close, Notton Way, Finbeck Way and Maltby Way. These properties sit above the Motorway and as I demonstrated during the accompanied site visit to Notton Way on 9 February many properties currently have direct line of sight to the wheels of vehicles going by on the Motorway.

I submit that these properties at least should be provided with the same level of protection as those in Winnersh which are to be provided with 3.5m high barriers. This would require approximately 400m of the 2km long Lower Earley barrier to be 3.5m high rather than 2.5m.

Best wishes

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