

CHILTERN & SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCILS

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING POLICY

The Planning Inspectorate
In relation to:
*'The M4 Smart Motorway J3-12 proposal by Highways
England'*

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Dear Ms Burden, Ms Walker and Mr Ebert,

**South Bucks District Council Summary of the Second Environment Hearing on the M4 Smart
Motorway Junctions 3-12, 10-11th February 2016**

Thank you for the opportunity to present our outstanding concerns at the above hearing. As requested below is a summary of what was said in relation to South Bucks District Council (SBDC). We would like to clarify that we support the other Council's concerns raised at the hearing which require resolution ahead of commencement.

Additionally SBDC would like to raise that Highways England (HE) has not held talks with SBDC since submission of the Statement of Common Ground in October with regard to resolving the outstanding Matters not Agreed.

1. Noise and Vibration

SBDC understand that night time and weekend works are required as part of the process and that this is an aspect that is dealt with through Section 61 with the contractor. Additionally SBDC welcomes the improvement of barrier protection along both sides of the Motorway in the Dorney Reach area as part of the revised Enhanced Noise Mitigation Study.

2. Traffic Forecasting

SBDC fully supports Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC) in its views regarding traffic forecasting with BCC being the lead Traffic Management Authority in Buckinghamshire. SBDC still objects to the impact of the construction of the scheme on the local road network in the district.

3. Air Quality

The air quality specialist at SBDC was content with the assurances provided at the Highways England workshop on the 09/02/2016. However the M4 within South Bucks District is an Air Quality Management Area and SBDC still has serious concerns with regards to the potential increase in pollutants as traffic on the M4 increases. These pollutants should therefore be continuously monitored and steps taken if there is a risk to health in the future.

4. Water Environment

SBDC fully supports BCC in its views regarding Flood Risk with BCC being the Lead Flood Authority in Buckinghamshire.

5. Other Matters

SBDC welcomed the update by HE to consider other Significant Infrastructure Projects in its modelling to avoid there being an unmanageable impact on the local roads. Additionally SBDC objects to the fact that no suitable mitigation has been found to reduce the impact of the Old Slade Lane over-bridge. There will be severe disruption to a prominent Colne Valley Path for the majority of a year and SBDC urge HE and BCC to finalise a suitable action plan that does not involve the use of a 6km detour.

If Highways England or the Planning Inspectorate require any further information from SBDC on these matters then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours Faithfully



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