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Richard

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this draft.

My fundamental concerns remain about the apparent underestimation of future traffic and particularly the inability of existing feeder roads and junctions to handle even this low forecast of traffic growth. These concerns have been raised by me twice previously in writing, verbally at the Reading hearing and have also been voiced by others. Consequently, I do not intend to reiterate these concerns except to say that they do not appear to be addressed in the draft document although I expect that the Inspector's report will cover them.

I note that the issue of traffic noise is now being tackled by HE and that Schedule 2 Part 1 Requirements includes for the erection of acoustic barriers to be covered within an Environmental Masterplan dated March 2016 and which must be implemented before operation of the authorised development. This I take as hugely positive and would ask that you pass on my thanks to the Inspector panel for taking this issue on board and ensuring action is taken. However could I make a couple of points as below for consideration.

Firstly I assume that the quoted Masterplan document does not yet exist and so I must reserve my position until it is available. This said I understand that the HE stated at the most recent hearings that they were committed to the barriers covered in the Enhanced Environmental Strategy document although they had been asked by the Inspector for a further note regarding raising that proposed for Lower Earley to 3.5m.

Secondly I would prefer some tighter wording regarding when the barriers should be erected given the long duration of scheme construction. My view would be that barriers should be erected as soon as scheme construction is started for maximum impact rather than before operation which could well be 5 to 6 years later. I am sure that the Inspector will appreciate the logic of this.

I hope that these comments are useful to the panel.

Regards
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