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## **M4 Motorway (TR10019) Junctions 3 to 12 Smart Motorway**

Taplow Parish Council raises concerns with this application for changes described as being “non-material”.

The alteration of junction 8/9 (of relevance to Taplow) from Through Junction Running to No-Through Running cannot be categorised as non-material.

The change materially alters safety conditions, with traffic on the inside lane being forced to move over a lane at the approach to the junction. This change of lane, unfortunately often at the last minute, creates accident risk. At busy times this also acts to create sudden braking by through traffic, creating disturbances to the smooth traffic flow. Traffic levels leaving the M4 at this junction are only going to increase with the high housing growths planned in the Maidenhead and Marlow areas. Safety concerns are already now of very significant concern for Smart Motorways and changes of this nature can only add to them.

The change requested is presumably made on cost saving grounds. The originally proposed Through Running at this junction would have been a material consideration for residents in this area when accepting the large sale changes to the M4. Its adoption must be highly scrutinised on the above grounds rather than being waved through as non-material, which it certainly isn't.

Kind regards

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