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Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010019

Date: 22 February 2016

Dear Mr Harris

Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) (as amended) – section 51

Application by the Highways Agency (now Highways England) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the proposed M4 Junctions 3 to 12 Smart Motorway

Your letter

Thank you for your letter dated 13 February 2016.

The Examining Authority (ExA) has exercised its discretion and accepted your comments to be read in conjunction with the examination of the above application.

In respect of your concerns about the merits of the scheme, the ExA is aware of these, and of the concerns expressed by other residents in the vicinity, through the representations submitted to the examination so far. They will be considered in the ExA's report and recommendations to the Secretary of State.

The ExA inspected sites comprising the proposed scheme on two occasions; in November 2016 and again in February 2016. It is for ExA's decide how applications are to be examined, and having inspected The Myrke in November 2015, on balance it was decided that returning to the locality would provide limited additional benefit to the examination.

Moreover, in response to the final sentence of your letter, I would remind you that the purpose of accompanied site inspections is for interested parties to point out the physical features and factual attributes of a site. They are not a forum to present or discuss issues with an ExA. Opportunities to do this during the examination of the proposed M4 Junctions 3 to 12 Smart Motorway scheme were provided at open floor and issue specific hearings held in November 2015 and February 2016.

At this stage of the process, unless you have any new evidence to present to the examination, I would recommend contacting the applicant in respect of any

outstanding concerns about the design of the scheme. The project team may be contacted on 0300 123 5000.

If there is new evidence that you wish to submit to the examination, I would remind you that **the 6 month examination of the application closes on 3 March 2016**. Any representations received after midnight on this date will not be able to be considered by the ExA in its report and recommendations to the Secretary of State for Transport.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by way of written response, or using the telephone number below, if you have any queries about the content of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Richard Price

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Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

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