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Your Ref: M4312-002

Our Ref: TR010019

Date: 22 September 2015

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Dear Mr Massingham

## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended)**

### **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 submission and engaging effectively in the Planning Act 2008 process**

Thank you for your letters dated 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16 and 17 September 2015.

As explained in my previous letter to you dated 27 August 2015, your above correspondence will be added to your previous letters and consolidated into a single written representation which will be treated as a submission to Deadline II (8 October 2015).

To attempt to make clear how the process is intended to work under the Planning Act 2008, the examination timetable appended to the Examining Authority's (ExA) letter to all interested parties dated 11 September 2015 sets out explicit deadlines to which submissions are invited. Deadline II (8 October 2015) is the first substantive deadline by which written representations should be received by the Inspectorate. I would therefore advise for you to consolidate any further representations into a single submission to be made to Deadline II. Content within this submission which is considered by the ExA to be relevant and important to the examination will carry no less weight in the process than the submission of multiple correspondences, and will assist greatly in the Planning Inspectorate's management of written representations made to the examination.

Returning to the requests in your letters dated 21 and 22 August 2015 regarding an increase in size of the ExA, and in your letter dated 4 September regarding the appointment of an expert assessor to assist in the consideration of noise impacts. I would reemphasise that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has had full regard to the appropriate statutory guidance in taking its decision that the appointment of a single Examining Inspector, with access to a wide

range of skills and expertise within the Planning Inspectorate, is appropriate and proportionate to the complexity of the case.

Finally, in respect of the comments in your letter dated 11 September 2015 about your ability to access information; Annex A to the ExA's letter of the same date lists the locations at which the examination documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge. It is not within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate to facilitate any special access to third party websites or databases (i.e. the Institute for Civil Engineers library service). Access to such information will be a matter for you to pursue privately with relevant providers.

If you require any clarification in relation to the content of this letter, this will most helpfully be sought by telephone. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the direct line provided below.

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.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the National Infrastructure Planning website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.