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Cc: A2 Bean and Ebbsfleet Junctions Improvements; A to Z Feedback
Subject: A2BE: Move to Highways Act

Dear Susannah

Further to your conversation with my colleague John Pingstone on Friday 27 July, I write to confirm that Highways England is proposing to change the way in which it obtains permission to take forward the A2 Bean and Ebbsfleet junction improvement scheme. Highways England had intended to make an application to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the scheme under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the Act"). Highways England has now concluded that the Highways Act 1980 is the most appropriate way to proceed.

Since our public consultation in spring, we have taken into account the results, refined the design of the scheme and reduced the land take requirements. As part of this work, a review of the planning process for the scheme was undertaken. The review determined that the Highways Act 1980 is the most appropriate way to proceed for the A2 Bean and Ebbsfleet junction improvements scheme. The Highways Act 1980 was set up specifically for road schemes with relevant processes for a scheme of this scale.

In autumn, through the Highways Act 1980 we will publish draft orders as well as the public consultation report. We propose to place the documents on deposit at local authority offices and the Highways England website. These will be publicised in the local press and via emails to stakeholders and available to view on the Highways England website and at local deposit points.

Yours sincerely

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