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Subject: M25 junction 28 - Notices for Hearings

Dear Paige

Thank you for clarifying the position of when we are likely to receive notification of the issue specific, open-floor and compulsory acquisition hearings. We understand that this notification will likely be 4 February 2021 and that the Planning Inspectorate has requested we share the notice before publishing.

However, given that Highways England must publish newspaper notices for at least 21 days before the date of the hearings, we are concerned about the proposed timelines.

To allow for the practical steps of publishing these newspaper notices and to meet the requisite 21 days' notice before the commencement of the hearings, Highways England would need to publish the Notice in the Brentwood Gazette, Essex Chronicle and Romford Recorder on 3, 4 and 5 February respectively. To be able to do this Highways England would need the dates, times and an agreement to the notice by 11am tomorrow to meet the noon cut off deadline with the relevant newspapers. This would allow for publication on the dates mentioned.

Our intention, if we are not able to receive notification until 4 February, is to endeavour to make the notice period of the hearings as long as possible.

If Highways England then received the dates, times and an agreement to the notice by 11am on 5 February to meet the noon cut off deadline with the relevant newspapers, the Notice would be published in the Brentwood Gazette, Essex Chronicle and Romford Recorder on 10, 11 and 12 February respectively. Therefore, Highways England asks for a direction from the Examining Authority approving the following shorter notice periods:

- 19 days' notice in the Brentwood Gazette,
- 18 days' notice in the Essex Chronicle; and
- 17 days' notice in the Romford Recorder.

Please could you confirm if Highways England may have a direction, in accordance with regulation 13(6), agreeing to a shorter notice period in regard to publishing the newspaper notices of the hearings.

We attach a draft of the Notice for your consideration with comments as to where information needs to be added. Please advise of any comments you may have.

Kind Regards

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