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1. Purpose and structure of response

- 1.1.1 This document provides the comments of the applicant, Highways England, in response to Brentwood Borough Council's response to the Examining Authority's (ExA) Further Written Questions and request for further information submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on or before deadline 5 (13 April 2021).
- 1.1.2 Highways England has sought to provide comments where it is helpful to the Examination to do so, for instance where a representation includes a request for further information or clarification from Highways England or where Highways England considers that it would be appropriate for the Examining Authority (ExA) to have Highways England's views in response to a matter raised by an Interested Party in its representations. Where issues raised within a representation have been dealt with previously by Highways England, for instance in response to a question posed by the ExA in its first round of written questions or within one of the application documents submitted to the Examination, a cross reference to that response or document is provided to avoid unnecessary duplication. The information provided in this document should, therefore, be read in conjunction with the material to which cross references are provided.
- 1.1.3 Highways England has not provided comments on every point made within the representation (for instance, Highways England has not responded to comments made about the adequacy of its pre-application consultation given that Highways England has already provided a full report of the consultation it has undertaken as part of its application for the Development Consent Order (DCO)) and the Planning Inspectorate has already confirmed the adequacy of the pre-application consultation undertaken when the application was accepted for Examination. In some cases, no comments have been provided, for instance, because the written representation was very short, or because it expressed objections in principle to the Scheme or expressions of opinion without supporting evidence.
- 1.1.4 For the avoidance of doubt, where Highways England has chosen not to comment on matters raised by Interested Parties, this is not an indication Highways England agrees with the point or comment raised or opinion expressed.

2. REP5-0663 Brentwood Borough Council's response to the Examining Authority's Further Written Questions and request for further information

2.1 Response to the Examining Authority's Further Written Questions

Question Number	Question	IP Response	HE Response
TA 2.4	<p>An outline TMP was submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 4 [REP4-013]. The ExA notes that the outline TMP does not appear to address the impact of temporary closures to the A12 eastbound off slip to junction 28 and any associated diversions during construction work.</p> <p>For the Applicant:</p> <p>i) Confirm that temporary closures are no longer considered necessary for this section of road. If this is not the case indicate where the diversion caused by such a closure is described in the outline TMP.</p> <p>For Interested Parties:</p> <p>ii) Comment on the outline TMP.</p>	<p>It appears that the closures to the M25 clockwise off slip at J28 are to allow the gantry works (Work 9) to be undertaken. Confirmation would be welcome.</p>	<p>Highways England can confirm that the temporary closures of the M25 clockwise off-slip at junction 28 are required to enable the necessary gantry works (Work No. 9) to be undertaken.</p>

2.2 Request for Further Information

Reference	IP Response	HE Response
REP5-063-01	<p>It is noted that the description of works given in the DCO Schedule 1 Authorised Development retains the bland and uninformative descriptions of 'improvements' which at the hearing was agreed to be altered to provide greater clarity. Brentwood asks that this clarification is given with regard to all works within its borough, i.e. works 1, 3, 7 and 12.</p>	<p>Appendix A of Highways England's response to action points from Issue Specific Hearing 1 (REP4-021) provides a more detailed explanation of the works proposed under Schedule 1 of the draft DCO.</p>

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