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Dear Sir

M25 junction 28 improvement scheme
Planning Inspectorate reference: TR010029
APPLICATION FOR CHANGE TO AN ACCEPTED DEVELOPMENT CONSENT
ORDER (Changes 7 and 8)

Thank you for your Procedural Decision dated 26 May 2021 regarding acceptance of Highways England's Change Request No. 7 (REP6-002).

Change 7

As suggested by Highways England at the Issue Specific Hearing 3 held on 12 May 2021 (paragraph 7.1.2 (REP7-018)), Highways England wishes to request a deferral to the date for the submission of the updated Application documents until such time as the Examining Authority (the ExA) has made its decision regarding the acceptance of all changes awaiting acceptance. This will enable all of the relevant documents to be updated to address all accepted changes at a single point and will avoid confusion were multiple versions of documents to be submitted to the examination at different deadlines.

Depending on when the request for Change 8 to be accepted into the examination is determined by the ExA, Highways England proposes to submit updated Application documents reflecting all outstanding changes (Changes 5 to 7 and Change 8, should it be accepted) no later than 17 June 2021, or at Deadline 9, should determination of the Change 8 request not be until after 17 June 2021.

I would be grateful if the ExA would let me know if this is acceptable.

Change 8 clarification

In relation to Change 8, in respect of your comment relating to paragraph 2.4.11 of the Report on Proposed Scheme Change 8 (REP7-029), Highways England wishes to clarify that the words *“it was previously thought that the anticipated effects”* sentence refer to the assessment which was included in the consultation materials. Please see Appendix C of the Targeted non-statutory consultation to support Change 8 (Appendix A of the Report on Proposed Change 8 (REP7-029)). The assessment included in the consultation materials was that the anticipated effects on the residential receptor at Grove farmhouse would reduce from “Very Large Adverse” to “Moderate Adverse” at year 1. However, following publication of the consultation materials and further analysis of the revised egress design, Highways England consider that the anticipated effects on the residential receptor at Grove farmhouse would reduce from “Very Large Adverse” to “Large Adverse” at year 1. This is explained in paragraph 2.4.11 of the Report on Proposed Scheme Change 8 (REP7-029).

Yours faithfully,

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