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**Cc:** Hanlon, Paige; Roger Bedson; Paul McLaughlin  
**Subject:** Deadline 8 M25 Junction 28 - Our clients Mr and Mrs Jones Grove Farm (I.D 20025656)  
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Dear Sirs

We are writing to respond to the deadline 8. We are grateful for the inspectorates going out to Mr and Mrs Jones's property to undertake a unaccompanied site inspection to understand the human element of the situation further.

Please find attached a further written email by my clients Mr and Mrs Jones setting out their thoughts on the recent proposals.

We welcome the addition of point 21 within the examiners proposed changes to the Development Consent Order and agree that a site specific plan for Grove Farm will ensure that any mitigation measures such as tree planting, visual barriers and noise mitigation is adequate before the development is commenced. This positive suggestion is a welcome addition by the clients but we strongly feel that a noise barrier needs to be implemented in replacement of the visual barrier. At the last hearing the examiners themselves questioned whether noise surveys can actually measure the highest 10% of noise measurements which are most important for Grove Farm. This interlinks with our clients response at deadline 7 whereby they stipulated the negative impact the proposed noise will have on their lives including the peak noises which cannot be accurately calculated as part of the noise readings which includes the revving of engines, screeching of breaks, car horns, sirens and the such like. There is a concern that this will detrimentally impact their mental wellbeing.

We continue to have concerns that the visual barrier and tree planting will not be sufficient. We appeal again to have the noise barrier considered and installed.

We request that any site specific plan is agreed with ourselves, and that we are involved during this process with a copy provided to ensure that all parties are in mutual awareness and agreement of the plan.

In relation to the responses provided by Highways England REP7-024 we have read the document but will not be responding to all comments made and this should not be taken as where we do not comment on certain points that we are in agreement but merely concentrating on the points we feel need a response.

At response reference REP6-041-16 and REP6-041-17 within REP7-024 provided by HE, it is understood that changes in overall road traffic noise levels at Grove Farm have been shown to be negligible, i.e. smaller than 1dB. Interlinking with this and at point REP6-041-17 whereby we have requested the noise barrier be extended, HE disagree with this due to the limited evidence to show that the noise is increasing. We ask that following on from their on-site inspection, the ExA consider this again.

From recent experience of standing by the new A380 South Devon Link Road whereby the noise figures demonstrated a nominal or negative change to the noise decibels at various roads and properties impacted by the scheme, I was shocked to find myself in a position whereby I could not believe that the noise had decreased when the amount of tarmac, lanes and vehicles movements had and will continue to increase. I cannot comprehend that

there will only be a 1db change over time as vehicle movements continue to rise. We completely appreciate the methodology behind undertaking the noise reports but nothing can supersede real life experience of noise on the ground of the location.

We trust that this information is satisfactory and if you require anything else please do not hesitate to contact me,

**Kind Regards**

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