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Dear Ms Church

## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 55**

### **Adequacy of Consultation response – Highways England M25 Junction 10 application**

I write further to your letter dated 19 June 2019 and received 28 June 2019 inviting the Council to provide an Adequacy of Consultation response on the Highways England application for an Order Granting Development Consent (DCO) for the M25 Junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange improvement.

Our response considering how the developer has complied with each of the duties listed are contained within the following sections.

#### Duty to consult – Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008) – section 42

- a. Under the duty to consult with prescribed bodies as per the PA2008, Highways England list the range of groups they targeted with their Statement of Community Consultation document.
- b. Regular meetings were held with the Local Authorities impacted by the scheme, including Surrey County Council, Guildford Borough Council and Elmbridge Borough Council as land is within the authority's area who have land impacted. We welcome the continued engagement of Highways England as the process continues.
- c. Proposed scheme is outside the Greater London scope.
- d. Elmbridge Borough Council's Asset Management and Property Services have been involved in the consultation due to land ownership of and interest in Painshill Park. The identification of persons falling within this category appears to have been detailed based on the information that can be viewed within the public domain.

#### Duty to consult the local community - PA2008 – section 47

The Statement of Community Consultation document sets out the methodology and process for consultation for the proposed scheme that Highways England utilised during their pre-application stage. The time frame for various responses from Local Authorities on some items once they have been circulated has been short in some instances, and some documents were shared after the DCO submission. We believe Highways England will continue their engagement with the various groups and individuals. Overall the criteria in this section appear to have been met as set out in the statement.

Duty to publicise - PA2008 – section 48

The Highways England project webpage lists the various details and timeline. Within the Statement of Community Consultation document the list of the various methods for communicating about the consultation as part of the pre-application process are set out. We believe the items listed in the plan would have been carried out, including the newspaper advertisements and therefore would have fulfilled the obligations for the criteria in this section.

The Council will continue to engage with Highways England and their counterparts through ongoing LA liaison meetings and upcoming land management meetings.

Yours Sincerely



For Head of Planning Services