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Dear Sirs,

RE: Written Representation request in Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning Examination Procedure Rules 2010 – Rule 8 etc

Elmbridge Borough Council (the Council), gives its general support to the aims of the Highways England (Applicant) M25 Junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange improvement project to reduce congestion, improve safety, support planned housing and economic growth and improve provision for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders, but also continues to work to ensure the impacts of the project to residents and areas within Elmbridge Borough are properly mitigated.

The Council notes the changes outlined in the letter from the Applicant on 4 November (AS-023). The Council also appreciates the submitted Development Consent Order (DCO) scheme will continue to develop during the examination, which may lead to changing views that will be communicated to the Examining Authority (ExA) throughout the DCO process.

During the process the Council has been liaising with the Applicant, as well as Surrey County Council (SCC) and Guildford Borough Council (GBC).

The summary of current comments/concerns are outlined below:

Traffic and Impact on Local Road Network (LRN):

The Council has reviewed and is supportive of the comments and concerns made by SCC, as the Local Highway Authority, regarding the traffic issues (e.g. modelling/capacity/mitigation/road safety/scheme design/etc.). The Impact on the LRN especially in and around Painshill junction and A245/Seven Hills Road junction are areas of concern for the Council.

The Council shares the concerns that SCC have expressed about the increased traffic pressure on the LRNs during project construction and once implemented, for example the need to resurface and maintain the Seven Hills Road (south).

The Council also strongly supports the suggestion of the Applicant working to link the Painshill and A245/Seven Hills Road traffic signal controls to improve the flow of traffic, especially with this being a primary route created by the banned right hand turn from Seven Hills Road. The proposed Change 3 (AS-023) to remove the retaining wall Work No. 47(c) and therefore only provide two lanes toward

the Painshill junction instead of the proposed three lanes when traffic will reroute in this direction was unexpected. The Council notes SCC comments requiring revised information to demonstrate the proposal would provide benefits to the LRN and mitigate the impact of the scheme both for traffic flow and users of the footpath proposed in the original design.

The Council previously stated the desire that within funding secured, the repair and/or resurfacing of the LRNs impacted, during construction and through diverted traffic routes created by the project, be included and works completed, and was very disappointed to learn that the Applicant does not intend to enter into any S106 agreements with SCC.

Land Interests:

The Council is a landowner of multiple sites which will be impacted by the proposed works. One property is partially within the DCO boundary, Painshill Park, which is currently leased to Painshill Park Trust.

The Council as a landowner, notes the proposed removal of a vehicular access and exit point from the A3 to our property. This is located near the second countdown marker on the south bound exit slip road. The Council's long-leasehold tenant, Painshill Park Trust has raised this matter separately.

Non-motorised User (NMU) Routes:

The Council supports the suggested linkages by SCC to ensure the NMU routes are linked allowing this network to provide the safe, secure and segregated travel option for residents.

Environmental:

SCC is providing commentary on the impacted natural area (Special Protection Area (SPA)/common land/open spaces) within the scheme as these are under their management.

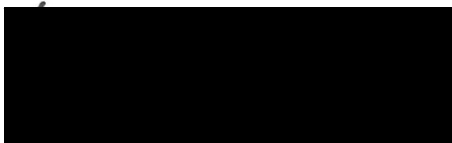
The potential impact of the construction and scheme including noise, air quality, and pollution is a concern for the local area, including listed areas, and more commentary around these areas will be provided during engagement with the Applicant and as detailed designs become available.

Conclusion:

Upon completion, the management of many items within Elmbridge Borough will fall to SCC, and we fully support them to continue to work to secure funding for monitoring/maintenance.

The Council will continue to engage with the Applicant to achieve the best results for Elmbridge Borough to mitigate the impacts of the project. Detailed comments will continue to be provided throughout later DCO stages at set deadlines and as requested.

Yours faithfully,

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