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All Interested and Statutory Parties

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010030

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 89 and The Infrastructure  
Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 9**

**Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent  
for the M25 Junction 10/A3 Wisley Interchange**

**Notification of Procedural Decision to Postpone Compulsory Acquisition  
Hearing 1, Issue Specific Hearing 3, Open Floor Hearing 2 and Issue Specific  
Hearing 4 scheduled for 24 to 26 March 2020**

I am writing to you following our letters of 20 November 2019 (the Rule 8 Letter) and our Rule 8(3) and Rule 13 letter dated 20 February 2020 which provided notification of the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1, Issue Specific Hearing 3, Open Floor Hearing 2 and Issue Specific Hearing 4 that were scheduled to take place at the Mandolay Hotel, Guildford from 24 to 26 March 2020 inclusive.

Given the most recent government advice on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, the Examining Authority (ExA) has made the procedural decision to postpone all of the above Hearings that were scheduled to take place from 24 to 26 March 2020 in order to avoid non-essential travel and large gatherings.

This is a decision to **postpone** and not to cancel these events. The ExA remains appointed and it is now reviewing the procedures for this NSIP's examination. I will write to you again at the earliest opportunity with further procedural proposals for the Examination, once the ExA's procedural review has been completed.

In this respect however, I would like to emphasise that Deadlines 6 onwards still, at this moment, apply in the Examination timetable. Of particular importance are the submission of the final, signed Statements of Common Ground that are scheduled to be submitted at Deadline 8 (Friday 1 May 2020). The ExA urges the Applicant and the relevant Interested Parties to press ahead with the work necessary to prepare these statements narrowing areas that are 'under discussion' or 'not agreed' as far as possible, and the position statements on those matters that will not be agreed. In a

similar vein the Applicant should continue to work with Interested Parties and Affected Persons respectively to conclude any Section 106 agreements or other side agreements and progress compulsory acquisition and/or temporary possession negotiations.

In the meantime, please accept my apologies for any disruption consequent on this decision. However, I trust that you will appreciate that the ExA's approach is necessary given the exceptional circumstances in which we all currently find ourselves.

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Yours sincerely

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