

The Planning Inspectorate  
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**Project ref:** M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley  
interchange improvement – TR010030

**Our ref:** WA/2019/126852/10-L01

**Your ref:** 20023020

**Date:** 29 May 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Please see below our comments for 'deadline 10' submissions for the M25 Junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange improvement project Development Consent Order application. Please note that we have only provided a response to your written question 4.15.1 and have no further comments to make on any other deadline 8 or 9 submissions.

**The Role of the Environment Agency**

The Environment Agency has a responsibility for protecting and improving the environment as well as contributing to sustainable development.

Our work helps to support a greener economy through protecting and improving the natural environment for beneficial uses, working with business to reduce waste and save money, and helping to ensure that the UK economy is ready to cope with climate change. We will facilitate, as appropriate, the development of low carbon sources of energy, ensuring people and the environment are properly protected.

**We have three main roles:**

We are an **environmental regulator** – we take a risk-based approach and target our effort to maintain and improve environmental standards and to minimize unnecessary burdens on business. We issue a range of permits and consents.

We are an **environmental operator** – we are a national organisation that operates locally. We work with people and communities across England to protect and improve the environment in an integrated way. We provide a vital incident response capability.

We are an **environmental advisor** – we compile and assess the best available evidence and use this to report on the state of the environment. We use our own monitoring information and that of others to inform this activity. We provide technical information and advice to national and local governments to support their roles in policy and decision-making.

One of specific functions is as a Flood Risk Management Authority. We have a general supervisory duty relating to specific flood risk management matters in respect of flood risk arising from Main Rivers or the sea.

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**Environment Agency response – ExQ4 question 4.15.1**

Section 60 of the control of Pollution Act 1974 relates to the regulation of noise from construction sites; the regulatory function lies with local authorities and we have no direct role with it. This is therefore a local authority matter and have no comments to make.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

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