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To: Highways England; Southern Gas Networks PLC; and the owners of plots 2/9, 2/10 and 2/14

Date: 16 November 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Highways England (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting development consent to make improvements to the M25 Junction 10/A3 Wisley Interchange. The proposal includes building four new dedicated free-flowing slip lanes that will mean all left-turning traffic can pass through the junction unimpeded by traffic signals. Carriageways on the existing roundabout will also be elongated and widened to increase capacity for right-turning traffic.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT, SOUTHERN GAS NETWORKS PLC AND THE OWNERS OF PLOTS 2/9, 2/10 AND 2/14

Following my letter of 4 November 2020, in considering the Report and Recommendation submitted by the Examining Authority on 12 October 2020 in respect of its findings and conclusions of the above to the Secretary of State for Transport, I am writing in relation to further matters on which we would appreciate further clarification and information.

1. Article 9 of the Draft Development Consent Order (consent to transfer benefit of Order)

The Secretary of State notes that article 9 of the Draft DCO, which enables the benefit of the Order to be transferred to named infrastructure providers without the consent of the Secretary of State, does not specify the particular numbered works in respect of which the benefit is to be transferred under the Order to each undertaker.

Please would the Applicant provide lists of the specific numbered works in respect of which the benefit is to be transferred under the Order to each undertaker or an explanation as to why this is not possible.

2. DCO Drafting Points

Article 13 (classification of roads, etc): **Please would the Applicant explain what is meant by the term “authorised vehicle” in paragraph (4) of this article.**

Article 49 (arbitration): **Please would the Applicant explain why it has diverged in this article from the wording used in other highways DCOs.**

Schedule 5 (land in which only new rights, etc. may be acquired): There is no entry in column (3) of the table against the entry for Plot references 2/9, 2/10 and 2/14. **Please would the Applicant explain this omission. The Secretary of State also invites comments from the owners and occupiers with an interest in these plots.**

Schedule 9 (protective provisions): **Please would the Applicant clarify the apparent incorrect cross-reference in sub-paragraph (5) of paragraph 49 (indemnity). The Secretary of State also invites comments from Southern Gas Networks PLC.**

3. Funding for Cockcrow Bridge

The Secretary of State notes that the funding statement [\[APP-024\]](#) details that funds for the green element of the Cockcrow bridge are not included in the funding estimate for the Proposed Development, and are instead dependent on a bid to the Applicant's 'designated funds'. **The Secretary of State requests an update from the Applicant on whether this funding has been secured.**

The deadline for any response is Monday 23rd November 2020.

Given the coronavirus (COVID 19) emergency, the Planning Inspectorate are currently unable to accept hard copies of consultation responses. Responses to the matter outlined in this letter should therefore be submitted by email to: M25Junction10@planninginspectorate.gov.uk. If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the consultation deadline, or difficulty in submitting a response by email, please inform the Case Team.

The responses will be published on the project page for the M25 Junction 10/A3 Wisley DCO on the Planning Inspectorate's website as soon as possible after the above deadline at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/m25-junction-10a3-wisley-interchange-improvement/>

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision whether or not to grant development consent for the M25 Junction 10/A3 Wisley Interchange Improvement, and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

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