

The Secretary of State for Transport

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**Dear Sirs** 

## M25 Junction 10/A3 Wisley Interchange Improvement by Highways England ("the Project")

I act for Southern Gas Networks Plc ("SGN"), the licensed Gas Transporter for the geographical area in which the proposed Highways England Project works will take place if the DCO is granted by the Secretary of State for Transport in due course.

I refer to your consultation letter of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and your request for comments from Highways England ("HE") and Affected Parties.

SGN remains in dialogue with HE regarding the design and location of the replacement gas main diversion that is currently required by the Project within and/or in the vicinity of the Girl Guide land.

SGN does not approve, but at the same time it does not object in principle, to the new gas main instead being located on the west side of the A3 subject to (1) HE's final detailed design being acceptable to SGN (2) the acquisition in due course, by HE, of all land required by SGN to allow the laying of the new gas assets in that alternative location and (3) the timely grant, by Highways England, of all necessary permanent land rights to SGN to enable SGN to fully comply with its Ofgem licence and statutory obligations.



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