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To: All Interested Parties

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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 ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

#### **1. Applicant’s Response to the Proposal by the Secretary of State for Reduced Replacement Land (“RL”)**

The Secretary of State notes that in [response to question 1 of the Secretary of State’s consultation letter of 20 January 2021](#) the Applicant has concluded that, if the Secretary of State reduced the RL provisions as stated in the letter, there would be no new or different significant environmental effects of any nature likely as a consequence. Furthermore, the Secretary of State notes that the Applicant has concluded that such a reduction in RL will have no impact on the findings of the Habitats Regulations Assessment, nor the suite of compensatory measures that have been proposed.

The Secretary of State wishes to clarify that the request for information in his letter of 20 January was not a request for further information, as defined in regulation 3(1) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The information that has been provided by the Applicant in its response to that letter will be

treated by the Secretary of State as “any other information” as also defined in regulation 3(1)).

**The Secretary of State seeks comments from all interested parties on the response from the Applicant to the first question only in the Secretary of State’s consultation letter of 20 January 2021.**

## **2. Request for Updated Plans from the Applicant**

The Secretary of State notes from the [Applicant’s cover letter of 3 February 2021](#) that if the Secretary of State is minded to grant development consent for the Scheme incorporating the reduced replacement land which he is considering, it will be necessary to amend some of the application documents accordingly.

**Please would the Applicant provide the draft amended documents referred to in the cover letter.**

**The deadline for any response is Monday 1st March 2021.**

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](mailto: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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Head of the Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit