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To: Highways England and Elmbridge

Borough Council

Date: 26 July 2021

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.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT AND ELMBRIDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

1. Request for an Update to the Environmental Information

The Secretary of State requests that the Applicant provides additional information on:

- a) the scheme's compliance with the sixth carbon budget as set out in the Carbon Budget Order 2021, including an update to the assessment of the impact of the scheme on the carbon budgets as set out in <u>Chapter 15</u> of the Applicant's Environmental Statement to take account of the sixth carbon budget including for the design year (2037); and
- b) building on <u>paragraph 15.1.11</u> of the Applicant's Environmental Statement, the direct, indirect and cumulative likely significant effects of the Scheme with other existing and/or approved projects on climate, including greenhouse gas emissions and climate change adaptation;

which should be set in light of the requirements set out in the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and in light of paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18 of the National Policy Statement for National Networks ('NNNPS').

2. Updated Air Quality Monitoring results relating to the Painshill roundabout

Following the Secretary of State's consultation question to Elmbridge Borough Council ("EBC") in his letter of 4 November 2020 regarding any updated air quality monitoring results that the Council had obtained, EBC stated that the data will not be available until 2021 (typically around April). Please can EBC provide details as to whether this data is now available and whether they have any views on the impact this will have on the air quality assessment undertaken by the Applicant as reported in Chapter 5 of the Applicant's Environmental Statement.

The deadline for any response is 9 August 2021.

Responses to the matter outlined in this letter are best submitted by email to: M25Junction10@planninginspectorate.gov.uk. Postal responses should be sent to The M25 Junction 10/A3 Wisley Team, The Planning Inspectorate, Eagle Wing 3/18, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN, however, please note that as a result of the ongoing Government guidance relating to Coronavirus (COVID-19) there are limited number of staff at Temple Quay House and therefore any submissions sent by post may be subject to delay. 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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