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Dear Mr Smith

Written submission of oral comments during Issue Specific Hearing 1

Please accept this letter as a written submission of oral comments made on behalf of Medway Council during agenda item 4 of Issue Specific Hearing 1.

- At this early stage in the Examination, I would like to bring to your attention an issue at M2 Junction 1. I will be able to set out a detailed position in Medway Council's submission of a Local Impact Report and Written Representation.
- The existing M2 Junction 1 has emerged as a constraint to development following representations received from National Highways in Medway Council's determination of a planning application.
- The planning application was for a 325,000 sqm development of employment floorspace on the former Kingsnorth Power Station site, which was allocated for development in the local plan.
- The National Highways representation noted concerns about both congestion and safety at M2 Junction 1, specifically the northbound off-slip and the southbound on-slip links.
- National Highways considered that the junction has limited spare capacity, i.e. 60 movements during either the morning and evening peak travel periods.
- The junction will need to be improved to accommodate further development once this spare capacity has been exceeded.
- Following Medway Council's resolution to grant planning permission, the conditions include an initial trip cap of 60 movements through these links to enable a phase of development to come forward, along with a 'Monitor and Manage Framework'.
- The project's Order Limits straddle the northbound off-slip and the southbound on-slip links.



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- The project is not proposing changes to these links.
- The increase in traffic flows as a result of the project would likely exceed the spare capacity.
- Medway Council will be pursuing existing investment processes, but the project would have ideally addressed this issue.

Yours sincerely



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