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Dear Secretary of State,

**London Borough of Havering (20035775) – Response to the Secretary of State letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

Thank you for your letter of 28<sup>th</sup> November inviting comments to the response provided by the Applicant dated 26<sup>th</sup> November.

Havering's submission primarily focusses on the Applicant's response to the Secretary of State's request on "*what further measures could be delivered as part of the scheme to enhance and improve public transport and active travel opportunities.*"

The Applicant has referred to the proposed footbridge that will be created over the A127 between Moor Lane and Folkes Lane to the west of Junction 29 of the M25. This new crossing has been strongly welcomed by the Council, however the clear expectation during the Examination was that this would be a walkers, cyclists, and horse riders (WCH) bridge rather than being limited to people on foot. In order to enhance active travel opportunities, it is considered essential that this structure is designed and built to enable it to be accessed by walkers, cyclists and horse riders and not simply limited to people on foot.

A matter that remained unresolved by the end of the Examination was connectivity to this structure, which was identified in Havering's final Principal Areas of Disagreement (PADS) document, and was categorised as a matter that was "*not agreed*" in the Statement of Common Ground between the Applicant and Havering.

Havering is of the view that a new dedicated Non-Motorised User (NMU) route should be created to provide a connection from the base of the proposed new A127 Footbridge, which would provide a safe connection up to Folkes Lane Woodland. The Council remains of the view that, given the new footbridge is being implemented to mitigate the impact of the LTC

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project, a new NMU connection to Folkes Lane Woodland should be delivered as part of the project, and that this would enhance active travel opportunities.

Yours sincerely,

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