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Our ref: ECC/NSIP/BCCGR  
Your Ref: TR010044  
Date: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Candice Patten,

**RE: Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Road Improvement Scheme - Adequacy of consultation request**

Thank you for your letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> February consulting Essex County Council (ECC) as a neighbouring authority, on the proposed application for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Road Improvement Scheme.

ECC is a neighbouring authority within the definition of the Duty to Co-operate S110 of the Localism Act 2012 and Section 30 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2008.

ECC is a strategic local authority, with the following roles:

- a key partner and service provider within Essex promoting economic development, regeneration, infrastructure delivery and new development;
- the strategic highway and transport authority, including responsibility for the delivery of the Essex Local Transport Plan and as the local highway authority; and
- the local education authority; Minerals and Waste Planning Authority; Lead Local Flood Authority; lead advisors on Public Health and major provider of a wide range of local government services throughout the county of Essex.

In respect of this Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, we welcome the opportunity for ongoing engagement but have no specific comment to make on the adequacy of consultation and whether the developer has complied with the following duties: Duty to consult – Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008) – section 42, Duty to consult the local community - PA2008 – section 47, Duty to publicise - PA2008 – section 48.

If you require further information or clarification on any points raised in this response please contact on the details below.

Yours sincerely



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