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1. Purpose and structure of responses to written representations

- 1.1.1 This document provides the comments of the applicant, Highways England, in response to S Singh's Written Representation submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on or before deadline 4 (17 March 2021).
- 1.1.2 Highways England has sought to provide comments where it is helpful to the Examination to do so, for instance where a representation includes a request for further information or clarification from Highways England or where Highways England considers that it would be appropriate for the Examining Authority (ExA) to have Highways England's views in response to a matter raised by an Interested Party in its representations. Where issues raised within a representation have been dealt with previously by Highways England, for instance in response to a question posed by the ExA in its first round of written questions or within one of the application documents submitted to the Examination, a cross reference to that response or document is provided to avoid unnecessary duplication. The information provided in this document should, therefore, be read in conjunction with the material to which cross references are provided.
- 1.1.3 Highways England has not provided comments on every point made within the representation (for instance, Highways England has not responded to comments made about the adequacy of its pre-application consultation given that Highways England has already provided a full report of the consultation it has undertaken as part of its application for the Development Consent Order (DCO)) and the Planning Inspectorate has already confirmed the adequacy of the pre-application consultation undertaken when the application was accepted for Examination. In some cases, no comments have been provided, for instance, because the written representation was very short, or because it expressed objections in principle to the Scheme or expressions of opinion without supporting evidence.
- 1.1.4 For the avoidance of doubt, where Highways England has chosen not to comment on matters raised by Interested Parties, this is not an indication Highways England agrees with the point or comment raised or opinion expressed.

2. REP4-037 Sukhjit Singh Written Representation

Response reference:	Representation Issue	HE Response
REP4-037-1	<p>We are against any disruption that this will cause us, the residents, if construction work commences on the M25/J28/Brook Street.</p> <p>It will be a mission for residents on Woodstock Avenue to drive to Shenfield junction, because the traffic is horrendous and very busy coming back</p>	<p>Please refer to Highways England's responses to RR-001, RR-003, RR-012, RR-014, RR015, RR-016, RR-018, RR-025 set out in its response to Relevant Representations (REP1-002) as to the traffic arrangements during construction in response to concerns raised by residents of Woodstock Avenue.</p> <p>To minimise disruption, full closure of the A12 eastbound off-slip would only take place on a few occasions and overnight when there would be less traffic on the road network. Highways England will put in place suitable signposted temporary diversions when temporary overnight road closures are required. The diversion route for occasional overnight closures of the A12 eastbound off-slip will be via the Mountnessing junction on the A12 to the east, which will add approximately 10 to 15 minutes to journeys that would otherwise U-turn at junction 28 to head west on the A12.</p>
REP4-037-2	<p>It is not appropriate for us to park our vehicles in neighbouring roads, meaning Kenilworth Avenue at night during A12 exit road closures with a diversion to Shenfield and back in the morning if the exit is still closed. Kenilworth Ave does not have much space for us and it will cause traffic build up. Pulling out from Kenilworth Ave onto the A12 to turn right is dangerous and will lead to accidents and pollution,</p>	<p>Highways England has not suggested that residents park their car elsewhere when occasional overnight road closures of the A12 eastbound off-slip are required. Highways England will put in place suitable signposted temporary diversions when temporary overnight road closures are required. The diversion route for occasional overnight closures of the A12 eastbound off-slip will be via the Mountnessing junction on the A12 to the east, which will add approximately 10 to 15 minutes to</p>

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	<p>especially if residents from Woodstock park there overnight (if we get space).</p> <p>We are also aware that there have been vehicles broken into in neighbouring roads and stolen, and us residents are not comfortable in taking this gamble.</p>	<p>journeys that would otherwise U-turn at junction 28 to head west on the A12.</p>
REP4-037-3	<p>I suggest a temporary U-Turn being put in place between Woodstock Ave and the exit slip road on the A12, so it will avoid us residents coping with 3 years of inevitable disturbances proposed by the Highways England.</p>	<p>The option of installing a temporary U-Turn on the A12 between Woodstock Avenue and the exit slip road is outside the scope of the Scheme and would need to be considered by Transport for London (TfL) as the highway authority for this section of the A12.</p> <p>Please refer to paragraphs 7.8 to 7.10 of TfL's Written Representation (REP2-036) and response to Written Question TA1.13 (REP2-037) which explain that TfL, as the highway authority for the A12, does not support the provision of a permanent right turn from Woodstock Avenue because it has concerns about the feasibility of designing a safe junction and the disruption such a junction would cause to a greater number of road users on the A12. Highways England expects that a temporary U-turn would pose the same safety risks to road users on the A12.</p> <p>Temporary traffic management arrangements required to construct the Scheme will inevitably result in some temporary additional traffic congestion and delay. However, there will only be a few overnight occasions when the U-turn from the A12 eastbound off-slip to the A12 westbound at junction 28 will not be</p>

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		<p>permitted and a temporary signposted alternative diversion route put in place.</p> <p>The final TMP will detail the temporary traffic management proposals and their duration. The final TMP will be prepared prior to commencement of construction and issued to the Secretary of State for approval under Requirement 10 of the DCO.</p>

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