

# M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange TR010030

## 5.1 Consultation Report: Annex C - Statement of community consultation

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## **C.1 Draft Statement of Community Consultation letters to Local Authorities**

### **C.1.1 Draft Letter to Surrey County Council**





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29 November 2017

Dear David,

**M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange improvement scheme  
Consultation pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended)  
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I am writing to advise you that Highways England is currently preparing to make an application to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order for the above project under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008. The M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange improvement scheme was identified in the Government's Road Investment Strategy, published in 2014, as one of a number of key investments needed on the Strategic Road Network in the period up to 2021. We held a public consultation on options for the scheme between December 2016 and February 2017 and following careful consideration of all of the feedback provided, a Preferred Route Announcement has been made today. This confirms our intention to proceed with a scheme involving the enlargement and upgrading of the existing signalised M25 junction 10 roundabout; improvements to crossings and facilities for non-motorised users; and widening of the A3 between junction 10 and the Painshill Junction to the north and the Ockham Junction to the south. Associated works will include widening of the A245 Byfleet Road between the A3 and Seven Hills Road and modifications to a number of side roads and private access arrangements to improve safety. A comprehensive package of environmental mitigation and compensation measures will be provided, including replacement land to offset any impacts on the adjoining Ockham and Wisley Commons.

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Should you require any further information about the scheme, please do not hesitate to contact me. Alternatively, you are welcome to contact Atkins, the consultants we have appointed to develop the scheme design and to oversee preparation of the Development Consent Order application on our behalf. Louisa Perry and Marc Woodall in the Atkins team are leading on the community consultation process, their contact details are provided below.

I look forward to receiving your feedback on our draft Statement of Community Consultation. Please be advised that under Section 47(3) of the Planning Act 2008, you have a period of 28 days, beginning with the day after the day on which you receive this letter in which to send us your comments. However, as per your email addressed to Louisa Perry on 20 November 2017, we have agreed to extend the deadline until 11 January 2018 to make allowance for the Christmas holiday period.

Yours sincerely



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## C.1.2 Letter to Guildford Borough Council



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### C.1.3 Letter to Elmbridge Borough Council



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## **C.2 Statement of Community Consultation**

### **C.2.1 Draft Statement of Community Consultation**



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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. Highways England is publishing this Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) for the proposed M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange improvement scheme. The statement has been prepared in consultation with Surrey County Council, Elmbridge Borough Council and Guildford Borough Council, in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act). The purpose of this document is to explain how we intend to consult people living in the vicinity of the proposed scheme in developing our proposals. It describes how we will be publicising our forthcoming consultation, the way in which we will make information about the scheme available to the public and how people can provide their feedback once the consultation period commences. It also provides background about how the project has progressed to date as well as the processes that will need to be followed for seeking consent to build it. This document is not intended to generate comment or feedback on the merits of the scheme itself.
- 1.2. The proposed scheme will deliver an elongated roundabout at M25 junction 10, with dedicated free-flow left turns to add more capacity and help smooth the flow of traffic, reduce journey times and improve safety. Improved crossings and facilities for non-motorised users will be provided and the A3 at Wisley will be widened from three to four lanes between Painshill and Ockham on either side of junction 10 adding much needed capacity. Associated works will involve widening the A245 between the A3 Painshill Junction and Seven Hills Road and modifications to a number of local side roads and private access arrangements to improve safety, including at Wisley Lane.
- 1.3. The scheme is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and authorisation to build it must be obtained from the Secretary of State through a Development Consent Order (DCO). This means that we are required to submit an application for a DCO to the Planning Inspectorate, the body appointed by the Secretary of State as the Examining Authority for projects such as this. A key requirement of the process is to consult with people living in the vicinity of the proposed scheme, as well as local authorities, statutory bodies, local businesses, community groups and organisations and any owners or occupiers of the land that might be affected. We will be consulting to ensure that all relevant issues have been identified and to give people the opportunity to have their say on the scheme. All feedback will be considered and addressed, and this is a real opportunity for people to influence design details and inform how we can mitigate any impacts.



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## 2. The scheme so far

- 2.1. This section of the M25 is of nationally-strategic importance, as it provides vital access to and from Heathrow and is a key route from the Kent ports to much of the rest of the country. The cost to the economy of ongoing delays here would be considerable if left unchanged. In addition, the junction has a poor safety record that needs to be addressed. The scheme was therefore identified in the Government's Road Investment Strategy that was published in 2014 as one of a number of key investments planned for the Strategic Road Network in the period up to 2021.
- 2.2. Between December 2016 and February 2017, we held a public consultation to gather feedback on two possible options – a '4-level flyover' (Option 9) and an 'elongated roundabout' (Option 14), plus we also sought agreement on whether we were correct to reject an alternative design (Option 16) that was not taken forward due to its environmental impact and cost.
- 2.3. We received responses from approximately 750 individuals and organisations. There was a strong consensus about the need for the scheme and its core objectives, with the majority of respondents indicating a concern about congestion and road safety at M25 junction 10. Of those expressing a preference between options, 64% chose Option 9, although there was a significant level of concern about the negative impact this option would have on the adjoining Ockham and Wisley Commons. 29% of people expressing a preference favoured Option 14, on the grounds that it would have less environmental impact. Having carefully considered the feedback, we have reviewed the designs for both options. By incorporating dedicated free-flow left turns within the designs for Option 14 (the elongated roundabout) it is possible to achieve a level of operational benefit similar to the benefits of Option 9 (the 4-level flyover), but with less environmental impact and at a lower cost. Option 14 has therefore been announced as forming the basis of the preferred route.
- 2.4. The improvement scheme also involves modifications to a number of private access arrangements and junctions with local side roads, including at Wisley Lane, to improve safety. In developing our proposals, we have given very careful consideration to the diverse range of views expressed during the further targeted engagement we have undertaken with people and organisations directly affected.
- 2.5. Further information about the consultations we have undertaken to date can be found in the consultation report available to download from the Highways England website: [www.highways.gov.uk/m25j10](http://www.highways.gov.uk/m25j10).
- 2.6. Further information about the Preferred Route Announcement (PRA) that was made on 29 November 2017 can be found on [www.highways.gov.uk/m25j10](http://www.highways.gov.uk/m25j10).
- 2.7. There is still a great amount of work to be done in developing the designs for the proposed scheme and in agreeing suitable mitigation and environmental



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measures to reduce its impact on local people and the surrounding environment. The forthcoming consultation will provide an opportunity for local people to shape these design proposals. We know that the land around the M25 junction 10 is extremely environmentally sensitive and protected by a number of important national and international designations. We also know that in order for the scheme to be constructed there may also be a requirement for some land to be purchased using compulsory acquisition powers that will be included within the DCO.





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### 3. Environmental information

- 3.1. The scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development, as defined by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report will therefore be submitted as part of the DCO application. A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) will be published for comment at the time of the consultation. It will set out the information that we have compiled to date, so that people will be able to gain a better understanding of the likely significant environmental implications of the proposals. It will also indicate, in general terms, the potential mitigation measures that could be implemented to minimise or reduce negative impacts and set out the reasons why other alternative solutions have been discounted.
- 3.2. The PEIR will be available online and will be free to inspect at the public viewing locations listed at the end of this document. We will publicise when and where the PEIR and other consultation documents can be inspected in line with the arrangements set out in this SOCC.



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#### 4. The Development Consent Order

4.1. The Planning Act 2008 process was introduced to streamline the decision-making process for nationally significant infrastructure projects, making it fairer and simpler for communities and developers alike.

4.2. There are a number of key stages in the DCO process:

- Pre-application, led by the applicant (Highways England), is when we consult widely on the development of our proposals
- Acceptance is when the Planning Inspectorate decides whether our application meets the required standards and whether our consultation has been adequate
- Pre-examination is when people have the opportunity to register with the Planning Inspectorate their interest in participating in the examination
- Examination is when people can send in comments to the Planning Inspectorate about our proposals or speak at a public hearing
- Recommendation and decision is when the Planning Inspectorate makes their recommendations to the Secretary of State, who will then make the decision to grant or refuse development consent.

4.3. Post decision is when there is an opportunity for legal challenge. But this scheme is still in the very first DCO stage: pre-application. The key component of this stage is undertaking a statutory consultation with people living in the vicinity of the proposed scheme.

4.4. When the DCO application is made, the Planning Inspectorate will examine the application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who decides on whether the application should go ahead.

4.5. More information about the Planning Inspectorate, the Act, and how you can get involved in the DCO process can be found on the Planning Inspectorate national infrastructure planning website:  
<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> or by calling them on 0303 444 5000.



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## 5. The forthcoming consultation process

- 5.1. Community consultation is a process by which the community, those people who are directly and indirectly affected by the scheme, are invited to participate and respond to the scheme proposals. This statement details our statutory duty to consult before we submit our application for a DCO.
- 5.2. We are planning to undertake our formal consultation early in 2018. Our public consultation will look at the proposed scheme (the preferred option) in more detail and will give you the opportunity to help refine the proposal.
- 5.3. We believe that Option 14 delivers the best solution in terms of meeting both safety, traffic and environmental need. However, there is still a lot of work to be done and the design is still being worked on. We welcome comments on our proposal and will undertake conscientious consideration of all feedback we receive to further refine our proposed scheme.
- 5.4. Following the consultation period, we will produce a consultation report to summarise the views and comments received, and outline how they have been taken into consideration in refining the scheme. We will send this report to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the DCO application, which we plan to submit during summer 2018. The consultation report will be available on the Highways England website and at the public viewing locations used to promote the consultation materials.



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## 6. How we will consult

6.1. Our consultation will run for six weeks from Monday 12 February to Monday 26 March. We will provide detailed information on the preferred option (Option 14) including information on the proposed junction, road layout and access, including design development since the preferred option announcement. We will also present a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) setting out the environmental information that we have gathered to date.

6.2. There are a number of ways we will provide more information about the proposed scheme and the consultation:

Table 1 - Communication methods for statutory consultation

Method	Detail
Written communications	We will be promoting the consultation through a door-to-door letter drop to c.42,000 residents and businesses located within the scheme location [to include the parishes of Ockham, Ripley and Effingham, and the villages of Cobham and Old Woking] This is the scheme's primary consultation area. Additionally, we will be emailing those individuals who are registered on the scheme web pages to receive further communications.
Online communications	Visit the scheme web pages at <a href="http://www.highways.gov.uk/m25j10">www.highways.gov.uk/m25j10</a> . On these pages you will find the consultation materials, including the brochure, questionnaire, scheme layout plan, 3D visualisation of the scheme, PEIR, information on public information events, a list of locations where hard copies of the consultation materials are available and this SoCC. The website will also publicise when the consultation period will formally commence and the deadline for the submission of feedback.
Face-to-face communications	A series of public information events will be held in February and March 2018 where visitors will be able to view the scheme proposals and images, talk with the project team and complete a questionnaire. Details of the public exhibitions are listed below and will be advertised in the Surrey Advertiser, the Times, and the London Gazette on 26 January and 2 February 2018.
Public viewing locations	Hard copy consultation materials, including





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	the questionnaire, will also be available to be viewed and taken away at a number of community locations. Details are listed below.
Other media/publicity	We will distribute poster and flyer in the vicinity of the scheme, and provide details of the consultation events to local radio stations and other media outlets.
Local Authority websites:	We will be providing links for Local Authorities to be able to provide information about the scheme on their websites.
Stakeholder forums/ community groups	Groups are encouraged to attend an exhibition – dates and times are listed below. Highways England will consider requests for other groups/ forums. Requests must be made in advance to <a href="mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk">info@highwaysengland.co.uk</a>
Social media	Highways England's Twitter feed will be used to promote the consultation process. Users will be encouraged to post their comments and opinions.
Hard to reach groups	The major hard to reach groups identified during the previous informal consultation were younger people and commuters. Making greater use of social media and diversifying the location of public exhibitions are part of the approach to increasing the level of response from these groups.
Newspaper advertisements	We will publicise the statutory consultation, including details about the PEIR, by publishing notices in the Surrey Advertiser, London Gazette and in the Times.

6.3. The community consultation will run alongside our consultation with statutory consultees and other bodies. All landowners who might be affected will be contacted directly but if you are a landowner and have any concerns about the scheme and its impact on you then please contact us using one of the methods listed below.

6.4. If in the light of consultation responses, it is necessary to make changes to the design of the scheme, we will ensure that the local community and all respondents are informed of those changes. Unless the changes materially alter the nature of the scheme or its likely impacts, it will not be necessary for us to repeat the statutory consultation process before submitting our DCO application. However, we may hold further targeted consultations if any localised changes are likely to affect people not previously consulted or present



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different issues. We will agree with the relevant local authorities how such further targeted consultation will be undertaken if and when the need arises.



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## 7. How to respond to the forthcoming consultation

7.1. You can use one of the following methods to contact us or to respond to the consultation:

- Attend a public information event where you can meet the project team, ask questions and complete a consultation questionnaire
- Complete the consultation questionnaire online at: [www.highways.gov.uk/m25j10](http://www.highways.gov.uk/m25j10)
- Pick up a consultation questionnaire at a community location, fill it in and send it back via the freepost address: FREEPOST M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange
- Email us at: [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk)
- Write to us at: FREEPOST M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange
- Call us on 0300 123 5000

7.2. In order for your comments to be taken into account, they must be submitted in time so that we receive them by the deadline at 23:45 on Monday 26 March 2018.



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## 8. Details of forthcoming public information events

8.1. All consultation venue locations and dates have been identified based on accessibility for people living in the vicinity of the proposed scheme, including a selection of weekend and evening venues, accessible entrances and clear signage. Dates and times are subject to change based on venue availability.

**Venue 1:** Cobham Village Hall, Lushington Drive, Cobham, KT11 2LU

- Friday 9 February 12:00 – 19:30 (to be confirmed)
- Saturday 10 February 10:00 – 17:00 (to be confirmed)

**Venue 2:** East Horsley Village Hall,

- Friday 16 February 12:00 – 19:30 (to be confirmed)
- Saturday 17 February 10:00 – 17:00 (to be confirmed)

**Venue 3:** Cobham Hilton, Seven Hills Road, Cobham, KT11 1EW

- Friday 23 February 12:00 – 19:30 (to be confirmed)
- Saturday 24 February 10:00 – 17:00 (to be confirmed)

**Venue 4:** Ripley Village Hall, High Street, GU23 6AF

- Friday 9 March 15:30 – 19:30 (to be confirmed)
- Saturday 10 March 10:00 – 17:00 (to be confirmed)

**Venue 5:** Cobham Services, M25

- Friday 16 March 08:00 – 20:00 (to be confirmed)

8.2. If any of the events and/or activities included in this statement of community consultation need to be cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control, they will be substituted with similar events and/or activities. Where any changes to events and/or activities are required, we will publicise these changes through the Highways England website and local press.



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## 9. Details of public viewing locations

9.1. Consultation materials will be available to view from Monday 12 February to Monday 26 March at the following locations:

- Highways England, Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4LZ
- Guildford Borough Council, Millmead House, Millmead, Guildford, Surrey GU2 4BB
- Elmbridge Borough Council, Civic Centre, High Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 9SD
- Surrey County Council, County Hall, Penrhyn Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2DW
- Cobham Library, The Cedar Centre, Cedar Road, Cobham, Surrey KT11 2AE
- Horsley Library, Parade Court, Ockham Road South, East Horsley, Surrey KT24 6QR
- Byfleet Community Library, High Road, Byfleet, Surrey KT14 7QN
- West Byfleet Library, The Corner, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6NY
- Addlestone Library, Runnymede Civic Centre, Station Road, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 2AF
- Woking Library, Gloucester Walk, Woking, Surrey GU21 6EP

Please check opening times at locations for access.

9.2. Consultation brochures and questionnaires will also be at a number of other venues where you will be able to pick up a copy. Full details of these venues will be available on the scheme website [www.highwaysengland.gov.uk/m25j10](http://www.highwaysengland.gov.uk/m25j10).

9.3. Copies of the consultation materials may also be requested from Highways England using the details in the 'Responding to the consultation' section. Paper copies will be provided free of charge. If you require the consultation materials in another language or format requests can be made by contacting Highways England using the contact details listed above.





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## 10. What happens next

- 10.1. We will publicise the start of our statutory consultation through placing an advert in the Surrey Advertiser and by publishing notices in the London Gazette and in the Times. We will also distribute posters and leaflets to places that are in the vicinity of the proposed scheme and post updates on the project's website [www.highways.gov.uk/M25j10](http://www.highways.gov.uk/M25j10).
- 10.2. When the consultation period has ended on Tuesday 27 March, we will record and carefully consider all of the comments made. We will use the feedback to refine and improve the scheme design and to ensure that it incorporates suitable measures to avoid, reduce or offset its adverse effects. Once we have updated our proposal we will make an application for a DCO, most likely during summer 2018. The Planning Inspectorate will then decide whether the application meets the required standards to proceed to examination, and will determine whether Highways England's pre-application consultation has been adequate.
- 10.3. **IMPORTANT:** This SoCC relates only to the Highways England M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange improvement scheme and is not a consultation exercise for any other developments in the Surrey area or on the M25.
- 10.4. In order to be considered your views must be submitted on or before this time.
- 10.5. We will continue to engage informally with the community, stakeholders, and statutory consultees in advance of and after this period prior to the DCO application being submitted.

## C.2.2 Surrey County Council Response to M25 Junction 10 Wisley Interchange Statement of Community Consultation

Response as at 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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10 January 2018

Dear Mr Gash

**M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange improvement scheme  
Consultation pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended)  
Draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)**

Thank you for your letter of 29<sup>th</sup> November requesting the Council's feedback on the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). We have reviewed the draft document circulated and attach a table setting out our comments concerning what should be included within the SoCC.

**Response to Surrey County Council's Letter dated 1 February 2017**

Whilst writing I would also like to raise a concern that the County Council have yet to receive a written reply to our letter dated 1 February 2017 in response to your public consultation on options for the M25 Junction 10/Wisley Interchange Improvement scheme held between December 2016 and February 2017. Could I therefore request that a response is provided to our letter dated 1 February 2017?

In summary the County Council appreciates being given the opportunity for collaborative input during the development of the draft SoCC including consideration of the attached points at the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018. If, however, you have any queries please contact my colleague David Stempfer – Major Transport Projects Manager on 0208-541-9380.

I would be grateful if you could please acknowledge receipt of this letter?

Yours sincerely

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Trevor Pugh.

Trevor Pugh  
Strategic Director Environment & Infrastructure

Cc David Stempfer, Caroline Smith, Chris Northwood – Surrey County Council

Paragraph	Comment
General Comment & Para 1.2	<p>Some of the terminology and detail in documents should be more clearly explained: Will the public know what is meant by free-flow left turns?</p> <p>The term 'free-flow left turns' is used in the SoCC (e.g. in paragraph 2.3). We suggest that this should adequately explained/shown on a drawing/compared to an existing junction/situation so that the public will understand what this means. Given that the consultation will give consultees and the public an opportunity to help refine the proposal, we would also expect sufficient detail on proposed scheme elements to be displayed in the consultation documents provided.</p> <p>At our meeting held on 8th March we discussed and agreed that consideration could be given to including a drawing to show what is proposed and/or providing additional wording in paragraph 1.2.</p> <p>Will there be more detail in the consultation documents regarding the proposals for Wisley Lane in terms of the resulting re-routing for trips?</p>
4.3	<p>With reference to 4.3 in the SoCC, it should be noted that consultation is not just with people 'living in the vicinity of the proposed scheme' but should also include interest groups and user groups affected. For example commuters, tourists (e.g RHS Wisley visitors), road haulage users and users of the open spaces who may not live immediately close by to the scheme will also be affected. At our meeting held on 8th March we discussed and agreed addressing this through the exhibition at M25 Cobham Services and the use of Social Media. We also discussed and agreed that Highways England would approach the local radio stations (BBC Surrey, Eagle Radio) for an editorial/interview for Highways England to promote the consultation.</p>
6	<p>We would ask that a map of the consultation area be included or at least specifics on which parts of specific areas (e.g. Cobham) are covered and show ward/parish boundaries.</p>
6.2 (Written Communications)	<p>Regarding the 'Written Communications' section in the Table at 6.2, a map showing the consultation area that will receive a letter should be provided in order for an assessment to be made on the spread geographically of consultation. This would help as it is easier to define the consultation area on the Guildford side by reference to parishes. With little parishes (Elmbridge only has one Parish Council in Claygate) on the Elmbridge side it would be useful to see a plan of the consultation area to clarify the areas covered.</p> <p>This plan could then be sent to the relevant Local/Joint Committees (Guildford, Elmbridge and Woking).</p> <p>The Table only specifies the "Village of Cobham" but without a definite geographical boundary this is unclear. The parishes specified on the Guildford side appear random Wisley, for example, is not specified East and West Horsley are as close as Effingham. To the north and west Send, Pyrford, Byfleet, West Byfleet, Brooklands and Weybridge are as close as Ripley (and Cobham) and so should be included/shown on the map.</p> <p>Currently a number of parishes and villages have been selectively specified however other locations in equal or similar proximity of the scheme have not, which currently suggests an unequal approach. Wisley for example is not specified and the village of Cobham does not fully reflect the interests of residents and businesses along the A245 beyond Painshill interchange. Therefore a map defining the area should be included to provide clarity on the locations in the</p>

Paragraph	Comment
	<p>consultation area. This should include a better definition of the primary consultation area north of Junction 10 which is currently limited to the village of Cobham.</p> <p>At our meeting held on 8th March we discussed and agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- showing the Ward and Parish boundaries on the map</li> <li>- including a short narrative as to the reasons for the extents</li> <li>- ensuring where the consultation boundary runs along a road that properties on both sides are included.</li> </ul>
6.2 (Written Communications)	Regarding the 'Written Communications' section in the Table at 6.2 in the SoCC, the village of Cobham does not fully reflect the interests of residents and businesses along the A245 beyond Painshill interchange. A better definition is needed for the primary consultation area north of Junction 10.
6.2 (Written Communications)	<p>Regarding the 'Written Communications' section in the Table at 6.2 in the SoCC, it should be made clear that Highways England are committed in the SoCC to having a registration process in place enabling people who express an interest in the scheme to be contacted by email with further communications on the scheme. We are aware that a registration web page exists (on the general Highways England webpages) and the SoCC at present does infer that this registration process is in place however for clarity the final statement could be changed along the lines of: 'The scheme web pages have been set up to enable individuals to register to receive further communications (at <a href="http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/m25-junction-10-to-a3-wisley-interchange">http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/m25-junction-10-to-a3-wisley-interchange</a>). Anyone who has registered will be contacted by email with further communications when the local letter drop is carried out'.</p> <p>At our meeting held on 8th March we discussed and agreed wording could be included to cover this point.</p>
6.2 (Face to Face Communications)	<p>In advance of the consultation we would wish Highways England/Atkins to send a written update letter addressed to each of the Local/Joint Committees and to Surrey County Council Cabinet Members setting out the following before the consultation:</p> <p>Details of the preferred route and side road changes that are now proposed and include/attach a copy of the PRA brochure</p> <p>Confirmation of the dates/venues for the exhibitions</p> <p>An invite to the pre exhibition Member briefing sessions you mentioned were planned to be arranged (for w/c 12th February?)</p> <p>That Highways England/Atkins would be happy to re-present/attend a Local/Joint Committee meeting after the consultation when you will have some results/views to share and next stages</p> <p>Consultation packs to be distributed to Local/Joint Committee members and Councillors as set out above.</p> <p>At our meeting held on 8th March we discussed and agreed that the table on page 10 could reword the Local Authority website to state Local Authority and include working both on the website but in addition that Local Authorities/Councillors be written to to confirm dates/venues for the exhibitions and the Member briefing session.</p>

Paragraph	Comment
6.2 (Public Viewing Locations)	<p>Regarding the 'Public Viewing Locations' section in the Table at 6.2 in the SoCC, it says consultation materials will be available however clarification is required on what this means exactly - does it mean display boards?</p> <p>At our meeting held on 8th March we discussed and agreed including a definition in the SoCC of each of the consultation methods e.g. Exhibitions (staffed at 9? Locations), Static Displays (pop-up with scheme information and questionnaire at 5 venues – including Brooklands/Tesco's subject to their agreement) and Public Viewing location/Deposit points with detailed scheme information at Highways England offices, Surrey CC, Elmbridge BC, Guildford BC offices and libraries.</p>
6.2 (Other media/publicity)	<p>Regarding the 'Other media/publicity' section in the Table at 6.2 in the SoCC, it says posters and flyers will be distributed 'in the vicinity' of the scheme. There is a need for Highway England's definition of 'in the vicinity' of the scheme?</p> <p>A map should be included to show where posters and flyers will be distributed and added to the map covering the areas that will received a letter stated earlier.</p>
6.2 (Local Authority websites)	<p>At our meeting held on 8th March we discussed and agreed Woking Borough Council should be included so that the information can be included on their web site.</p>
6.2 (Stakeholder forums / community groups)	<p>Regarding the 'Stakeholder forums/community groups' section in the Table at 6.2 in the SoCC, classes of community group are not identified. We suggest that the classes of community group are identified at a minimum at this stage even if specific groups have not yet been identified. The groups that Highways England should be committed to reaching should for example include parish councils, particular interest/user groups, including user groups for roads (e.g. business interests, commuters, road haulage interests), open spaces and recreational users (e.g. rambling, cycling, equestrian, Open Spaces Society), and ecological interest groups. Having discussed with Elmbridge BC, given the possible under representation of commuters in earlier feedback, we would like to highlight the need for some targeted communication around Brooklands.</p> <p>At our meeting held on 8th March we discussed and agreed adding Brooklands Tesco's as a static display site (subject to their agreement) and working with Elmbridge BC to provide information at a Brooklands Business Breakfast event.</p>
6.2 (Stakeholder forums / community groups)	<p>Regarding the 'Stakeholder forums/community groups' section in the Table at 6.2 in the SoCC, there is a mis-match in terms of the method of consultation and the further detail listed. The method suggests that there will be stakeholder forums/community groups but the detail only says the groups are encouraged to attend an exhibition.</p> <p>The detail also says 'Highways England will consider requests for other groups/ forums' and it is unclear what this means. Requests for inclusion in forum meetings? Requests to be notified of exhibition dates? Request to be added to a register of community groups with an interest in the scheme?</p> <p>Further clarity is required on the consultation method for stakeholder forums/community groups. Will they only be written to in order to let them know of the consultation or will there be group sessions held? Either way there should be direct communication with identified stakeholder forums/community groups.</p>



Paragraph	Comment
	At our meeting held on 8th March we discussed and agreed that the wording in the SoCC could be revised to clarify this point.
6.2 (Newspaper advertisements)	Have all the local newspapers been considered? In addition to the Surrey Advertiser and the Times, have the Epsom Guardian and the Surrey Comet been considered? At our meeting held on 8th March we discussed that Highways England had considered the Epsom Guardian and the Surrey Comet but decided that these publications didn't have the coverage of the Surrey Advertiser.
8	We have noted the updated SoCC sent on 20 December with confirmed exhibition dates and times. In this updated version all the events are within the consultation period when previously they were not. However the updated dates for Cobham Village Hall are listed as Friday 2nd March and Saturday 3rd February and we think should state Friday 2nd March and Saturday 3rd March.  At our meeting held on 8th March we discussed and agreed bringing forward the Cobham Services, M25 date by a week from 23rd March to 16th March.
8	Has HE considered desirability of, or willingness of RHS Wisley Gardens to accommodate, either a public information event or public viewing location (static display) at Wisley gardens? This would reach other local people and tourists, as well as the immediately adjoining residents and therefore score well in terms of hard to reach interests.  At our meeting held on 8th March we discussed and agreed that Highways England would approach RHS Wisley to seek their views/agreement to accommodate, either a public information event or public viewing location (static display) at Wisley gardens (either inside/outside of the gardens).
9 (Public Viewing Locations)	Woking, Elmbridge and Guildford Borough Council offices should be included as a public viewing/static display location.
9 (Public Information Events and Public Viewing Locations)	The three SCC Local Committees should be consulted on where it would be most appropriate to hold the proposed public information events and on the Public viewing locations.  Can the following public consultation sites be included/considered:  Sainsbury's in Cobham? Tesco's at Brooklands A static display in Woking – Civic Offices or Wolsey Place shopping centre?  Also could a link to the consultation website be linked to the Surrey County Council and Woking, Guildford and Elmbridge Borough Council's websites?

Paragraph	Comment
10.2	At our meeting held on 8th March we discussed and agreed amending the wording to state the consultation period ending on Monday 26th March as opposed to Tuesday 27th March for consistency through the document.

### C.2.3 Elmbridge Borough Council Response to M25 Junction 10 Wisley Interchange Statement of Community Consultation



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Dear Mr Gash,

**M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange improvement scheme  
Consultation pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended)  
Draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)**

Thank you for your letter of 29<sup>th</sup> November requesting the Council's feedback on the draft Statement of Community Consultation. We have reviewed the draft document circulated and have the following comments to make:

- P9 - Alongside Table 1, the SoCC would benefit from a map of the scheme's primary consultation area. Currently it is not possible to identify precisely which areas will be included in the letter drop.
- P10 - The Council requests clarification as to whether identified stakeholder forums and community groups will also receive direct communication around the consultation. It would be helpful to identify how many forums and groups will receive direct communication.
- P10 - The Council will also commit to publicising the consultation through our social media channels.
- P10 - Given that commuters have been identified as a hard to reach group we suggest targeted communication to the wider Brooklands Business Park. The Council can assist with this through our Economic Development Office.
- P13 - The Council welcomes the inclusion of four days of public information events in Cobham. Please note that the second date for the Cobham Village Hall event is incorrectly listed as February rather than March. We would be keen to see another public information event at a further location within the borough. An event in Esher would provide an opportunity to engage more widely with borough residents.
- P14 - The Council would like to see further detail on what material will be available at public viewing locations. For example, are display boards to be used? Discussions

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Ray Lee



will need to take place to confirm these arrangements. Opening hours of venues could helpfully be provided.

- P14 – Walton library has a high footfall and the Council suggests that this venue is also included as a public viewing location

The Council has already been given the opportunity for collaborative input during the development of the draft SoCC, however if you have any queries please contact us on the number provided.

Yours sincerely,



Kim Tagliarini  
Head of Planning Services, Elmbridge Borough Council

#### C.2.4 Guildford Borough Council Response to M25 Junction 10 Wisley Interchange Statement of Community Consultation





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Dear Brian,

**M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange improvement scheme**  
**Consultation pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended)**  
**Draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)**

We welcome the opportunity to respond on behalf of Guildford Borough Council to Highways England's letter of 29 November 2017, requesting for the Council's views on the adequacy and suitability of the consultation arrangements as set out in the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) for the M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange improvement scheme. We are responding to the draft received by email from Marc Woodall of Atkins on 20 December 2017, which substituted for the version received on 29 November 2017. Both versions are dated 29 November 2017, marked version 2.0 on the cover and 1.2 on the Document Control sheet. This letter addresses the Council's responsibility as a 'host' authority in relation to Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended).

The land for the M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange improvement scheme falls within Guildford Borough Council's administrative area and the scheme will have a significant impact on residents, businesses and communities in the borough.

A key requirement of the Development Consent Order (DCO) process is consultation with people living in the vicinity of the proposed scheme, as well as local authorities, statutory bodies, local businesses, community groups and organisations and any owners or occupiers of the land that might be affected. In this regard, the Council have the following comments with respect to the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC):

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1. Section 6. How we will consult: Table 1 – Communication methods for statutory consultation

For written communications, it is stated that there will be a door-to-door letter drop to c.42,000 residents and businesses located within the scheme location "[to include the parishes of Ockham, Ripley and Effingham, and the villages of Cobham and Old Woking]". The residents of Wisley parish should also be included on this list.

2. Section 6 How we will consult

Paragraph 6.1 states that the consultation will run for six weeks from Monday 12 February to Monday 26 March. However, later paragraph 10.2 states, "When the consultation period has ended on Tuesday 27 March...". The start and end dates of the consultation period need to be made clear to respondents.

3. Section 7. How to respond to the forthcoming consultation

This section lists the methods by which parties can response to the consultation. A general Highways England email address and the phone number for Highways England's national switchboard are listed amongst the methods. It should be made clear how responses can be made via these methods, and what information is required from respondents, e.g. name and address/email address, particularly if written responses are required in order to be taken into account.

4. Section 10. What happens next

This section details the process of recording and considering the comments made at the public consultation. It states that "We will use the feedback to refine and improve the scheme design and to ensure that it incorporates suitable measures to avoid, reduce or offset its adverse effects." The Council previously submitted comments (letter dated 2 February 2017) in response to the non-statutory consultation on the scheme. We would note that the Council did not receive a response to the comments it made or how they have been addressed in the latest documentation published with the Preferred Route Announcement on 29 November 2017. As a 'host' authority, the Council would like to receive a formal response to its representations to the public consultation.

We have considered the draft Statement of Community Consultation with respect to the Council's Guildford borough Community involvement in planning (June 2013) and would note that if there are changes to the scheme as a result of the consultation all respondents will be informed of those changes. We would recommend feedback is provided through a consultation statement.

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We look forward to continuing to work with Highways England, the Government, the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership and Surrey County Council to realise the transformation of the Strategic Road Network in the borough and beyond.

Yours sincerely



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Director of Planning & Regeneration



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## C.2.5 Statement of Community Consultation





## Regional Investment Programme M25 Junction 10/A3 Wisley Interchange Statement of Community Consultation



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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Highways England is publishing this Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) for the proposed M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange improvement scheme. The statement has been prepared in consultation with Surrey County Council, Elmbridge Borough Council and Guildford Borough Council, in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act). The purpose of this document is to explain how we intend to consult people living in the vicinity of the proposed scheme in developing our proposals. It describes how we will be publicising our forthcoming consultation, the way in which we will make information about the scheme available to the public and how people can provide their feedback once the consultation period commences. It also provides background about how the project has progressed to date as well as the processes that will need to be followed for seeking consent to build it. This document is not intended to generate comment or feedback on the merits of the scheme itself.
- 1.2 The proposed scheme will deliver an elongated roundabout at M25 junction 10, with dedicated free-flowing lanes for vehicles turning left at the junction, avoiding the need for traffic to pass through the traffic lights at the roundabout. This will add more capacity and help smooth the flow of traffic, reduce journey times and improve safety. Improved crossings and facilities for non-motorised users will be provided and the A3 at Wisley will be widened from three to four lanes between Painshill and Ockham on either side of junction 10 adding much needed capacity. Associated works will involve widening the A245 between the A3 Painshill Junction and Seven Hills Road and modifications to a number of local side roads and private access arrangements to improve safety, including at Wisley Lane. The existing hard shoulder on the M25 will be converted to provide an additional running lane on the M25 through junction 10. A comprehensive package of environmental mitigation and compensation measures will also be incorporated within the scheme proposals.
- 1.3 The scheme is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and authorisation to build it must be obtained from the Secretary of State through a Development Consent Order (DCO). This means that we are required to submit an application for a DCO to the Planning Inspectorate, the body appointed by the Secretary of State as the Examining Authority for projects such as this. A key requirement of the process is to consult with people living in the vicinity of the proposed scheme, as well as local authorities, statutory bodies, local businesses, community groups and organisations and any owners or occupiers of the land that might be affected. We will be consulting to ensure that all relevant issues have been identified and to give people the opportunity to have their say on the scheme. All feedback will be considered and addressed, and this is a real opportunity for people to influence design details and inform how we can mitigate any impacts.

## 2. The scheme so far

- 2.1 This section of the M25 is of nationally-strategic importance, as it provides vital access to and from Heathrow and is a key route from the Kent ports to much of the rest of the country. The cost to the economy of ongoing delays here would be considerable if left unchanged. In addition, the junction has a poor safety record that needs to be addressed. The scheme was therefore identified in the Government's Road Investment Strategy that was published in 2014 as one of a number of key investments planned for the Strategic Road Network in the period up to 2021.
- 2.2 Between December 2016 and February 2017, we held a public consultation to gather feedback on two possible options – a '4-level flyover' (Option 9) and an 'elongated roundabout' (Option 14), plus we also sought agreement on whether we were correct to reject an alternative design (Option 16) that was not taken forward due to its environmental impact and cost.
- 2.3 We received responses from approximately 750 individuals and organisations. There was a strong consensus about the need for the scheme and its core objectives, with the majority of respondents indicating a concern about congestion and road safety at M25 junction 10. Of those expressing a preference between options, 64% chose Option 9, although there was a significant level of concern about the negative impact this option would have on the adjoining Ockham and Wisley Commons. 29% of people expressing a preference favoured Option 14, on the grounds that it would have less environmental impact. Having carefully considered the feedback, we have reviewed the designs for both options. By incorporating dedicated free-flow left turns within the designs for Option 14 (the elongated roundabout) it is possible to achieve a level of operational benefit similar to the benefits of Option 9 (the 4-level flyover), but with less environmental impact and at a lower cost. Option 14 has therefore been announced as forming the basis of the preferred route.
- 2.4 The improvement scheme also involves modifications to a number of private access arrangements and junctions with local side roads, including at Wisley Lane, to improve safety. In developing our proposals, we have given very careful consideration to the diverse range of views expressed during the further targeted engagement we have undertaken with people and organisations directly affected.
- 2.5 Further information about the consultations we have undertaken to date can be found in the consultation report available to download from the Highways England website: [www.highways.gov.uk/m25j10](http://www.highways.gov.uk/m25j10).
- 2.6 Further information about the Preferred Route Announcement (PRA) that was made on 29 November 2017 can be found on [www.highways.gov.uk/m25j10](http://www.highways.gov.uk/m25j10).
- 2.7 There is still a great amount of work to be done in developing the designs for the proposed scheme and in agreeing suitable mitigation and environmental measures to reduce its impact on local people and the surrounding environment. The forthcoming consultation will provide an opportunity for local people to shape these design proposals. We know that the land around the M25 junction 10 is

extremely environmentally sensitive and protected by a number of important national and international designations. We also know that in order for the scheme to be constructed there may also be a requirement for some land to be purchased using compulsory acquisition powers that will be included within the DCO.

### **3. Environmental information**

- 3.1 The scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development, as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report will therefore be submitted as part of the DCO application. A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) will be published for comment at the time of the consultation. It will set out the information that we have compiled to date, so that people will be able to gain a better understanding of the likely significant environmental implications of the proposals. It will also indicate, in general terms, the potential mitigation measures that could be implemented to minimise or reduce negative impacts and set out the reasons why other alternative solutions have been discounted.
- 3.2 The PEIR will be available online and will be free to inspect at the public viewing locations listed at the end of this document. We will publicise when and where the PEIR and other consultation documents can be inspected in line with the arrangements set out in this SOCC.



#### **4. The Development Consent Order**

- 4.1 The Planning Act 2008 process was introduced to streamline the decision-making process for nationally significant infrastructure projects, making it fairer and simpler for communities and developers alike.
- 4.2 There are a number of key stages in the DCO process:
- 4.3 Pre-application, led by the applicant (Highways England), is when we consult widely on the development of our proposals
- 4.4 Acceptance is when the Planning Inspectorate decides whether our application meets the required standards and whether our consultation has been adequate
- 4.5 Pre-examination is when people have the opportunity to register with the Planning Inspectorate their interest in participating in the examination
- 4.6 Examination is when people can send in comments to the Planning Inspectorate about our proposals or speak at a public hearing
- 4.7 Recommendation and decision is when the Planning Inspectorate makes their recommendations to the Secretary of State, who will then make the decision to grant or refuse development consent.
- 4.8 Post decision is when there is an opportunity for legal challenge. But this scheme is still in the very first DCO stage: pre-application. The key component of this stage is undertaking a statutory consultation with people living in the vicinity of the proposed scheme, statutory environmental bodies, local authorities and local amenity groups such as residents associations and recreation groups
- 4.9 When the DCO application is made, the Planning Inspectorate will examine the application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who decides on whether the application should go ahead.
- 4.10 More information about the Planning Inspectorate, the Act, and how you can get involved in the DCO process can be found on the Planning Inspectorate national infrastructure planning website: <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> or by calling them on 0303 444 5000.

## **5. The forthcoming consultation process**

- 5.1 Community consultation is a process by which the community, those people who are directly and indirectly affected by the scheme, are invited to participate and respond to the scheme proposals. This statement details our statutory duty to consult before we submit our application for a DCO.
- 5.2 We are planning to undertake our formal consultation early in 2018. Our public consultation will look at the proposed scheme (the preferred option) in more detail and will give you the opportunity to help refine the proposal.
- 5.3 We believe that Option 14 delivers the best solution in terms of meeting both safety, traffic and environmental need. However, there is still a lot of work to be done and the design is still being worked on. We welcome comments on our proposal and will undertake conscientious consideration of all feedback we receive to further refine our proposed scheme.
- 5.4 Following the consultation period, we will produce a consultation report to summarise the views and comments received, and outline how they have been taken into consideration in refining the scheme. We will send this report to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the DCO application, which we plan to submit during summer 2018. The consultation report will be available on the Highways England website and at the public viewing locations used to promote the consultation materials.

## 6. How we will consult

- 6.1 Our consultation will run for six weeks from Monday 12 February to Monday 26 March. We will provide detailed information on the preferred option (Option 14) including information on the proposed junction, road layout and access, including design development since the preferred option announcement. We will also present a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) setting out the environmental information that we have gathered to date.
- 6.2 There are a number of ways we will provide more information about the proposed scheme and the consultation:

Table 1 - Communication methods for statutory consultation

Method	Detail
Written communications	We will be promoting the consultation through a door-to-door leaflet drop to c.90,000 residents and businesses located in the vicinity of the scheme. The map in appendix A outlines the consultation area and provides further detail behind the rationale for the selection of this area. This is the scheme's primary consultation area. Additionally, we will be emailing those individuals who are registered on the scheme web pages to receive further communications. All stakeholders, and individuals and organisations who submitted feedback during the previous non-statutory consultation who provided a postal address but not an email address will receive this written communication.
Online communications	Visit the scheme web pages at <a href="http://www.highways.gov.uk/m25j10">www.highways.gov.uk/m25j10</a> . On these pages you will find the consultation materials, including the brochure, questionnaire, scheme layout plan, 3D visualisation of the scheme, PEIR, information on public information events, a list of locations where hard copies of the consultation materials are available and this SoCC. The website will also publicise when the consultation period will formally commence and the deadline for the submission of feedback. All stakeholders, individuals and organisations who submitted feedback during the previous non-statutory consultation and provided an email address will receive an email informing them of the consultation.  In addition, everyone who has registered on the scheme website will receive notification. Anybody can still register on the website to receive updates.
Face-to-face communications	A series of public information events will be held in February and March 2018 where visitors will be able to view the scheme proposals and images, talk with the project team and complete a questionnaire. Details of the public exhibitions are listed below and will be advertised in the Surrey



	<p>Advertiser, the Times, and the London Gazette on 26 January and 2 February 2018.</p> <p>In addition to the public information events, static displays publicising the consultation will be available at Highways England, Guildford Borough Council, Elmbridge Borough Council and Surrey County Council offices.</p> <p>Further static information locations are also under consideration.</p>
Public viewing locations	<p>Hard copy consultation materials, including the questionnaire, will also be available to be viewed and taken away at a number of community locations. Details are listed below. The full suite of consultation materials will be available at the public information events outline in section 8 below. Limited consultation material will also be available at a number of static locations within the vicinity of the scheme.</p>
Other media/publicity	<p>We will distribute poster and flyer in the vicinity of the scheme, and provide details of the consultation events to local radio stations and other media outlets.</p> <p>We will provide press releases to local radio and television media with the view to gaining editorial time to publicise the consultation.</p>
Local Authorities:	<p>We will be providing links for Local Authorities to be able to provide information about the scheme on their websites.</p> <p>We will also provide local elected members with notification of the statutory public consultation and invite elected members to a briefing session at the beginning of the consultation period.</p>
Stakeholder forums/ community groups	<p>Stakeholder forums and community groups, both those that are based in the vicinity of the scheme, and those that have responded to the previous consultation will receive written notification of the statutory public consultation.</p>
Social media	<p>Highways England's Twitter feed will be used to promote the consultation process. Users will be encouraged to post their comments and opinions.</p>
Hard to reach groups	<p>The major hard to reach groups identified during the previous informal consultation were younger people and commuters. Making greater use of social media and diversifying the location of public exhibitions are part of the approach to increasing the level of response from these groups.</p>
Newspaper advertisements	<p>We will publicise the statutory consultation, including details about the PEIR, by publishing notices in the Surrey Advertiser, London Gazette and in the Times.</p>

- 6.3 The community consultation will run alongside our consultation with statutory consultees and other bodies. All landowners who might be affected will be contacted directly but if you are a landowner and have any concerns about the scheme and its impact on you then please contact us using one of the methods listed in section 7.
- 6.4 If in the light of consultation responses, it is necessary to make changes to the design of the scheme, we will ensure that the local community and all respondents are informed of those changes. Unless the changes materially alter the nature of the scheme or its likely impacts, it will not be necessary for us to repeat the statutory consultation process before submitting our DCO application. However, we may hold further targeted consultations if any localised changes are likely to affect people not previously consulted or present different issues. We will agree with the relevant local authorities how such further targeted consultation will be undertaken if and when the need arises.

## **7. How to respond to the forthcoming consultation**

7.1 You can use one of the following methods to contact us or to respond to the consultation:

- Attend a public information event where you can meet the project team, ask questions and complete a consultation questionnaire
- Complete the consultation questionnaire online at: [www.highways.gov.uk/m25i10](http://www.highways.gov.uk/m25i10)
- Pick up a consultation questionnaire at a community location, fill it in and send it back via the freepost address: FREEPOST M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange
- Email us at: [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk)
- Write to us at: FREEPOST M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange
- Call us on 0300 123 5000

7.2 In order for your comments to be taken into account, they must be submitted in time so that we receive them by the deadline at 23:45 on Monday 26 March 2018.

## **8. Details of forthcoming public information events**

- 8.1 All consultation venue locations and dates have been identified based on accessibility for people living in the vicinity of the proposed scheme, including a selection of weekend and evening venues, accessible entrances and clear signage.

**Venue 1:** East Horsley Village Hall, Kingston Avenue, East Horsley, KT24 6QT

- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 14:00 – 19:30
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 10:00 – 17:00

**Venue 2:** Cobham Hilton, Seven Hills Road, Cobham, KT11 1EW

- Friday 23<sup>th</sup> February 12:00 – 19:30
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 10:00 – 17:00

**Venue 3:** Cobham Village Hall, Lushington Drive, Cobham, KT11 2LU

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 14:00 – 19:30
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10:00 – 17:00

**Venue 4:** Ripley Village Hall, High Street, GU23 6AF

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 15:30 – 20:00
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 10:00 – 17:00

**Venue 5:** Cobham Services, M25

- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 08:00 – 20:00
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 08:00 – 20:00

- 8.2 If any of the events and/or activities included in this Statement of Community Consultation need to be cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control, they will be substituted with similar events and/or activities. Where any changes to events and/or activities are required, we will publicise these changes through the Highways England website and local press.

## 9. Details of public viewing locations

- 9.1 Consultation materials will be available to view from Monday 12 February 2018 to Monday 26 March 2018 at the following locations:

Location	Opening Times
Guildford Borough Council, Millmead House, Millmead, Guildford, Surrey GU2 4BB	Monday to Thursday 08:30 - 17:00 Friday 08:30 - 16:30
Elmbridge Borough Council, Civic Centre, High Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 9SD	Monday to Thursday 08:45 - 17:00 Friday 08:45 - 16:45
Surrey County Council, County Hall, Penrhyn Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2DW	Monday to Friday 08:00 - 17:30
Cobham Library, The Cedar Centre, Cedar Road, Cobham, Surrey KT11 2AE	Tuesday to Saturday 09:30 - 17:00
Horsley Library, Parade Court, Ockham Road South, East Horsley, Surrey KT24 6QR	Monday 14:00 - 17:00 Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10:00 - 13:00 & 14:00 - 17:00 Saturday 10:00 - 16:00
Byfleet Community Library, High Road, Byfleet, Surrey KT14 7QN	Tuesday 10:00 - 16:00 Wednesday 18:00 - 20:00 Thursday 15:00 - 17:00

Friday & Saturday 10:00 - 16:00

Sunday 14:00 - 16:00

West Byfleet Library, The Corner, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6NY

Monday 14:00 - 17:00

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
 10:00 - 13:00 & 14:00 - 17:00  
 Saturday 10:00 - 16:00

Addlestone Library, Runnymede Civic Centre, Station Road, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 2AF

Tuesday to Saturday  
 09:30 - 17:00

Woking Library, Gloucester Walk, Woking, Surrey GU21 6EP

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 09:30 - 17:30

Tuesday & Thursday 09:30 - 19:00  
 Saturday 09:30 - 17:00

Walton Library, 54 The Heart, Walton on Thames, Surrey, KT12 1GH

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 09:30 - 17:30

Tuesday 09:30 - 19:00  
 Saturday 09:30 - 17:00

- 9.2 Consultation brochures and questionnaires will also be at a number of other venues where you will be able to pick up a copy. Full details of these venues will be available on the scheme website [www.highwaysengland.gov.uk/m25j10](http://www.highwaysengland.gov.uk/m25j10).
- 9.3 Copies of the consultation materials may also be requested from Highways England using the details in the 'Responding to the consultation' section. Paper copies will be provided free of charge. If you require the consultation materials in

another language or format requests can be made by contacting Highways  
England using the contact details listed above.



## 10. What happens next

- 10.1 We will publicise the start of our statutory consultation through placing an advert in the Surrey Advertiser and by publishing notices in the London Gazette and in the Times. We will also distribute posters and leaflets to places that are in the vicinity of the proposed scheme and post updates on the project's website [www.highways.gov.uk/M25j10](http://www.highways.gov.uk/M25j10).
- 10.2 When the consultation period has ended on Monday 26 March we will record and carefully consider all of the comments made. We will use the feedback to refine and improve the scheme design and to ensure that it incorporates suitable measures to avoid, reduce or offset its adverse effects. Once we have updated our proposal we will make an application for a DCO, most likely during summer 2018. The Planning Inspectorate will then decide whether the application meets the required standards to proceed to examination, and will determine whether Highways England's pre-application consultation has been adequate.
- 10.3 **IMPORTANT:** This SoCC relates only to the Highways England M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange improvement scheme and is not a consultation exercise for any other developments in the Surrey area or on the M25.
- 10.4 In order to be considered your views must be submitted on or before this time.
- 10.5 We will continue to engage informally with the community, stakeholders, and statutory consultees in advance of and after this period prior to the DCO application being submitted.

## 11. APPENDIX A

### Statutory public consultation written communication boundary

The purpose of the boundary is to identify the postcodes receiving delivered notification of the statutory public consultation on the M25 junction 10 / A3 Wisley Interchange improvement scheme.

The statutory requirement in S47 of the Planning Act 2008 is to consult people living in the vicinity of the proposed scheme. However, the term "in the vicinity" is not defined and therefore it is necessary through the SOCC process to agree the spatial extent of our consultation area with the local authorities prior to the commencement of consultation.

In order to identify the extent of our consultation area we have used the following principles as a guide:

- Maximising coverage of the areas where there is the potential for the scheme to give rise to significant effects, based on assessments undertaken to date and reported in the Project's Preliminary Environmental Information Report (one of the consultation materials) as well as the Project's Technical Appraisal and Scheme Assessment reports which are published on the project website;
- Maximising coverage of the areas to local residents that utilise this section of the strategic road network and/or any of the potentially affected local side roads as their primary route to gain access to their homes and communities;
- Seeking to ensure that the notification includes businesses as well as residents, through using postal addresses;
- Seeking to ensure that as a publicly funded project the consultation area is proportionate and reasonable in reaching people that are most likely to be affected on a day to day basis.
- Publicising the consultation widely to allow other people who have an interest in the scheme with the opportunity to have their say;
- Seeking to ensure that the consultation arrangements will be feasible and practical, having regard to the options for distributing material, such as Royal Mail, post codes and opportunities to partner with stakeholders to distribute materials;
- Seeking to ensure that where possible the outer boundary is logical and follows established boundaries that are meaningful to local people, such as using ward or parish boundaries whilst also ensuring that wherever possible there are no residents arbitrarily excluded, for example by virtue of being on the different side of a road within the same localised postcode.

The boundary that has been agreed (as shown in Figure 1) largely follows ward boundaries, with four rotatable exceptions, where it has been agreed that the boundary should more logically follow existing roads or rail lines. All properties within the same postcode nodes identified will be notified, regardless of which side of a road they may be situated. Overall, the boundary shown on Figure 1 encompasses approximately 60,000 individual property addresses. Through planned events and displays (including displays at nearby services for M25 and A3 road users) together with national and local media publicity, the consultation has the potential to reach out to a very large number of people, enabling those most likely to be affected with the opportunity to have their say in the development of the proposed scheme.

We believe Figure 1 below identifies a comprehensive extent of the areas which are likely to be affected by the scheme however we are intending to share this with the scheme host local authorities to obtain their views. Table 1 below outlines the wards that are included within the consultation area. Where it is not the complete ward we have outlined where the boundary within that ward lies. When determining the outer edge of the boundary we have taken into account both the Surrey electoral division and the Guildford and Elmbridge ward boundaries.

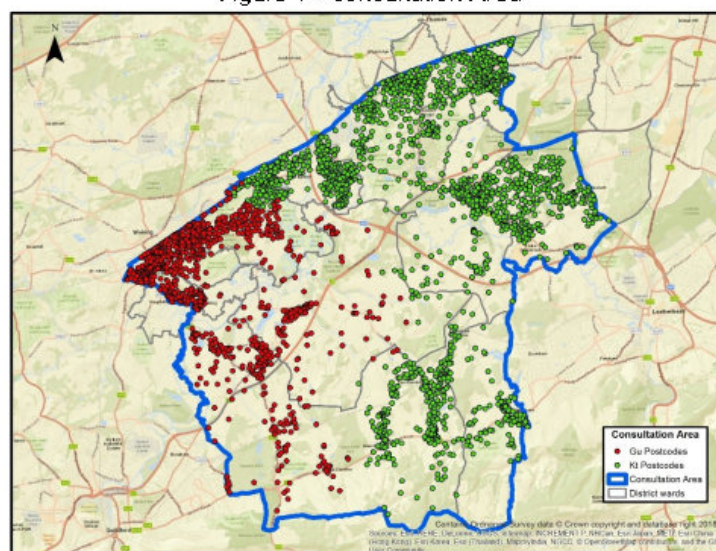
The consultation area is primarily based on District Wards. The base District Wards are shown in Table 2.

Table 2 - District Ward in Consultation Area

Ward Name	Included in consultation area
Hoe Valley Ward	District Ward cut along the A247
Mount Hermon Ward	Fully contained in the consultation area
Pyrford Ward	Fully contained in the consultation area
Byfleet & West Byfleet Ward	Fully contained in the consultation area
Clandon and Horsley Ward	Fully contained in the consultation area
Lovell Ward	Fully contained in the consultation area
Send Ward	Fully contained in the consultation area
Effingham Ward	Fully contained in the consultation area
Cobham & Downside Ward	Fully contained in the consultation area
Oxshott & Stoke D'Abemouille Ward	District Ward cut along the A244
Weybridge St. George's Hill Ward	District Ward cut along the railway track
Oatlands & Burwood Park Ward	District Ward cut along the railway track
Hersham Village Ward	Fully contained in the consultation area

The consultation area chosen is shown below in  
 Figure 1.

Figure 1 - Consultation Area



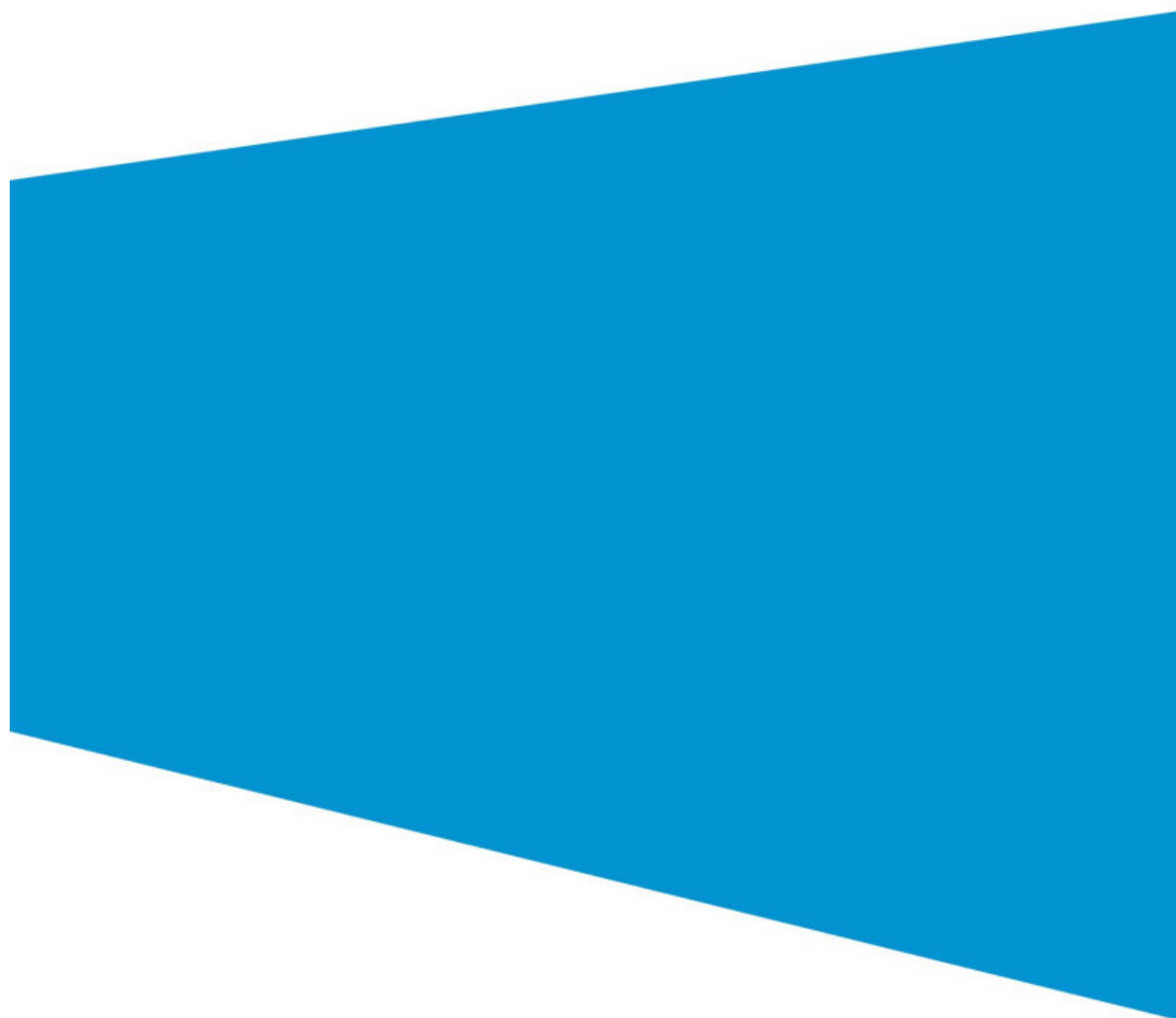
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## C.2.6 Statement of Community Consultation Errata





## Regional Investment Programme M25 Junction 10/A3 Wisley Interchange Statement of Community Consultation Errata



**Date: 9 February 2018**

The following errors have been identified in the Statement of Community Consultation published on 2 February 2018:

The following sentence on pages 9 and 10 paragraph 6.2 Table 1

Details of the public exhibitions are listed below and will be advertised in the Surrey Advertiser, the Times, and the London Gazette on 26 January and 2 February 2018.

Should read

Details of the public exhibitions are listed below and will be advertised in the Surrey Advertiser, the Times, and the London Gazette on **2 February and 9 February 2018**.

The following sentence on page 18 in Appendix A

Overall, the boundary shown on Figure 1 encompasses approximately 60,000 individual property addresses.

Should read:

Overall, the boundary shown on Figure 1 encompasses approximately **90,000** individual property addresses.

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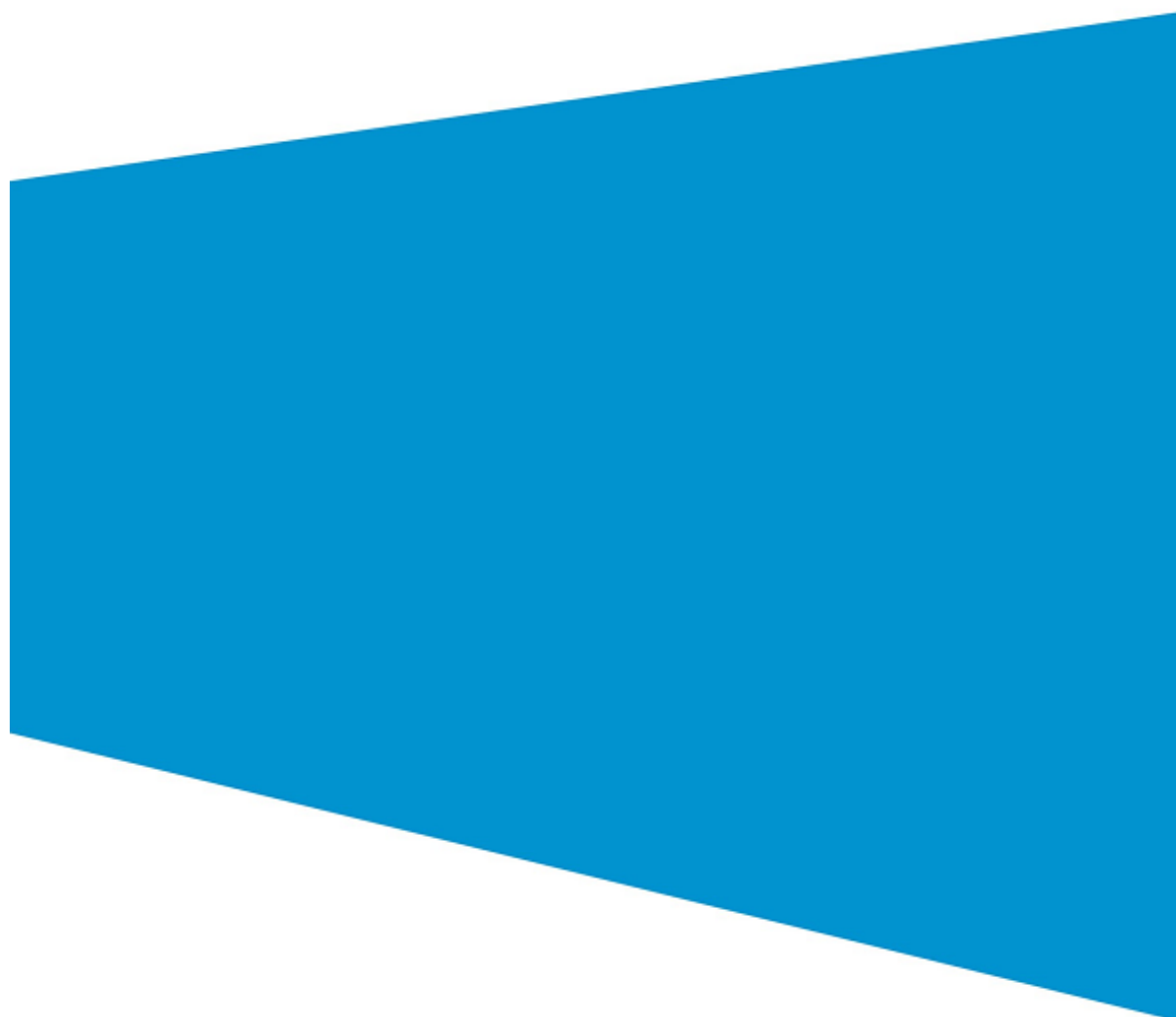
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