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To: [M25 Junction 10](#)
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Dear Mr Secretary,

This is just a personal plea to you.

I am not fighting for selfish reasons. I have been making representations for wildlife during this consultation.

My great concern is that everyone's wishes have been listened to and accommodated, while the needs of the wildlife have always had to take the lowest priority.

I do not wish to seem ungrateful. The green bridge that is to be built to connect Wisley and Ockham Common will be a great achievement, and the Toad tunnels under Old Lane are desperately needed.

But I cannot understand why there should be no toad tunnels built under the new Elm Lane.

I am a toad warden and I see the devastation caused on toads by traffic, first hand. The situation is truly desperate. I have not only attended the public consultations but also had separate meetings with the ecologists for Highways and Surrey County Council.

The ecologist for Highways was adamant that no more toad tunnels should be built, **UNLESS THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHOULD REQUEST THEM.**

This is why I'm turning to you.

Their decision is based on cold hard numbers. They do not want to save too many toads. They are making sure that the same number of toads get killed once the project is finished, as there were before.

It sounds ridiculous, but it's true. They are saying, "we don't intend to fix the current situation because it has nothing to do with our project. We only want to fix what this project is responsible for".

But Sir, this attitude is crazy and it is not employed everywhere else in society. If society was based on this attitude then nothing would work. Then it also will not work to achieve our biodiversity targets.

Imagine a paramedic dealing with a person suffering from cardiac arrest and saying: Actually I didn't cause this condition so I will not help you. Or a car mechanic saying, I didn't cause this fault so I will not fix your car. Nothing would work!

Therefore I'm pleading with you, please help the toads and ask for more tunnels!

The other wishes on my list are,

- 1) More green elements on all foot bridges over the A3 and M25
- 2) Please do not allow the Wisley by pass road to cut through habitat
- 3) Please ask the Scout group to employ security guards instead of destroying more precious ancient woodland

Thank you so much for considering my plea.

Yours faithfully,

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