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By email only

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010055

Date: 27 May 2021

Dear Ms Palmer

Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) – Section 46 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 – Regulation 8

Proposed application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the M3 Junction 9 Improvement scheme

Acknowledgement of receipt of information concerning proposed application

Thank you for your letter of 25 May 2021 and the following documentation:

- Template covering letters sent to consultees under Section 42 of the PA2008;
- Letter sent to consultees prescribed in Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009;
- Letter sent to local authorities as defined in Section 43 of the PA2008;
- Letter sent to category 1 and 2 land interests as defined in Section 44 of the PA2008;
- Notice pursuant to Section 48 of the PA2008 and Regulation 13 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009;
- Consultation Brochure;
- Questionnaire Form;
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR"), its technical appendices and Non-Technical Summary; and
- Consultation plans.

I acknowledge that you have notified the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application for an order granting development consent for the purposes of section 46 of the PA2008 and supplied the information for consultation under section 42. The following reference number has been given to the proposed application, which I would be grateful if you would use in subsequent communications:

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I also acknowledge notification on 19 October 2020 in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment)

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Regulations 2017 that you propose to provide an Environmental Statement in respect of the Proposed Development.

I will be your point of contact for this application during the Pre-application stage – my contact details are at the end of this letter.

The role of the Planning Inspectorate at the Pre-application stage is to provide independent and impartial advice and to have open discussions with applicants, statutory bodies and others about the processes and requirements of the regime. It is important that you keep us accurately informed of your timetable and any changes that occur.

We will publish advice we give to you or other parties on our website and, if relevant, direct parties to you as the Applicant. We are happy to meet at key milestones and/or provide advice as the case progresses through the Pre-application stage.

Once you have prepared draft documents we are able to provide technical advice, in particular on the draft Development Consent Order, draft Explanatory Memorandum, the draft Consultation Report and any draft Habitats Regulations Assessment. We would encourage you to build this into your timetables.

In the meantime, you should have regard to the guidance and legislation material provided on our website including The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended) and associated guidance, which you will need to observe closely in establishing the correct fee to be submitted at the successive stages of the application process.

When discharging your Pre-application duties you should also be aware of your obligation under the UK GDPR.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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