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Dear Ms Guest

**M3 JUNCTION 9 IMPROVEMENT SCHEME
PLANNING ACT 2008 SECTION 46: DUTY TO NOTIFY SECRETARY OF STATE
OF PROPOSED APPLICATION**

I write further to our letter of 28 June 2019, notifying you under Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 ("PA 2008") that Highways England ("the Applicant") intends to apply under Section 37 of the PA 2008 for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") for the M3 junction 9 improvement scheme ("the Proposed Scheme").

Since our last statutory consultation in 2019, Highways England has been progressing preparations for submission of the DCO application. Through consideration of the feedback received from consultees and ongoing engineering review, Highways England has made several design changes to the Proposed Scheme. Since the Indicative Application Boundary and design have changed, Highways England has decided to hold a further statutory consultation on the new proposals to provide consultees with the opportunity to understand the nature of the changes and any likely significant impacts. This consultation will run from **Thursday 27 May 2021 to Thursday 8 July 2021**.

Under Section 46 of the PA 2008, Highways England is required to supply the Planning Inspectorate with copies of the section 42 consultation material. I therefore enclose a USB drive with electronic copies of the following documentation, as part of Highways England's duty to consult under Section 42 of the PA 2008:

- Template covering letters sent to consultees under Section 42 of the PA 2008:
 - 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 PA 2008;
 - Letter sent to category 1 and 2 land interests as defined in Section 44 of the PA 2008;

- Notice pursuant to Section 48 of the PA 2008 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.

A copy of the consultation materials will be available to view, free of charge, on the Proposed Scheme webpage from 9 am on Thursday 27 May 2021. To view the consultation materials online, please visit the documents section on the following website www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m3junction9. Further details of the consultation arrangements can be found on the website and in the enclosed Section 48 Notice.

If you have any comments or queries regarding this or our proposals, then please do not hesitate to contact me or Nicola Hartley (██████████@stantec.com) who is supporting our DCO application. Please acknowledge that this notice has been received as a record of compliance.

Yours sincerely,



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- USB drive with electronic copies of the section 42 consultation material