

APPENDIX 22: SECTION 47 CONSULTATIONS – SOCC CONSULTATION RESPONSES

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WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL

From: Jenny Graham [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 October 2014 13:56
To: M4 J3 to 12 Smart Motorways
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Comments from West Berks on SoCC

Dear Lynne

Thank you for consulting us on your Statement of Community Consultation.

We are happy with what is proposed by way of exhibitions, brochures, deposit point locations and website, etc.

We wondered what the HA's plans were for making people in the local communities aware of the public exhibitions in particular?
We can let our local Councillors know and the Parish Councils if that would be of assistance.

Can we assume that the Theale exhibition details
are confirmed? Many thanks

Jenny

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SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCIL

From: Jane Griffin [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 October 2014 14:06
To: M4 J3 to 12 Smart Motorways
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Statement of Community Consultation for M4 widening Junctions 3-12

Thank you for including us in the consultation. We would still appreciate a meeting to discuss the proposals in general as promised by Lynne Stinson at my meeting last month particularly as other Councils appear to have had this opportunity.

In response to the consultation we note that there will be an exhibition at Iver Village Hall in the east of the District but there will not be an exhibition in the west of the District to serve the parishes of Dorney, Taplow and Burnham. However Burnham Library will be the deposit location for consultation. Does that mean people in Iver have to travel to Burnham to see the documentation if they miss the exhibition?

We ask that there should also be an exhibition in the western part of the District. That the affected parishes are fully notified, informed and consulted on the proposals. I also suggest that the Council offices in Denham should be the location for the deposit of the documents for inspection as the proposals will be of interest to the majority of the District.

Kind regards

Jane

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SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

From: Charlotte Lee [REDACTED]

Sent: 09 October 2014 15:50

To: M4 J3 to 12 Smart Motorways

Cc: Stinson, Lynne; Ruth Bagley; Richards Sarah; carter Joe; Stimpson Paul; Newman Jason; DeCruz Savio;

Subject: Slough Borough Council Comments: Draft SoCC

Dear Lynne,

I hope this email finds you well

I am writing to you with regard to your recent letter to Savio De Cruz, dated 31 October 2014, in which you invited Slough Borough Council to comment on the draft Smart Motorway SoCC. Our comments are as follows:

Slough will be greatly affected by the Smart Motorway proposals, and we therefore feel that Slough could be better represented in the public information exhibitions, unmanned exhibitions, and deposit point locations.

We suggest that the Highways Agency should conduct a public information exhibition at least one additional Slough-based exhibition venue. By way of recommendation, Slough Borough Council have previously utilised the SEGRO Marketing Suite (210 Bath Road), The Centre (Farnham Road) and the Marriot Hotel (Ditton Road, Langley) for such public exhibitions.

Furthermore, we would suggest adding another unmanned exhibition venue to the list, and would recommend installing exhibition boards at St Martin's Place and My Council at Landmark Place for this purpose.

With regard to consultation materials, we also feel that an additional Slough-based deposit point location is necessary. It is recommended that St Martin's Place and Landmark Place could once again be utilised for this purpose.

Our last comment is also in regard to consultation materials. Slough Borough Council were contacted by David Jones (Hyder Consulting Ltd, working on behalf of the Highways Agency) on 11/09/2014, and were asked to comment on how the Highways Agency could engage with hard to reach groups as part of the upcoming consultation. Slough Borough Council responded to David on 17/09/2014, and recommended that translated leaflets would help to engage Slough's hard to reach communities. Translated materials are not mentioned in the SoCC, so we would also like to reiterate our strong belief that the use of translated materials is important to ensuring that the Highways Agency are able to engage with hard to reach

communities. This point is of particular significance as the importance of communicating safety issues, such as what to do in the event-that motorists experience a fault in their car whilst driving on a motorway with no hard shoulder, cannot be underestimated. Therefore, we would recommend that the Highways Agency consider providing translated materials as part of the public consultation. If the Highways Agency require a full list of languages spoken in the affected areas, the Slough Borough Council can provide this.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to submit our suggestions.

Should you require any further information, including the full list of languages spoken in the affected areas, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Lee

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IVER PARISH COUNCIL

From: Admin - Iver Parish Council [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 October 2014 12:31
To: M4 J3 to 12 Smart Motorways
Subject: FW: Statement of Community Consultation for M4 widening Junctions 3-12
Importance: High

Please note email below sent on 20/10/14. We await your response

From: Admin - Iver Parish Council
Sent: 20 October 2014 09:45
To: 'M4J3to12SmartMotorways' [REDACTED]
Subject: Statement of Community Consultation for M4 widening Junctions 3-12

Please note we are not aware of this exhibition and would ask that you send us further details so that we may inform our residents.

Also please could we have a copy of your documentation as residents from Iver will not be able to travel to Burnham.

Kind regards,

Perri Sullivan
Admin Assistant
Iver Parish Council

RESPONSE TO IVER PARISH COUNCIL

From: Perry, Luke **On Behalf Of** M4 J3 to 12 Smart Motorways

Sent: 30 October 2014 13:16

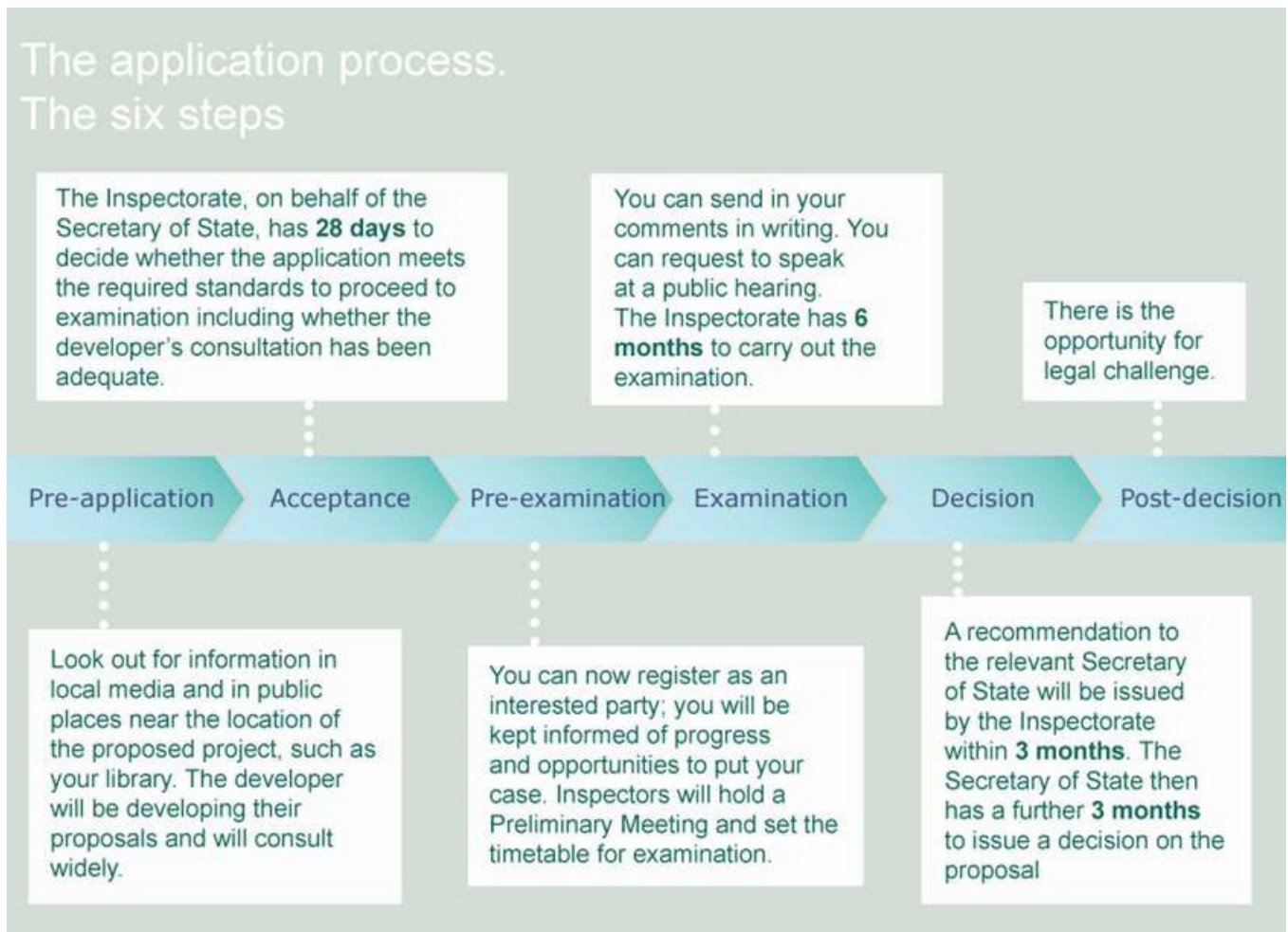
To: 'Admin - Iver Parish Council'

Subject: RE: Statement of Community Consultation for M4 widening Junctions 3-12

Dear Perrie Sullivan,

Thank you for your email dated the 20 October 2014.

At present the Highways Agency is consulting on the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), which sets out how we are planning to consult with the local community about the M4 Junctions 3 to 12 Smart Motorway Scheme. This is part of the pre-application process we follow under the Planning Act 2008, which is set out below



The public consultation on the Scheme is due to take place shortly and you will be notified of this. As part of the consultation, we will be sending out over 26,000 letters to Councils, local residents and community groups, issuing press releases to the media and sending posters/flyers to the selected deposit points advertising the exhibition venues. We are currently proposing to hold an exhibition at Iver Village Hall as part of the public consultation.

Once we have announced the public consultation, we will be happy to provide you with copies of available information.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact us on the detail's below.

Kind Regards

Luke Perry

M4 Junction 3 to Junction 12 Smart Motorway Scheme

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LONDON BOROUGH OF HILLINGDON

From: Mandip Malhotra [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 October 2014 15:07
To: Stinson, Lynne
Cc: James Rodger
Subject: Re: Out of Office: M4 Junctions 3 to 12 Smart Motorway
Attachments: addresspoints_within_3_miles_of_M4.csv; air quality email from Val.pdf; screening email.pdf

Dear Lynne

I understand that the information you had requested may not have been sent through to you. As such, please find below a summary of the information you have requested with relevant attachments which i trust will assist you with you consultation.

Screening Opinion

Please find attached an email from the Councils EIA officer with regard to your initial screening request. Please can i ask you to contact Ian Thynne if you have any queries.

Air Quality Monitoring Stations

I attach an email which identifies the air quality monitoring stations which are adjacent to the M4. Should you have any queries please contact Val Beale.

Consultation List

Attached is an excel spreadsheet which identifies all interested parties for you public consultation. In addition, Officers have identified some key organisations that we also feel should be contacted.

I trust this is of assistance, should you require anything further, please do let me know, i will be back in the office next Tuesday.

Kind regards
Mandip

LONDON BOROUGH OF HILLINGDON

From: Ian Thynne
Date: 13 October 2014 11:14
Subject: Re: Consent for M4 Junctions 3-12 Smart Motorway
To: Environmental Services
Cc: Frances Russell, Karen Jones

Marie,

Thank you for the notification. The documentation was no longer able to be viewed, and due to a week's leave and an examination in public, I have been unable to respond until now.

However, there are several matters that we are concerned with following initial appraisals of the material:

1 - The ES should not only consider the noise impacts from the areas related to the physical widening of the network. Where the motorway will be extended in use, i.e. where the existing carriageways will be reconfigured to add an extra lane, the noise impacts should be considered as a likely significant effect and assessed accordingly. In some instances the use of the hard shoulder will remove an existing buffer for properties alongside the motorway. This needs to be considered in the ES.

2 - Any increase in air quality levels above the minimum EU exceedence levels, regardless of the order of magnitude, should be considered significant. ES's often understate the impacts by simply assessing orders of magnitude which is an inherently flawed approach.

3 - There must be a rationale and realistic approach to the baseline operating levels of air quality and forecasting for future emissions. For a number of years, developers have relied on DEFRA figures that the emissions trajectory shows a downward curve for emissions. This has not materialised at monitoring stations which show limited improvements.

4 - Aside from the ES, the Council would like to see a far greater integration of communications for the road network. Currently, there is limited, if any, link between motorway information services and local road operators. For example, the M4 information displayed on dot matrix signs appears to have little or no relationship with TFL managed road networks. This means in times of congestion, those using TFL or local road networks have no information telling them of problems on the M4. The smart motorway network should therefore be integrated into all systems with information service providers at major employment locations - for example, Heathrow Airport and Stockley Business park, as well as other appropriate local road networks.

I am happy to discuss these matters further and hope these comments can still be factored in to any ongoing Environmental Statement. To ensure there are no further problems with contact or communication, please can you copy me in to

any future correspondence with the Council.

Jan Thynne

Principal Sustainability Officer



Mandip Malhotra <[REDACTED]>

M4 motorway air quality monitoring stations

3 messages

Mandip Malhotra [REDACTED] 1 October 2014 12:28

To: Val Beale [REDACTED]

Hi Val

I have been asked to provide details of the locations of all air quality monitoring stations which abut the M4 corridor in the borough. Please can you send me a plan/addresses of all the relevant monitoring stations please.

If possible- please can i have the details by next Wednesday.

Many thanks

Mandip

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Planning Guarantee

Hillingdon are committed to ensure the best possible service provision to all of our applicants. In order to ensure this, we will not be able to facilitate negotiation which would result in an application being determined outside of statutory timeframes, unless the applicant has entered into a Planning Performance Agreement.

Val Beale [REDACTED] 8 October 2014 08:28

To: Mandip Malhotra [REDACTED]

Morning Mandip

The station relevant in Hillingdon is called London Hillingdon and is located 30m north of the M4 at grid reference 506951 178605 in a residential area close to Junction 4. This is not a borough owned site it is owned and run by Defra. It has been in place since 1996. I have included the link to the Defra Air Quality monitoring sites below. This is a direct link to the station called London Hillingdon. For the consultants information if they need to search for archived data, current data, site location details then this is all available via the Defra air quality monitoring site, the link below is direct to the London Hillingdon site

http://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/networks/site-info?site_id=HIL&view=View

There are also links to this site and all monitoring in the borough on the Hillingdon Council air quality site at:

http://www.hillingdon-air.info/monitoring.php?site_id=HIL

and the site and other monitoring data for the Heathrow region is available on:

www.heathrowairwatch.org site.

Just worth mentioning that the results from this site have consistently registered above the EU limit value for annual mean nitrogen dioxide. This road is a Highways Agency controlled road and its operation is the major contributor to exceedances of the EU limit value for annual mean NO2 at relevant receptors in our borough. I have had an informal meeting, arranged by Alan Tilly, with the consultants who were looking to do the air quality assessment for this scheme. I did ask to have a separate technical meeting with them along with colleagues from Hounslow and Slough but have heard nothing since.

Kind Regards

Val

[Quoted text hidden]

Mandip Malhotra <[REDACTED]>

8 October 2014 08:34

To: James Rodger <[REDACTED]>

Hi James

Details of AQ monitoring stations set out below- information from Val.

Val has previously had a meeting on this and suggested to the HA consultants to meet with Slough and Hounslow to ensure they collate the correct information, but they have not contacted her to do so, perhaps this is something that you could suggest when you get back to the HA with the information below.

Ian T has advised that the Screening opinion should be done by the end of the week- he will be emailing a copy of it to us both.

many thanks

Mandip

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