

**APPENDIX 8: COPY LETTER TO LOCAL
PLANNING AUTHORITIES**

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Highways Agency
The Cube
199 Wharfside Street
Birmingham
B1 1RN

Date: 9th July 2014

Dear

M4 Junctions 3 to 12 Smart motorway

The Highways Agency is planning to improve the M4 between Junctions 3 and 12 to a Smart motorway. The scheme is considered to be a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) in accordance with Section 14 and Section 22 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended). We are currently preparing to submit an application to the Secretary of State, via the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

I am writing to you as your Authority is one of 11 local authorities (under the provisions of Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008, as amended) as an area through which the development is proposed to be undertaken. This places a particular role on each of the affected authorities, particularly in relation to consultation, which is an integral part of the decision-making process.

The scheme is at a relatively early stage in the DCO process, with a Regulation 6 Notification to be made to PINS shortly, advising of the intention to submit a Scoping Opinion for the development as an EIA Project. It is also planned to submit, a draft Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC) under Section 47 of the Planning Act to your authority in the near future. The timetable for the project currently anticipates the submission of a Development Consent Order (DCO) application to be made to PINS in February 2015.

In view of the current stage of the project in the pre-application process and the timetable for submission of the DCO application, we would like to meet with you to discuss the scheme proposals and the LPAs involvement in the DCO process.

Attached to this letter a list of each of the authorities affected by the proposed development, along with contact details of the respective Heads of Planning this letter has been sent to. In the interests of collaborative working you may find it advantageous, in agreeing to meet, to join with other local planning authorities, particularly where matters of common interest may arise.

In replying to this letter, I would be grateful if you could advise dates you are available to meet with us during July and August and whether you are likely to be joined in the meeting by planning officers from other local authorities.

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Once you have agreed to meet us, I will forward a draft Agenda for the meeting for your consideration

I look forward to hearing from you, though should you wish to discuss any aspect of this meeting further at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Lynne Stinson
Project Manager

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 Table showing each of the authorities affected by the proposed development

Addressee	Council	Address
Ms Basia Polnik, Head of Planning	Bracknell Forest Council	Time Square, Market Street, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1JD
Mr Simon Hurrell, Head of Planning	The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead	Town Hall, St Ives Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 1RF
Mrs Kim Parfitt, Head of Planning	Buckinghamshire County Council	County Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP20 1UA
Mr Colin Wilson, Senior Manager for Planning Decision	Greater London Authority	City Hall, The Queen's Walk, More London, London, SE1 2AA
Mr James Roger, Head of Planning	London Borough of Hillingdon	Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 1UW
Ms Heather Cheesbrough, Head of Planning	London Borough of Hounslow	Civic Centre, Lampton Road, Hounslow, TW3 4DN
Ms Alison Bell, Head of Planning	Reading Borough Council	Civic Centre, Reading, RG1 7AE
Mr Gavin Treem, Head of Planning	Slough Borough Council	Landmark Place, High Street, Slough, SL1 1JL
Mr Peter Beckford, Head of Planning	South Bucks District Council	Capswood, Oxford Road, Denham, Bucks, UB9 4LH
Mr Gary Lugg, Head of Planning and Countryside	West Berkshire Council	Council Office, Market Street, Newbury, RG14 5LD
Robert Young, Principle Planning Officer	Wokingham Borough Council	Shute End, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 1BN