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Dear Mr Farmer,

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

THE A249 TRUNK ROAD (GROVEHURST ROAD SLIP ROADS) (DETRUNKING) ORDER 2026

THE A249 TRUNK ROAD (GROVEHURST ROAD SLIP ROADS) (TRUNKING) ORDER 2026

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL A249 TRUNK ROAD (GROVEHURST SLIP ROADS) (SIDE ROADS) ORDER 2025

I am writing to inform you that the Secretary of State for Transport has made the above-named Detrunking Order and Trunking Order and has confirmed the above-named Side Roads Order.

The Orders relate to the improvement of the Grovehurst Road and A249 junction through the replacement of the existing “dumbbell” junction with a two-bridge flyover.

Copies of the notices relating to the making the Detrunking Order and Trunking Order and the confirmation of the Side Roads Order are attached for distribution to any parties you consider appropriate.

The Orders will come into force on the date on which the Secretary of State publishes notice of their making or confirmation in the London Gazette, in accordance with paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 2 to the Highways Act 1980. Arrangements have been made by for the notices to be published in the London Gazette and in the Sittingbourne News on 15 July 2026 and the Kent Messenger on 16 July 2026, these being the local newspapers used previously. The Council may wish to satisfy itself that the Notices appear in those newspapers on the scheduled publication date.

In making and confirming the Orders, the Secretary of State has relied upon the information provided by the Council, including that contained in the Orders and any related plans, diagrams, statements and correspondence, as being factually correct. The Orders have been made and confirmed on that basis.

Could you please arrange for copies of the Orders to be made available for inspection at the Council's offices and at the other locations referred to in the published notices.

Yours sincerely,

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