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Dear Mr Grandfield,

M3 JUNCTION 9 IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER SECTION 56 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 REGULATION 8 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009 REGULATION 16 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

We're writing to you regarding the proposed M3 junction 9 improvement scheme ('the Scheme') which connects south Hampshire and the wider sub-region with London via the M3 and the midlands and the north via the A34. The improvements proposed as part of the Scheme both maintain existing connectivity on the road network, whilst providing enhanced capacity, simplified routing, improved facilities for walking, cycling and horse-riding routes and landscaping enhancements. The Scheme would provide new free flow links between the M3 and A34 as well as a dedicated new A33 alignment.

National Highways is seeking development consent for the Scheme under the Planning Act 2008. This legislation requires National Highways to make an application to the Planning Inspectorate for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to get the consent we need to build the Scheme.

National Highways submitted its application for a DCO on 21 November 2022. This application was accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) on 15 December 2022. National Highways is writing to you because it is required to notify you of an accepted application.

In accordance with the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, please find enclosed with this letter:

- A paper copy of the section 56 notice, providing formal notification of acceptance of the application
- A paper copy of the Location Plan showing where the Scheme is to be sited

- A USB memory stick with a file containing the application form and accompanying application documents including plans, maps and the Environmental Statement

The application form and accompanying application documents including plans, maps and the Environmental Statement can be viewed electronically and downloaded free of charge on the project webpage of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/m3-junction-9-improvement/> under the documents tab. Further information regarding the availability of the DCO application documents and where you can view them is included in the enclosed Section 56 notice.

Any person may make representations on the application. **Representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate no later than 11.59 pm on 13 March 2023.** Please note that any submitted representations to the Planning Inspectorate will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website for the application. Details of the way in which representations must be made are included in the enclosed Section 56 notice.

For further information about the application, please contact us using the following details:

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Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures:

- A paper copy of a notice under Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008 containing the information prescribed by Regulation 8 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009) ('Section 56 notice')
- A paper copy of the Location Plan showing where the Scheme is to be sited
- A USB memory stick with a file containing the application form and accompanying application documents including plans, maps and the Environmental Statement (The Password for the USB memory stick is 'ApplicationDocuments')