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House of Commons  
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Dear Mr Lord,

### **Highways England South East Parliamentary Surgery – April 2021**

Thank you for your time and attendance at Highways England's recent South East virtual parliamentary surgery. We hope you found the meeting helpful. We were pleased that so many of your colleagues from the region were also able to attend the two sessions we ran.

It is important to us that you feel informed on the work that Highways England is doing nationally and regionally. With that in mind, we will look to hold another parliamentary surgery for the South East later in the year. This will supplement the on-going engagement we undertake with Members of Parliament in the region.

During our meeting we discussed the M1 junction 5 to 6 concrete surface trials and noise on the M25 between junctions 10 and 11. As discussed, the M1 trial is looking at whether noise is reduced by different treatments and their durability, and is expected to run until 2022. The purpose of this trial is to assess and compare the performance of different surface treatments which could be used more widely to enhance and improve concrete carriageway surfaces on the M25 DBFO network. While noise performance is a key consideration, we are also assessing a range of factors relating to the safety, longevity and quality of the surfaces which together will inform our decisions.

In the meantime, concrete joint replacement work is programmed to be carried out between junctions 8 and 11 from April to June 2021. Alongside, there is a possibility of noise insulation for individual properties. Details of the noise insulation programme is still to be confirmed for the RIS 2 (2020-2025) period, but the contractor should be announced shortly. On both these issues, we will keep you regularly updated.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to attend the session. We are always looking for ways to improve these sessions so if you have any feedback on the format itself, we would welcome your thoughts.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like an update on any aspect of Highways England's work please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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