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Dear Secretary of State

Over three months have passed, and I have yet to receive a single response to my July letter (attached) which raised significant concerns regarding the M27 and future M3 Smart Motorway schemes.

Despite highlighting these issues, the Council has continued to receive complaints from residents regarding vegetation clearance, noise, disruption and there is still no clarity regarding the overall safety of the scheme once it is in operation.

The Borough Council still intends to hold a scrutiny meeting to seek clarity on issues relating to safety, ecology, noise and the decision not to resurface the concrete sections of the road. We would certainly welcome representation from Government and Highways England at this session. Please can you inform us as to who will be representing the government and ensure that Highways England provide us with details as to who will be representing them at this session.

Yours Sincerely,

Cllr Keith House

Leader of Eastleigh Borough Council

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cc:

Jim O' Sullivan - Chief Executive Officer of Highways England Rt Hon George Eustice MP - Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Baroness Vere of Norbiton - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Roads and Motoring

Paul Holmes MP for Eastleigh

Steve Brine MP for Winchester and Chandlers Ford