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Dear Councillor House,

Thank you for your email of 15 October to the Secretary of State, a follow-up to my previous reply of 13 July, about the M27 and future M3 smart motorway schemes. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this issue.

Let me begin by extending my sincerest apologies for the delay in responding to you. I understand that you received a response from Highways England directly on 22 October 2020, which considered the points you raised with respect to Biodiversity, Safety, Construction issues and Road Surface and Noise. I have enclosed that reply for your reference.

Thank you for your active engagement with this issue on behalf of the people of Eastleigh.

*Yours,  
Charlotte*

**BARONESS VERE OF NORBITON**