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Dear Steve,

Thank you for your email of 22 October to the Secretary of State, on behalf of Councillor Keith House, Leader of Eastleigh Borough Council, about the M27 and future M3 smart motorway schemes. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this issue.

Let me begin by reaffirming my apologies for the delay in responding to Cllr House. He received a comprehensive reply from Highways England on 22 October 2020, which considered the concerns he raised with respect to Biodiversity, Safety, Construction issues and Road Surface and Noise. I have enclosed that reply for your reference.

Thank for your engagement with this issue on behalf of the Council.

*Yours,
Charlotte*

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