

## The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Access Forum

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Dear Sir / Madam,

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Access Forum (RBWM LAF) and the Mid and West Berks Local Access (MWBLAF) Forum have recently been made aware of your consultation on the M4 Smart Motorway proposals, much of which will involve works within the our respective administrative areas.

We would like to express our disappointment that the Local Access Forums for the areas were not consulted directly so that a full response could be prepared in time for your deadlines. The MWBLAF has responded to the consultation after one of its members spotted the consultation by chance. Local Access Forums are statutory advisory bodies under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 and we would expect to be included in any consultation that would affect land in our areas.

In this case there are potentially a number of opportunities to improve the local public rights of way network as part of the bridge improvements. Such improvements would only be possible when the bridges are being changed and we would like to be consulted when the details of each bridge change are being considered.

The details of the Secretary contact for the RBWM LAF and the MWBLAF are included below. We would be grateful if you could consult the Forum secretaries listed below when details of the bridge changes are being prepared.

Yours Sincerely



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