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Detailed description of the planned works (as supplied by Highways England) and plan of the bridges to be altered.

Large 'nationally significant infrastructure projects' such as the M4 undergo an examination by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) and need to gain approval by the Secretary of State prior to construction starting. To facilitate this Highways England submitted a 'Development Consent Order' (DCO) in line with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008. The application can be found on the PINS website here: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/south-east/m4-junctions-3-to-12-smart-motorway/?ipcsection=docs>. The current state of play is that the Development Consent Order application and supporting documents was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 30 March 2015 and was accepted for examination on 27 April 2015. Notifications of the acceptance under Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008 were issued on 28 May 2015.

The formal consultation was undertaken by Highways England in accordance with the Planning Act 2008. As part of the consultation, letters were issued to around 25,000 addresses within 100m of the M4 and those listed as statutory consultees or having a land interest were contacted in line with Section 42 of the Act. As you rightly note, Local Access Forums (LAF) are not listed as a statutory consultees and the guidance issued by defra does not direct LAFs to be engaged separately for this type of scheme. Regardless of these requirements we are keen to hear from any stakeholder that has an interest in the scheme and, despite the formal consultation period for the scheme having ended, we are happy to discuss any particular issues you have with you. The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead are a statutory consultee and we have had ongoing discussions with officers from the authority, including Traffic & Road Safety Manager Tony Carr, since spring 2013.

The formal route for having your views taken into consideration now involves making a representation to PINS for consideration by the Examining Authority. Any representations giving notice of any interest in, or objection to, the application must be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form which can be accessed and completed online by following the instructions within this page:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/south-east/m4-junctions-3-to-12-smart-motorway/?ipcsection=relreps>

The PINS reference number (TR010019) should be quoted in any correspondence.

Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 11:59pm on 3 July 2015. Representations will be made public by the Planning Inspectorate. To assist you understand this process I would recommend reading the PINS Advice Note 8.3: 'How to register and become an interested party in an application (April 2012)'. A copy can be accessed via the following link: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Advice-note-8-3v4.pdf>

As background the scheme proposal is essentially to increase capacity along the M4 between junctions 3 (Hayes) and 12 (Theale) by converting the existing hard shoulder permanently to a live traffic lane and using technology to monitor traffic and set speed limits.

The majority of the works will be constructed within land owned by Highways England (the Highways Agency prior to 1 April 2015) although in some locations additional land may be required permanently (to accommodate works such as widened bridges) or temporarily (to provide space for construction). As such the direct impacts of the scheme on Public Rights of Way (PRoW) are significantly reduced compared to conventional motorway widening schemes and are generally limited to:

- Temporary severance of routes while existing bridges over the motorway are widened. There are 11 existing bridges over the M4 that require replacement as part of the scheme. In seven locations the new bridge is being built alongside the existing one, with the existing bridge remaining open until the new one is completed. This minimises the time the route is closed to a short period for adjusting the tie-ins at each end of the bridge and therefore minimises the impact on road users and pedestrians to the absolute minimum. In the remaining four locations land constraints, low existing usage and/or the presence of a suitable diversion route have resulted in the bridges being replaced on-line, that is the existing bridge is demolished and a new one constructed in its place. This means that the existing route will be severed for between 9 to 12 months. 'Non-motorised user' surveys have been undertaken at these four sites to confirm use by pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians and we are working with the appropriate local authority to agree mitigation measures and diversion routes. The four sites are Marsh Lane bridge, Oldway Lane bridge, Recreation Ground bridge and Old Slade Lane bridge.
- Temporary severance of routes while existing motorway bridges over footways are widened. The Thames Bray bridge over the River Thames is being widened on its north side and the works lasting around 27 months will include constructing widened abutments, new piers and placing the bridge deck. There are three footpaths/cycleways that have been considered. The footpath/cycleway over the river on the south side of the M4 is not affected by the widening and will be kept open. The footpath/cycleway over the river on the north side of the M4 will be closed for the duration of the works and a signed diversion will be provided via Monkey Island Lane to the west and Marsh Lane to the east. The tow-path under the bridge on the east side of the river will be isolated from the works and kept open during construction. As with the river navigation route, short-term closures will be required during the beam lifts. 'Non-motorised user' surveys have been undertaken at this site to confirm use by pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians and we are working with the appropriate local authority to agree mitigation measures and diversion routes.
- Temporary disruption while existing subways over footways are widened. Two subways are affected by the works, Langley Interchange (Jct 5) and Sipson Road North (west of Jct 4). Langley subway will be closed for the duration of the widening works and a temporary diversion signed and fenced via the interchange underbridges. At Sipson footway closures are likely to construct the widening and a diversion is available via Holloway Lane to the east. 'Non-motorised user' surveys have been undertaken at these two locations to confirm

use by pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians and we are working with the appropriate local authority to agree mitigation measures and diversion routes.

The DCO application comprises of a large number of documents and to assist you understand how PRow have been taken into account, please find below a number links to key documents relating to rights of way and access:

- Document 1-1 gives an overview of the DCO application structure and content:
<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010019/2.%20Post-Submission/Application%20Documents/Application%20Form/1-1-Introduction-to-the-application.pdf>
- Drawing set 2-4 is the Access / Rights of Way Plans:
<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010019/2.%20Post-Submission/Application%20Documents/Plans/2-4-RoWA-plans.pdf>
- Document 7-3 the Engineering and Design Report (EDR) which includes descriptions of the works to be undertaken at the various bridges:
<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010019/2.%20Post-Submission/Application%20Documents/Other%20Documents/7-3-Engineering-and-design-report.pdf>
- Document 7-4 EDR Annex F2 includes general arrangement drawings of all the proposed underbridge works: http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010019/2.%20Post-Submission/Application%20Documents/Other%20Documents/7-4-EDR-Annexes_F2-Underbridges.pdf
- Document 7-4 EDR Annex F3 includes general arrangement drawings of all the proposed overbridge works: http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010019/2.%20Post-Submission/Application%20Documents/Other%20Documents/7-4-EDR-Annexes_F3-Overbridges.pdf
- Document 6-1 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 looks at the impact of the scheme on the community and private assets:
http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010019/2.%20Post-Submission/Application%20Documents/Environmental%20Statement/6-1-ES-Chapters_14-Community-and-Private-Assets.pdf
- Document 7-2 Socio Economic Report undertakes detailed consideration of the construction and operational effects of the scheme as they relate to community and private assets. The umbrella term “community” includes community facilities, areas of formal and informal open space (such as recreation grounds), and community land uses (such as allotments):
<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010019/2.%20Post-Submission/Application%20Documents/Socio-Economic-Report/7-2-Socio-Economic-Report.pdf>

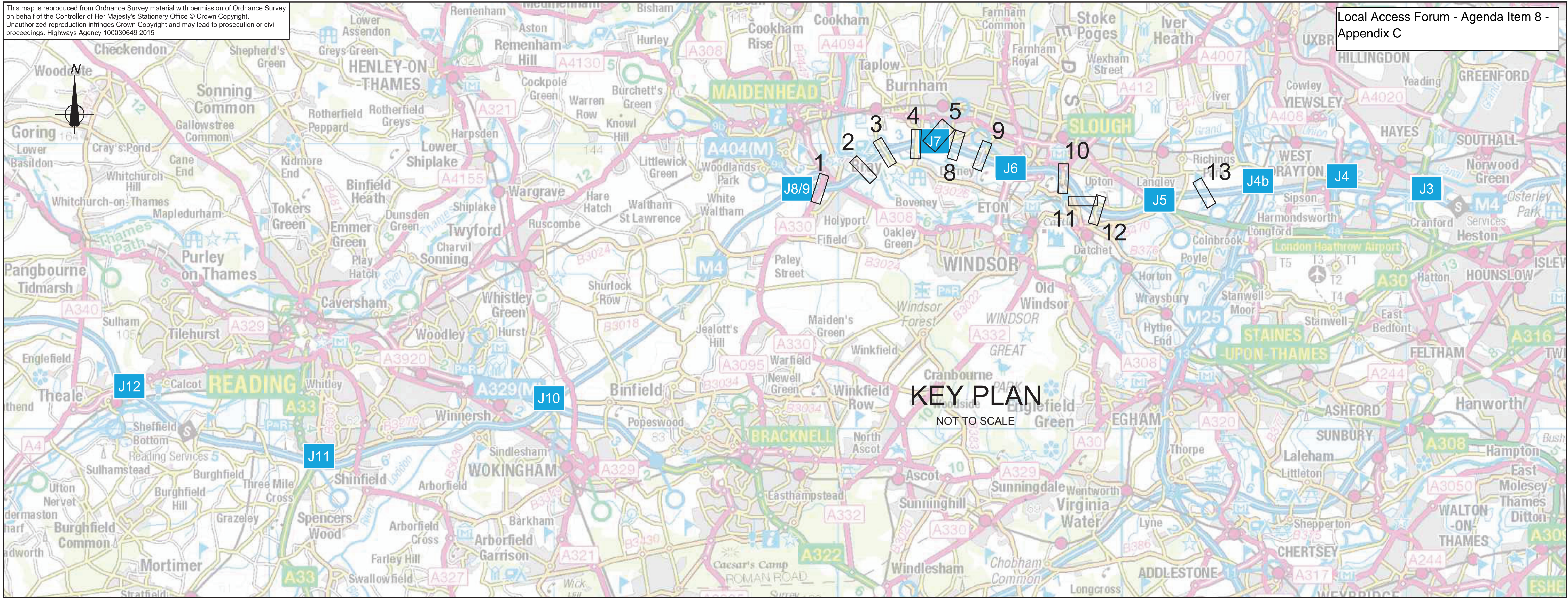
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General updates and information on the proposed M4 junctions 3 to 12 smart motorway scheme is available on the scheme website: www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/M4-Junctions-3-12 .

For further information about the scheme the Project Manager, Lynne Stinson, can be contacted via the scheme's email address which is M4J3to12SmartMotorways@highwaysengland.co.uk

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SHEET NUMBER	ROAD NAME	SHEET NUMBER	ROAD NAME	SHEET NUMBER	ROAD NAME
1	Ascot Road	5, 6, 7	Huntercombe Spur	11	Recreation Ground Road
2	Monkey Island Lane	8	Oldway Lane	12	Riding Court Road
3	Marsh Lane	9	Wood Lane	13	Old Slade Lane
4	Lake End Road	10	Datchet Road		

NOTES

Rev #	Revision Date	Revision Details	Drawn	Check	Review	Appr'd
4F	20/03/15	Submitted with DCO application	RPJ	DC	PW	GM
3R	05/03/15	For review prior to DCO application	RPJ	DC	PW	GM
2R	17/12/14	Updated	RPJ	DC	PW	GM
1R	28/10/14	Updated	RPJ	PW		PW
0D	29/08/14	Draft	RPJ	DC	GM	PW

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