



Sandyhurst Lane Residents Association



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Rt Hon Damian Green MP
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30th January 2019

Dear Damian

For over 25 years residents in this locality have been blighted by very high levels of traffic noise generated by the concrete surfacing of the M20 motorway north of Junction 9. In the area of Sandyhurst Lane alone there are almost 200 domestic dwellings within 500 metres of the motorway, housing around 600 individuals.

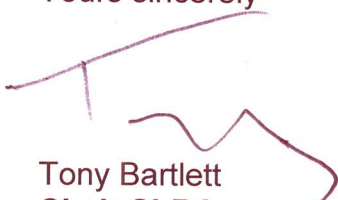
I'm sure you recall my Association has contacted you on a number of occasions about vehicle noise abatement on this stretch of the M20. Following our last correspondence in October 2017 you kindly contacted Highways England on our behalf and extracted a commitment from them that this would be addressed in 2021/22 (correspondence attached for reference).

We have now become aware of an extension of the Quieter Motorways initiative (Press Release attached) which Highways England is funding. By spring 2020 they intend to spend a £39 million special fund to install new, award-winning, quiet road surfaces, noise barriers and double glazing at over 1,000 locations on motorways and major A roads, specifically to reduce noise for residents living near those roads. Already recognised as one of the busiest, and noisiest, stretches of motorway in the UK from its outdated surface and high volumes of HGV traffic, we believe we are well qualified for inclusion in this initiative.

With the massive M20 road works on both sides of J9 and J10 that we are all enduring this appears to be an ideal (and currently funded) opportunity for Highways England to bring forward their promise to address this long standing M20 noise problem.

Once again we would be most grateful if you would intercede with Highways England and persuade them that this is an area deserving of their earliest attention to become "quieter".

Yours sincerely



Tony Bartlett
Chair SLRA

cc: Cllr. Charlie Simkins, KCC
Cllr. Larry Krause, ABC
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19th October 2017

Dear David,

I have now received a reply from Highways England about the M20.

I enclose a copy of the reply which suggests work will take place in 2021/22. This is not great, but at least we now have a date we can try to hold them to.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Damian', written in a cursive style.

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