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Dear Mr Wilson,

Noise from M20 Junctions 4 to 5 – Important Areas 5977 and 5988.

Thank you for your letter dated 28 March 2014, which detailed the findings of the Highways Agency's review of the Council's consultation comments on the above Important Areas, as part of your Noise Planning Process.

I make the following comments on your findings:

1. A further letter, from John Batty, was submitted to the Highways Agency on 29 April 2013, asking that an additional location, where there is currently no noise barrier, that he felt should be considered for Acoustic Protection within Important Area 5977. This location was described as being to the west of Station Road on the London-bound carriageway, Aylesford. I attach a copy of John's letter and a map of the location.

This additional location does not seem to have been considered by the Highways Agency, in their recent response/letter. I have received recent complaints from local residents through the local Members and the local MP, that noise from the M20 continues to adversely impact on their lives.

I ask that the Borough Council's comments for this location, in response to your consultation be addressed.

2. We welcome the outcome by the Highways Agency that they identified Willow Road as being a suitable location for a noise barrier. However, I have received a representation from local Members, this week, that residents feel the extent of the barrier should include going behind the allotments and up to Lunsford Lane.



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The noise has been described to me as 'deafening' in this location. I would ask that the length of the barrier be reviewed.

3. I note from looking at the Outcome Support document that the likely year to start the work is 2014/15 with the likely year of completion stated to be 2020/21. Are you able to provide a more specific timetable as to when the noise barrier is to be constructed, now? If not the local Members and MP ask that once any decisions have been made about the timetable, the Borough Council be informed, to enable the information to be forwarded to all interested parties.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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