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Dear Mr Hughes

**Re: A14 Ellington to Fen Ditton Draft Orders Public Exhibition/Consultation**

I have recently been contacted by a number of Parish Councils in the Huntingdon constituency regarding the publication of Draft Orders by the Highways Agency for the new A14 Ellington to Fen Ditton road.

I have been led to believe that only those residencies within 100 metres of the proposed scheme will receive details. Given the rural nature of the proposed route, there are a number of villages that will be affected by the new road, but do not fulfil this criterion as many households are dispersed. Understandably, this has caused quite some concern that the number of people attending the exhibition may not, therefore, be representative of the public viewpoint.

I would therefore be grateful if you would be able to advise me of whether you think that this distance is large enough given the characteristics of the region and whether or not you would consider widening this area.

A secondary, but nevertheless important, issue that has been brought to my attention is the cost to Parish and Town Councils and action groups of obtaining a copy of the Environmental Statement. I understand that this is in the region of £500, which is clearly a significant sum. Would it be possible for these groups to have access to the report for a reduced fee, or otherwise a smaller report be sent free of charge to the relevant stakeholders?

Due to the short timescale, I would be grateful if you would be able to consider these representations and provide me with your comments as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



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