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Dear Eva,

Noise from the M2 Motorway impacting Beecroft
Your ref.: 02075666

Thank you for your letter of 14 May 2024.

Could you please clarify a few issues for the Civic Trust and its members.

Your response implies that the resurfacing with stone mastic asphalt of the Motorway as it crosses through Beecroft will ameliorate noise. What is the basis for this? Is it based on the recommendations of trials or were those made without those trials primarily considering noise. What did the trials say on the mitigation of noise? What then is the anticipated contribution of this product on such amelioration, based on the trials and other studies connected with the surfacing product?

You state that the motorway is operating within approvals, and modelling, formulated prior to the motorway being built and that this compliance has been confirmed in 2010 and 2014. Nothing in your reply states that the original modelling has been examined to see if it still meets current recommended acceptable noise levels for a motorway in a built up area. Compliance with modelling developed quarter of a century ago and acceptability of current noise levels appear to be two different matters and relevant to two quite separate issues.

It is the current unacceptable levels of noise that concern the resident of postcode 2119.

Our concerns are not about the decision to build the motorway. They are not about NIMBYism. They are about a serious, documented deleterious impact on health and wellbeing.

In that regard I note that you make no mention of the data which we provided as to the current levels of noise. Can we therefore assume that you have nothing to question this data or the information as to what are currently acceptable noise levels?

Finally, we note that it is planned to monitor noise in the second half of this year. Importantly, will:

- this monitoring be asked to consider mitigation of noise against existing noise levels or, once again, only consider compliance with original modelling?
- this monitoring take place at times of peak noise?
- the results of this monitoring be made available to us, and (either directly or through us) the impacted residents?

Thank you, once again for your considered response.

Yours faithfully

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President

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