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Dear [Name removed under the Data Protection Act]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST- M20 JUNCTION 4 – 5 NOISE BARRIERS

Thank you for your email of 2 September to the Highways Agency Information Line (HAIL), requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, for copies of all communications between the Highways Agency and a) Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, b) Kent County Council and c) Jonathan Shaw MP regarding improvements to the noise barriers between junctions 4 and 5 of the M20 motorway in Kent.

Please find enclosed copies of all the correspondence between the Highways Agency and Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council regarding the M20 J4 – 5 noise barriers and copies of all the correspondence between the Highways Agency and Jonathan Shaw MP. The Agency has not had any correspondence with Kent County Council relating specifically to the M20 J4 – 5 noise barriers.

I enclose for information a list, giving details of all the documents included with this letter. I also attach a copy of the report 'M20 J4 -5: Traffic Noise Assessment 2006' which was sent to Jonathan Shaw MP and Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council.

Under Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we are withholding the letters sent to Jonathan Shaw MP from his constituents as the presumption is that this information is provided in confidence. This is an absolute exemption.

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number FOI 084 06 in any future communications.

Yours faithfully

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