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Dear Mr Horton

Further to my letter of 9 March, I should like to correct the information I provided concerning the Highways Agency power to issue an Article 14 Direction.

As an Executive Agency of the Department for Transport, the Highways Agency has the power to issue an Article 14 Direction under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995, in the name of the Secretary of State. As you point out, the Highways Agency has issued an Article 14 Direction in respect of the planning application relating to the Kent International Gateway, as it was considered the information provided by the developer to support the transport assessment was insufficient. Neither the Secretary of State for Transport, nor the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, had any involvement in this process.

I regret that my earlier letter was misleading on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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