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**Subject:** Re: Moto j16 (PL/2023/09142 Planning decision 10th Feb 2026)

Dear Ms Lewis

Thank you for your email.

In terms of holding the meeting anywhere other than Trowbridge, all Strategic Planning Committee's are held in Trowbridge as they are strategically important to the whole of Wiltshire and Trowbridge is the main council hub. Additionally, we have applications from all over the county go to Strategic. On this occasion they are mainly North Wiltshire applications, but we can have them from Salisbury, Tidworth, Mere etc so many people have approximately an hour journey to get to Strategic Committee. There is a train station 10 mins walk (max) from County Hall, and one in Swindon.

Additionally, the meeting is live streamed on YouTube for those unable to attend. You can view it here: [Strategic Planning Committee, 10 February 2026, 10.30am - YouTube](#)

With regard to public notices in the local press, these have been done as part of the formal consultation of the application as required by planning legislation. Similarly, consultation procedures have been undertaken in line with legislation. If it reassures you, I have given significant attention to the impact of the proposal on the Hay Lane Gypsy Traveller Site and have to the best of my ability undertaken a thorough review of all the relevant policy, legislation and concerns you have raised including ensuring that our Public protection team liaise directly with Swindon's public protection team on this matter to ensure the occupiers of the Hay Lane site and their protected characteristics are properly considered.

Regarding Wroughton PC they raise no objection to the proposal.

Regarding the 14miles distance, I have been guided by advice from National Highways who confirm the necessity of such infrastructure to serve the road network and that they have no objection to the proposed location.

I trust that these responses provide you with some reassurance.

Regards

Gen

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Subject: Moto j16 (PL/2023/09142 Planning decision 10th Feb 2026)

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Dear Sirs

An immediate answer is required.

This planning decision at which the public may ask questions, make representations and give evidence, needs to be held nearer to the application site.

Can you confirm this request can be facilitated before any decision is made on the proposed motorway services.

It has been noticed the above planning application is due to be discussed at Trowbridge and not Chippenham,

It is felt that, to have such an important matter discussed so far away from the community affected by the application is unfair.

Trowbridge is an hours drive from Swindon.

Not everyone drives. The buses are not that frequent nor is there a train station.

For a decision to be made an hours drive away from the Application site indicates that those making the decision are a) unfamiliar with the location, b) unlikely to use the roads at the location c) couldn't care less about those affected by approval of the application d) are unaware that all the facilities the Application will provide are already available close to the site. That includes, fuel, toilets, retail, cafe & restaurants, accommodation, parking and so forth are already available in the vicinity of j16

We feel there should be a consultation held in the vicinity of the Application site as there are suitable venues nearby that are accessible by public transport.

It is felt that the distance to Trowbridge would deter anyone wishing to attend and a lot of people are not able to use zoom!

Secondly, there appears to have been no Public Notice in the local press (which is the Swindon Advertiser) for two consecutive weeks, and this is a breach of the planning process.

There has been no recent Public Notice in the vicinity that could easily be read without having stop on a fast and busy stretch of road.

The Hay Lane Caravan Park appear not to have been notified of the recent Planning Application nor the fact they would need to get to Trowbridge to make a Public Representation, ask questions or give evidence for or against this Planning Application.

Not every residents understands or has site of the planning application and may not be able to read or have perfect eyesite.

In the circumstances it may be that the Application is void if any parts of the Planning Process has been missed.

It is noticed the article in todays Swindon Advertiser alleges Wroughton Parish Council "supports" the Application. Having contacted one of the councillors, it appears this is not the case.

In relation to mitigation that transport breaks should be no more than "14 miles apart" (14 minutes drive time), then a service station would be required before j16.

J Lewis

