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Dear Richard

Strategic Roads Response to the Highways Monitor's Enforcement Policy Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the enforcement policy consultation which launched on 03 July 2015

We welcome the approach which you have laid out in the consultation document but do wish to emphasise the importance of performance outcomes for all road users of the Strategic Road Network, and that the appropriate use of the policy should be balanced between the overall aims of the enforcement regime, the significant levels of investment and the likely associated disruption.

The Department's view on enforcement is aligned to the proposed policy where the use of large fines should be regarded as the ultimate sanction, normally used as a last resort. The vast majority of good performance should be as a result of effective monitoring and engagement with Highways England.

The Department looks forward to hearing the outcome of your enforcement policy consultation

Yours sincerely

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