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Dear Mrs Hodgson

Increased noise pollution

Further to our letter to you dated 7 April 2020, regarding traffic noise on the A1(M) near Picktree, I can confirm that we have now completed our investigation into the issue.

As you are aware we carried out some patching works between junctions 63 and 65 to maintain a safe and serviceable network, until such time that full resurfacing is required.

The works carried out have now been inspected. The inspectors reported that the workmanship looks good. No material defects that could cause noise appear to be present and all joints are good.

The report from the Inspectors, were then sent to our noise specialists in Birmingham for their assessment. I can confirm that they have not found evidence of a cause for an increase to noise levels from the works carried out.

Whilst this may not be the answer you were hoping for, please be assured that we are investing in research to look at innovative noise reduction measures. This will contribute towards our long-term aim of reducing the number of people impacted by noise generated by those using the road network.

I hope this addresses the concerns raised and has been helpful with answering your questions.

If you have any further queries on this matter please contact our address is Great North House, 20 Allington Way, Darlington DL1 4QB.

Yours sincerely,



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