

Dear Kerry Trueman

Thank you for your email dated 16th February.

For the past week since the Smart Motorway opened I have been watching the activity in the Lay-by that the the Local Area Plan proposes to remove. This lay-by is used extensively by all services everyday. These past two days there were defective trucks that had been removed from the Eastbound M27 and were being repaired in safety. The RAC and AA were using it, also truckers taking their mandatory breaks. If this lay-by is to be removed an alternative will be required which I do not think the planners have even considered. The Inspector's decision on what to do with the lay-by will be very interesting.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm Webster