

INS27 - Inspectors message to the Council

Smart Motorways

20th January 2022

Message to Council

On 12th January 2022 the Government announced that the roll-out of new all lane running Smart Motorway schemes is to be paused until 5 years of safety data is available. The M62 junction 20-25 Smart Motorway scheme is identified as a local intervention in the Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2021 (CC123) and was discussed at several hearing sessions (with National Highways indicating that delivery could be completed by 2025). The Council is requested to confirm whether the Government's announcement has any implications for the delivery of the Calderdale Local Plan - in terms of the scale or timing of cumulative growth and/or the delivery of specific allocation sites. Section 4 of the Council's modelling work on the Strategic Road Network (SRN) in CC122 indicates that 'The Local Plan modelling has not incorporated the smart motorways scheme and therefore the impact has not been shown. It is however, considered a key form of mitigation for the Strategic Road Network to be able to accommodate planned growth in Calderdale and elsewhere in the region.'

It would be appreciated if you could provide me with a written response via the PO by 4th February. If this timing is not possible, please let me know asap.

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[For the Councils response to this message please see document CC122a](#)