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M40 Opportunity Found

The Bucks Free Press on 17th December reported, under the headline ‘Opportunity Lost’, that installation of a quiet surface northbound between Loudwater Viaduct and Abbey Barn Road under-bridge could so easily have been so much better. We are happy to report this week that additional work was carried out by UK Highways Ltd. It included stretches of all running lanes on the southbound carriageway at Daws Lea and the Loudwater Viaduct. Dr. Ken Edwards, Chairman of pressure group M40 CEG, tells us that ‘these are precisely the locations where quality of life will be most improved by additional resurfacing. We express our thanks to UK Highways Ltd and Highways Agency for their Christmas present to local people.’

Residents affected by traffic noise from the M40 will be encouraged by news of further progress. The submission of ‘M40 Traffic Noise J3 to J8’ under the Sustainable Communities Act by Wycombe and South Oxfordshire District Councils has been successful. The Action Plan announced by the Department for Communities and Local Government on December 18th includes the following statement: ‘Government is working with WDC to establish whether the problems are serious and pressing enough to prioritise this stretch of road ahead of others’. Ken says ‘we hope that the common sense approach taken to recent resurfacing will continue, for the benefit of those who live between Junction 4 at Handy Cross and Junction 8 beyond Milton Common.

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