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| **ORR – Highways – Supplier Webinar** |
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Dear supplier,

The Office of Rail and Road – through its Highways Monitor – is responsible for monitoring the performance and efficiency of Highways England. We regularly commission research and consultancy to support our monitoring activities and to inform the advice we provide government on future investment in the Strategic Road Network (SRN) in England.

In 2021/22, we will be commissioning a programme of research which could include some or all the following topics:

* Highways England’s renewals investment planning approach.
* The effectiveness of the current performance monitoring framework with respect to a whole life cost approach to asset management.
* Benchmarking Highways England’s enhancement cost estimating tools and assumptions.
* Delivery timescales and risks associated with Highways England’s enhancement projects.
* Improving our escalatory and regulatory processes.
* Highways England's performance in delivering biodiversity.
* Analysis and recommendations on the use of a central risk reserve on major enhancements.
* Impacts on the non-user communities Highways England's work affects.
* Supporting our review of Tier 1 enhancement schemes.
* Assessing the current deliverability of the RIS2 portfolio.

We expect our total budget for 2021/22 to be within the range £400,000 to £500,000.

**We will be hosting a live webinar at 11AM on Monday 24th May aimed at current and future suppliers to the ORR.** During the event you will hear more about:

* The role and priorities of the ORR’s Highways Monitor.
* Our 2021/22 consultancy programme and how you can bid.
* What it’s like to work with the ORR.

The main part of the webinar will last approximately 30 minutes, after which there will be an opportunity for suppliers to ask questions and to provide feedback on our plans. A representative from Highways England will also be present to answer any questions you may have.

Further details on the role of the Highways Monitor can be found here: [Road monitoring | Office of Rail and Road (orr.gov.uk)](https://www.orr.gov.uk/monitoring-regulation/road)