## Specific Recommendation of the District Forest Officer, Tirupattur Division

The area in which the project is proposed is a reserved forest area named as Alangayam Reserved Forest which was notified under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act (V of 1882) Notification No. 208 - 23rd May 1887 with an extent of 4690.47 hec. As per the Reserve Forest Notification, there was an existing cart track permitted upto a width of 6 yards. Presently there is existing pakka Bituminous Road of 3.75mtrs and is being maintained by the highways department.

The area requested for diversion does not come under national park or wildlife sanctuary. There is no spontaneous growth noticed in the area requested for diversion. There is no tree cutting involved in the area proposed for widening. There is no new impact on the wildlife as the road is already existing and the proposal is only for widening. There is no violation noticed with respect to the provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in the said area. There is no soil erosion or breaking of hillslope involved in the project scope. There are no pending rights under Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Rights) Act, 2006. The widening of this stretch along with paved shoulders is highly essential for avoiding traffic congestion and also to regulate rain water draining along the hill slope.

Hence, the proposal is recommended based on public interest.

District Forest Officer,

Tirupattur Division.