

**APPLICATIONS BY SEGRO PROPERTIES LIMITED AND SEGRO (EMG) LIMITED  
FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER AND A MATERIAL CHANGE CONSENT  
ORDER**

**- EAST MIDLANDS GATEWAY PHASE 2 (EMG2)**

**WRITTEN REPRESENTATION – DEADLINE 4**

**Cllr Andrew Priestley, Interested Party Reference number:** [REDACTED]

1.0 In additional to the formal response of Kegworth Parish Council (Interested Party Reference: [REDACTED] whose submission I wholly endorse as council Chairman, I have the following personal comments.

2.0 With regard to the submissions (REP3 - 059, the EMA submission at Deadline 3), traffic modelling and issues around M1 J23A (Finger Farm roundabout).

2.1 Historically when J23A opened there was a single lane slip road from the M1 to the A42 south, the highway itself was built with two lanes however the left hand lane was hatched out. The slip road from the roundabout to A42 South merged in the left lane of the slip road which was a dedicated lane for that route. Not long after the Junction was opened it was found that traffic built up from the exit was backing up onto the M1 at peak hours causing a hazard. The Junction layout was modified such that there were then two lanes exiting from the M1 south and traffic from the J23A slip road was forced to merge into the traffic from the M1.

2.2 The Merging zone from the J23A slip road is very very short as there immediately follows a 2 lane bridge over the M1. The geometry of the slip road is also not favourable due to it being on a bend with a substantial change in gradient and the target traffic you merge with has minimal advanced visibility due to earthwork embankments. As a design this slip road is not fit for purpose and represents the least worst option in terms of highways risks short of major infrastructure improvements. An obvious solution would be to add a lane to the bridge over the M1 to allow a normal merging distance.

2.3 Anecdotally as a daily user of that junction for a substantial period of years I do not tend see HGVs using that slip road and I am of the opinion the route from EMG1 to the A42 south is via J24 and the M1.

3.0 My questions of the applicant are as follows

- a) What is the preferred/advised routing for HGVs from EMG1 to the A42 South?
- b) What is the proposed/preferred routing for HGVs from EMG2 to the A42 South?
- c) What do the traffic models assume as the routing for these traffic flows?
- d) What if any consideration has been given to this issue in the application?

I would be most grateful if this issues could be addressed during the examination.