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By email to:
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Dear Mr Cowperthwaite and Mr Dyer,

A57 Link Roads scheme
Development Consent Order application reference: TR010034
National Highways' Deadline 2 submission – 14 January 2022

Further to the Examining Authority's (ExA's) Rule 8 letter dated 19 November 2021, please find enclosed with this letter the following documents, which have been requested from the Applicant at Deadline 2 (14 January 2022):

1. The Applicant's comments on the Examining Authority's First Written Questions **(TR010034/EXAM/9.7)**. Appendix A of this document contains a categorisation of works in schedule 1 to the draft development consent order in response to Written Question 1.30.

To support National Highways' responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions the following documents are also submitted:

2. An updated Statement of Reasons in response to Written Question 1.51 and 1.53 **(TR010034/APP/4.1(3))**;
3. An updated Environmental Statement Chapters 1-4 **(TR010034/APP/6.3(2))** (clean version) and tracked **(TR010034/EXAM/9.26)** (tracked version) in response to Written Question 10.1;
4. An updated Environmental Statement Appendix 8.3: Aquatic Ecology **(TR010034/APP/6.5(2))** (clean version) and **(TR010034/EXAM/9.33)** (tracked version) in response to Written Question 12.2;
5. Word versions of the HRA Matrices are also provided in response to Written Question 12.12;

With regards to Written Question 1.59 National Highways has produced tracked versions of Documents which are listed within Schedule 10 of the draft DCO. National Highways has not submitted tracked versions of the Scheme layout Plans and Environmental Statement Figures 7.9x and 7.9xi as, in the Applicant's view, tracked versions would not help the ExA to understand the updates to each of these documents.

The following documents are also submitted by National Highways:

6. The Applicant's Comments on Deadline 1 submissions (**TR010034/EXAM/9.9**) made by: Gareth Simpson (REP1-047), John J Bower's (REP1-050), Sharon Jones (REP1-052) and Daniel Wimberley (REP1-045)

National Highways has reviewed the submissions made by the Campaign for National Parks (REP1-044), Derbyshire Climate Coalition (REP1-046), High Peak Green New Deal (REP1-049), Stephen Bagshaw (REP1-053) and Warner E Bower (REP1-054) and has no comments to make.

7. A revised Guide to the Application (**TR010034/EXAM/9.1(2)**);
8. Updated Habitats Regulations Assessment (**TR010034/APP/5.3(2)**) (clean version) and (**TR010034/EXAM/9.10**) (tracked version)
9. Table 5-1 and 5-4 of the Case for the Scheme (**TR010034/APP/7.1(3)**) have been updated to reflect improved present value noise benefits as a result of changes to Environmental Statement Chapter 11 submitted at Deadline 1 (REP1-017);
10. Updated versions of the Scheme Layout Plans (**TR010034/EXAM/2.6(2)**) in response to the Section 51 advice;
11. An updated Environmental Statement - Chapter 5 - Air Quality (**TR010034/APP/6.3(2)**) (clean version) and (**TR010034/EXAM/9.27**) (tracked version);
12. An updated Environmental Statement - Chapter 7 - Landscape and Visual Effects (**TR010034/APP/6.3(2)**) (clean version) and (**TR010034/EXAM/9.28**) (tracked version);
13. An updated Environmental Statement - Chapter 8 - Biodiversity (**TR010034/APP/6.3(3)**) (clean version) and (**TR010034/EXAM/9.29**) (tracked version);
14. An updated Environmental Statement - Chapter 12 – Population and Human Health (**TR010034/APP/6.3(3)**) (clean version) and (**TR010034/EXAM/9.30**) (tracked version);

15. An updated Environmental Statement - Chapter 16 - Summary **(TR010034/APP/6.3(2))** (clean version) and **(TR010034/EXAM/9.31)** (tracked version);
16. An updated Environmental Statement – Figure 7.2 – Local Landscape Character **(TR010034/APP/6.4(2))**;
17. An updated Environmental Statement – Figure 7.9x – Photomontages **(TR010034/APP/6.4(2))**;
18. An updated Environmental Statement – Figure 7.9xi – Photomontages **(TR010034/APP/6.4(2))**; and
19. An updated Environmental Statement – Appendix 7.1 – Visual Effects Schedule **(TR010034/APP/6.5(2))** (clean version) and **(TR010034/EXAM/9.32)** (tracked version).

Statements of Common Ground

The following draft Statements of Common Ground are submitted:

20. An updated draft Statement of Common Ground with Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council – Updated **(TR010034/APP/8.2(2))**;
21. An updated draft Statement of Common Ground with High Peak Borough Council **(TR010034/APP/8.3(2))**. (Document reference TR010034/APP/8.3(2) is now the SoCG with High Peak Borough Council solely and document reference TR010034/EXAM/9.25 is the SoCG with Derbyshire County Council solely. This is at the request of both local authorities);
22. An updated draft Statement of Common Ground with Transport for Greater Manchester **(TR010034/APP/8.4(2))**. The Examining Authority's attention is drawn to the note on this SoCG in the paragraphs below;
23. Draft Statement of Common Ground with Peak District National Park Authority **(TR010034/EXAM/9.13)**;
24. Draft Statement of Common Ground with Greater Manchester Archaeological Advisory Service **(TR010034/EXAM/9.14)**;
25. Draft Statement of Common Ground with the Environment Agency **(TR010034/EXAM/9.16)**. National Highways wishes the Examining Authority to note that the statuses set out in the Status column of this SoCG are in the process of being agreed with the Environment Agency;
26. Draft Statement of Common Ground with United Utilities **(TR010057/EXAM/9.17)**;

27. Draft Statement of Common Ground with Natural England
(TR010034/EXAM/9.18);
28. Draft Statement of Common Ground with Openreach **(TR010034/EXAM/9.20);**
29. Draft Statement of Common Ground with Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited **(TR010034/EXAM/9.21);**
30. Draft Statement of Common Ground with Cadent Gas **(TR010034/EXAM/9.22);**
31. Draft Statement of Common Ground with Electricity North West
(TR010034/EXAM/9.23);
32. Draft Statement of Common Ground with National Grid **(TR010034/EXAM/9.24);**
33. Draft Statement of Common Ground with Derbyshire County Council
(TR010034/EXAM/9.25);

The following final Statements of Common Ground are submitted:

34. A final Statement of Common Ground with Historic England
(TR010034/EXAM/9.19);

As the format of the SoCGs has, in the light of the request of the Examining Authority in the Rule 6 letter dated 19 October 2021 and the request from High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council for individual SoCGs, changed substantially since date of the original application, tracked changes versions of the SoCGs included with the original application have not been provided as, in the Applicant's view, tracked versions would not help the ExA to understand the updates to each of these documents.

Apart from the Statement of Common Ground with Historic England all other listed SoCGs have been submitted as draft documents, where the signature of both parties indicates an agreement to continue to discuss and address any issues within the document listed as 'under discussion'.

The Transport for Greater Manchester SoCG has been discussed with both the technical team and the policy team at TfGM and the Applicant has their agreement that the SoCG can be submitted into examination. Greater Manchester Combined Authority indicated by email (23 November 2021) that it did not want to be a Rule 6 party but would be a party to the SOCG for TfGM. This is reflected in the correspondence table in section 2 of the TfGM SoCG. Discussions between National Highways, TfGM and GMCA are ongoing.

CPRE is not a statutory consultee. However, CPRE requested an SoCG at the Preliminary Meeting on 16 November 2021. National Highways is in ongoing discussions with CPRE about the content of an SoCG. Should agreement be reached, an SoCG with CPRE will be submitted at a later deadline.



I should be grateful if you would acknowledge safe receipt of this letter and arrange for a copy of it and its enclosures to be placed before the Examining Authority. If you require any further information on the above, please do not hesitate to contact Scheme Project Manager, Emma Simpson, or I on the following email address: A57linkroads@highwaysengland.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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