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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 9 submission – 27 April 2022

Further to the Examining Authority's (ExA's) updated Rule 8 letter dated 11 April 2022, please find enclosed with this letter the following documents, which have been requested from the Applicant at Deadline 9 (27 April 2022):

1. Applicant's comments on the Examining Authority's Schedule of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order **(TR010034/EXAM/9.80(1))**;
2. Applicant's comments on Deadline 8 Submissions **(TR010034/EXAM/9.79(1))**;
3. An updated Book of Reference **(TR010034/APP/4.3(5))** (clean version) and **(TR010034/EXAM/9.57(3))** (tracked version);
4. An updated Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference **(TR010034/EXAM/9.58(3))**;
5. An updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule **(TR010034/EXAM/9.2(5))**;
6. An updated Schedule of Progress in relation to S127 and S138 **(TR010034/EXAM/9.35(3))**;
7. An updated Consents and Agreements Position Statement **(TR010034/EXAM/3.3(5))**;
8. An updated Guide to the Application **(TR010034/EXAM/9.1(9))**;
9. An updated set of Streets, Rights of Way Access Plans **(TR010034/APP/2.4(5))**;

10. An updated set of Works Plans **(TR010034/APP/2.3(5))**;
11. An updated draft Development Consent Order **(TR010034/APP/3.1(7))** (clean version)
12. A version of the draft DCO showing all changes since the previous submitted version **(TR010035/EXAM/9.3(7))**
13. A version of the draft DCO showing all changes since the application version **(TR010034/EXAM/9.8(6))**
14. A version of the draft DCO showing all changes since the Examining Authority's version **(TR010034/EXAM/9.83)**;
15. An updated Explanatory Memorandum **(TR010034/APP/3.2(6))**;
16. An updated Schedule of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order **(TR010034/EXAM/9.34(6))**;
17. An updated Environmental Management Plan (EMP) (First Iteration) **(TR010034/APP/7.2(4))** (clean version) and tracked version **(TR010034/EXAM/9.47(3))**. The following amendments have been made to the annexes within the EMP;
 - a. An updated Annex C.1 Design Approach Document (previously submitted as a standalone document at Deadline 7 (REP7-029))
 - b. A new Annex B.8 Outline Dewatering Management Plan
 - c. The updated Noise and Vibration Management Plan previously submitted as a standalone document at Deadline 8 (REP8-022) has been incorporated into Annex B.2;
 - d. The updated Outline Carbon Management Plan previously submitted as a standalone document at Deadline 5 (REP5-023) has been incorporated into Annex B.9;
18. An updated Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments **(TR010034/APP/7.3(5))** (clean) and a tracked version **(TR010034/EXAM/9.66(2))**;
19. A document covering the Select Link Analysis of Dinting Road **(TR010034/EXAM/9.81(1))**;
20. A Technical Note on the River Etherow Outfall **(TR010034/EXAM/9.82(1))**.

Statements of Common Ground

The following Statements of Common Ground are submitted:

21. A final Statement of Common Ground with Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council **(TR010034/APP/8.2(3))**;
22. A final Statement of Common Ground with Openreach **(TR010034/EXAM/9.20(2))**.
23. A final Statement of Common Ground with Cadent Gas **(TR010034/EXAM/9.22(2))**;
24. A final Statement of Common Ground with Electricity North West **(TR010034/EXAM/9.23(2))**;
25. A final Statement of Common Ground with National Grid **(TR010034/EXAM/9.24(2))**;
26. A final Statement of Common Ground with Derbyshire County Council **(TR010034/EXAM/9.25(2))**;

National Highways is in ongoing discussions with the Environment Agency about the contents of an SoCG. However, both National Highways and the Environment agency have agreed to submit an unsigned version of the SoCG as it stands into the examination **(TR010034/EXAM/9.16(3))**. National Highways anticipates being able to submit a final version of the SoCG at Deadline 10.

National Highways is continuing to develop Statements of Common Ground regarding the A57 Link Roads scheme with the following parties:

- High Peak Borough Council
- Peak District National Park Authority
- Transport for Greater Manchester
- United Utilities
- Cornerstone

National Highways is anticipating being able to submit a final version of these SoCGs prior to the close of the examination.

National Highways is seeking a badger license from Natural England. However this is not expected to be achieved until later in 2022. As a result National Highways has revised the SoCG with Natural England to reflect the current status of the licence application. National Highways is anticipating being able to submit a final version of the SoCG prior to the close of the examination.

Land in Escheat

In light of recent information regarding land in escheat, National Highways has sought clarification on the matter from the Government Legal Department. Subject to the response from the Government Legal Department it may be necessary to submit a further revision of the Book of Reference, both clean and tracked, as well as an updated Statement of Reasons into the examination at a later Deadline.

Applicant's comments on the Report on Implications for European Sites:



National Highways has reviewed the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) issued by the Examining authority (PD-014) and considers that its contents provides an accurate summary of matters. National Highways has no further comment to make on the document.

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@nationalhighways.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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