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**M54 to M6 Link Road Scheme – Deadline 4**

Please find enclosed the following documents from the Applicant for Deadline 4:

- 1.5 Guide to the Application (version P11 to supersede version P10 submitted on 17 December 2020). Clean and tracked changes versions.
- 2.10 Engineering Section Drawings (version P03 to supersede [AS-071]). Addition of introductory plan showing the location of sections to respond to Written Question 2.5.10.
- 3.1 Draft Development Consent Order (version 4 to supersede [REP2-006]). Clean and tracked changes versions, with pdfs and word versions submitted.
- Validation report for Draft DCO (version 4)
- 3.3 Consents and Agreements Position Statement (version P03 to supersede [APP-020]). Updated to reflect latest position on consents and agreements. Clean and tracked changes versions.
- 6.11 Outline Environmental Management Plan (version 4 to supersede [AS-112]). Clean and tracked changes versions.
- 7.5 Outline Traffic Management Plan (version P05 to supersede [AS-115]). Clean and tracked changes versions.
- 8.8 Statement of Commonality (version P02 to supersede [REP1-062]). Clean and tracked changes versions.
- Updated Statements of Common Ground to include:
  - 8.8LA(A) Staffordshire County Council (version 3 (P04) to supersede [REP1-042]).
  - 8.8LA(B) South Staffordshire Council (version 4 (P05) to supersede [REP1-059]).
  - 8.8P(A) Environment Agency (version 4 (P06) to supersede [REP1-026]).
  - 8.8P(B) Natural England (version 6 (P08) to supersede [REP1-028]). Includes Technical Note on Agricultural Soils as an appendix.
  - 8.8P(C) Historic England (version 5 (P06) to supersede [REP1-052]).
  - 8.8LIU(B) William Bibbey (version 3 (P04) to supersede [REP1-060]).
  - 8.8LIU(C) Robert Edward Rowe (version 3 (P04) to supersede [REP1-046]).
  - 8.8LIU(E) Mark and Tracy Commins (version 3 (P04) to supersede [REP1-041]).

- 8.8LIU(G) Michael Byard (version 2 (P04) to supersede [REP1-055])
- 8.8LIU(I) Ian and Adrian Simkin (version 3 (P04) to supersede [REP1-051])
- 8.8LIU(K) Nurton Developments (Hilton) Limited (version 4 (P06) to supersede [REP1-045]).
- 8.8LIU(L) The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty (version 4 (P05) to supersede [REP1-034]).
- 8.8LIU(P) South Staffordshire Water (version 3 (P03) to supersede [REP1-032]).
- 8.8LIU(R) Zayo (version 2 to supersede [REP1-031]). Signed version.
- 8.8O(A) M6 Diesel (version 4 (P05) to supersede [REP1-030]).
- 8.8O(D) Staffordshire Wildlife Trust (version 4 (P06) to supersede [REP1-033]).
- 8.18 Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation.
- 8.19 Applicant Responses to Examining Authority's Second Written Questions, Representations Made at Deadlines 2, 3 and 3a and Matters Raised During Hearings in December 2020. In addition to responses to matters raised, this document also includes the following appendices:
  - Plan and schedule showing areas of the various habitats and species, areas of agreement and disagreement with Allow Ltd.
  - National Trust legal agreement (provided in response to WQ 2.3.4 and discussed at ISH3)
  - Copy of Figure 1 of Appendix 10.1 of the ES to aid understanding of the response to WQ 2.9.2
  - Draft maintenance plans between Staffordshire County Council and Highways England
  - Plan showing the turning head for A460 Cannock Road as requested at ISH2
  - Natural England Policy: Proposed new policies for European Protected Species licensing
- 8.20 Review of Woodland Mapping, Impact Assessment and Compensation – Revised Design. Includes detailed mapping of the 5 m buffer area as discussed at ISH1. This uses the same methodology as the previously submitted 8.16 document but assessed the Scheme as amended in October 2020 rather than the originally submitted application. The previous note remains relevant as it includes a direct comparison between Allow's representations and the Applicant's position. Therefore, this document has been submitted as a stand-alone document rather than superseding 8.16.
- 8.21 Walking, Cycling and Horse-Riding Routes at Junctions Technical Note
- 8.22 Assessment of Alternative Locations for Mitigation in plot 5/2. This document also addresses points raised by Mick Rawlings at ISH1.
- 8.23 Ancient Woodland Map Regression Oxden Leasow/ Whitgreaves Wood North

The submissions address the Applicant's action points arising from the Hearings on Tuesday 8, Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 December 2020 where a response is required from the Applicant by Deadline 4. The location of information requested is set out in the table below.

AP No.	Action	Where addressed
Tuesday 8 December 2020 – Issue Specific Hearing 1: Biodiversity and Cultural Heritage		
1	Provision of NE Licencing Policy regarding Great Crested Newts	8.19 (section 5) Applicant responses document.
2	Detailed maps of buffers on woodland and approach	8.20 'Review of Woodland Mapping, Impact Assessment and Compensation – Revised Design.'

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3	Desk Based Assessment of Whitgreaves Woodland North and whether ancient woodland	8.23 'Ancient Woodland Map Regression Oxden Leasow/ Whitgreaves Wood North'
4	Response to Natural Trust 'benefit' query for Whitgreaves Wood South.	8.19 (section 5) Applicant responses document.
7	Provision of Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation	8.18 Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation.
8	Response to comments on balance of planting east or west of proposed Link Road	8.22 Assessment of Alternative Locations for Mitigation in plot 5/2
<b>Tuesday 8 December 2020 – Issue Specific Hearing 2: Traffic and Transport</b>		
12	Detailed drawing of turning head at southern end of Cannock Road (proposed cul-de-sac).	See 8.19 Appendix 5.1.
13	Appraisals of alternative WCH routes around M54 Junction 1 and M6 Junction 11.	See 8.21 'Walking, Cycling and Horse-riding Routes at Junctions Technical Note'
<b>Wednesday 9 December 2020 – Issue Specific Hearing 3: Draft Development Consent Order</b>		
14	To look at drafting of dDCO so as to ensure maintenance provisions do not apply to highways for which the Applicant would no longer be responsible after transfer to SCC.	8.19 (section 5) Applicant responses document for an explanation. See 3.1 Draft DCO Article 10(6) for alteration.
15	Ensure that any scheme of archaeological investigation is carried out in an agreed manner, and not undertaken outside these provisions. Article 3 and Requirement 9.	8.19 (section 5) Applicant responses document.
16	Re-examine Article 8(4) to see whether this could be made more specific to the scheme	8.19 (section 5) Applicant responses document for an explanation. See 3.1 Draft DCO Article 8(4) and Schedule 1 for alteration
17	To look at provisions, either in the dDCO or in a certified document, to place a positive obligation on the Applicant to undertake appropriate review to use Article 16 powers in relation to Cannock Road and Dark Lane cul-de-sacs.	8.19 (section 5) Applicant responses document.
18	To look at DCO Provisions in relation to publicity for approved documents and as well as details pursuant to Requirements	8.19 (section 5) Applicant responses document for an explanation. See 3.1 Draft DCO Requirement 15(4) for alteration.
19	To consider following matters relating to Schedule 2 (Requirements): a) whether additional bodies should be subject to pre-submission consultation in R4, R8, and R9; b)	a) 8.19 (section 5) Applicant responses document for an explanation. See 3.1 Draft DCO Requirements 4, 8 & 9 for alterations.

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	whether highways works ultimately to be subject of SCC maintenance should be subject to additional Requirement.	b) 8.19 (section 5) Applicant responses document for an explanation.
<b>Thursday 10 December 2020 – Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1: Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession</b>		
21	Applicant to arrange discussion and potential site visit with Historic England and Allow Limited to seek to clarify Historic England's views in respect of effects on designated and non-designated heritage assets at Hilton Park with a view to Historic England submitting further information.	Site visit held with Historic England and Allow on 6 January 2021. Historic England provided a written update on their position to the ExA by e-mail following the site visit on 8 January 2021.
23	Applicant to address point on whether the CA Regulations are engaged re Plot 6/25 alternations, and, if so, implications thereafter.	The Applicant submitted a request to amend Plot 6/25 in December 2020, with this request being accepted into the Examination on 7 January 2021. See Statement of Common Ground with Ian and Adrian Simkin (document 8.8LIU(I)) for the position on agreement with the landowner over the change. The Applicant has agreed to the change with the landowner but is nevertheless proceeding with processes in line with CA Regulations to err on the side of caution.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries on any documents submitted.

Yours Sincerely



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