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To:
The Applicant
Crown Estate Commissioners

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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Gloucestershire County Council (“the Applicant”) seeking Development Consent for the proposed M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme (“the Application”)

Request for comments from the Applicant and the parties listed above

Responses to the Secretary of State’s consultation [letter of 21 March 2025](#) have now been published. Responses were provided by the [Applicant](#) and the [Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs](#).

CROWN LAND

It is noted that **the Applicant** and the **Crown Estate Commissioners** were expected to provide additional information in relation to an agreement for the voluntary acquisition of land (identified in the Book of Reference as plots 14/5a and 14/7a) and this information was anticipated by 30 April 2025. Given this concerns a statutory condition for the purposes of the proposed Order, this issue should have been resolved during the Examination phase of the Application at the latest, and it is disappointing that this issue remains unresolved to date. This appears to be a reoccurring issue outside of this Application that the Department will be picking up with the Crown Estate Commissioners and HM Treasury. However, in relation to this Application, the Secretary of State invites both parties to provide their earliest update on the agreement and requests confirmation from the **Crown Estate Commissioners** as to whether Crown consent can be granted.

Deadline for Response

The deadline for response is **08 May 2025**.

Submissions sent by post may be subject to delay therefore your response on the information requested above should be submitted to the Case Team, if possible, by email to m5junction10@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the deadline, or difficulty in submitting a response by email, please inform the Case Team.

Responses will be published as soon as possible after the deadline on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at: [M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme - Project information](#).

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision on the Application, and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully,

Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit