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20 May 2025

M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme

Dear Mr Barrowman,

Application by Gloucestershire County Council for an order granting Development Consent for the M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme

Further to our letter of 16 May 2025, please be advised that today the Applicant has received the enclosed letter granting Crown Consent from the Crown Estate Commissioners.

We trust that this resolves any outstanding matters, however, should the Secretary of State require any further information please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of the Project team.

Yours sincerely,

Highways and Infrastructure
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Enclosure: Crown Estate Consent Letter









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Your ref: TR010063

Date: 20 May 2025

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

Application by Gloucestershire County Council for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under the Planning Act 2008 for the M5 Junction 10 Improvements Development Consent Order (the "Scheme")

Consent under Section 135 of the Planning Act 2008

- The Crown Estate Commissioners understand that Gloucestershire County Council ("GCC")
 has applied for a development consent order ("DCO") under the Planning Act 2008 (the "Act")
 for the Scheme.
- 2. Proposals for the Scheme affect land in which Crown Estate Commissioners have an interest and which comes within the definition of 'Crown land' in section 227 of the Act. Such land comprises the following areas listed in the below table and more particularly shown shaded pink on the plan (titled "Crown Land Plans Regulation 5(2)(n) Sheet 14 of 16") annexed to this letter (together, the "Land"):

Plot Number	Location on Crown Land Plans	Extent, description, and situation of the plots	Explanation of proposed use
14/5a	Sheet 14	All rights and interests within approximately 757 square metres of wooded area and verge (Gallagher Retail Park), south of Green Steps and northeast of Cross Hands, Uckington	Required for the realignment and dualling of the A4019 (Tewkesbury Road) Junction with associated footway, cycleway, shared use paths, private means of access, signage and ducting Required for the alteration of the signalised junction serving Gallagher Retail Park and the B4634 to the south of the A4019 (Tewkesbury Road) with maintenance bay Required for the diversion of telecommunication cable and associated apparatus and equipment
14/7a	Sheet 14	All rights and interests in approximately 66 square metres of public footway, northwest of Cross Hands and south of Green Steps, Uckington	Required for the realignment and dualling of the A4019 (Tewkesbury Road) with associated footway, cycleway, shared use paths, private means of access, signage and ducting Required for the diversion of telecommunication cable and associated apparatus and equipment

3. Section 135(1) of the Act enables DCOs to authorise the compulsory acquisition of an interest in Crown land (which includes rights over land held by the relevant Crown authority) where that interest is held by a party other than the Crown. If provisions to compulsorily acquire such

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interests are to be included in a DCO, then the consent of the appropriate Crown authority is needed before the DCO can be granted by the Secretary of State.

- 4. Section 135(2) of the Act allows a DCO to include any provision which applies "in relation to Crown land or rights benefiting the Crown", but only if the appropriate Crown authority consents to the inclusion of the provision.
- 5. GCC seeks the consent of Crown Estate Commissioners to the inclusion of Crown land in the DCO for Scheme. As the owner of the Land with the benefits of the rights over the Land, the Crown Estate Commissioners are the appropriate Crown authority to give Crown land consent as prescribed by section 135 of the Act.
- 6. In relation to any rights of compulsory acquisition which GCC may seek in relation to interests in the Land plots noted above which are held otherwise than by or on behalf of the Crown falling within section 135(1) of the Act, I confirm that the Crown Estate Commissioners grant consent to the inclusion of such rights in the draft DCO for GCC and to the exercise of such rights as provided for in section 135(1)(b) of the Act. I confirm that the Crown Estate Commissioners are satisfied with and consents to, in accordance with section 135(2) of the Act, the proposed Order applying in relation to the Land subject to the made DCO containing the provisions in Article 43 (crown rights) of the draft DCO [REP11-033].
- 7. GCC and the Crown Estate Commissioners are in the process of agreeing heads of terms in relation to the Land and it is agreed between GCC and the Crown Estate Commissioners that any consent pursuant to paragraph (1) of article 43 shall be subject to those heads of terms, unless otherwise agreed between the parties.

The Crown Estate Commissioners expect to be kept informed of GCC's progress with the Scheme, both in relation to the application for the DCO and the implementation of that consent, should it be granted by the Secretary of State in due course.

Signed by
for and on behalf of THE CROWN ESTATE COMMISSIONERS

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