

Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A57 Link Roads
The Examining Authority's (ExA's) Record of its First Unaccompanied Site Inspection

The ExA undertook its First Unaccompanied Site Inspection over two days on 21 and 22 September 2021 by car and on foot, on public roads and public rights of way. The routes were planned having regard to the Applicant's Environmental Statement (ES) and enabled the ExA to obtain views of the application site and surrounding area.

References [APP-xxx] are used in the Examination Library, which is available on the National Infrastructure Planning Project Website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a57-link-roads-previously-known-as-trans-pennine-upgrade-programme/?ipcsection=docs>.

Viewpoint (VP) locations are as indicated on ES Figure 7.9 [[APP-098](#)].

Date	Time	VP	Weather Conditions	Location / Route
21/09/21	14.00	3	Dry. Sunny. High thin cloud. Visibility good.	Public right of way junction with Hyde Road (A57).
	14.15	1	Dry. Sunny. High thin cloud. Visibility good.	Edge Lane, adjacent to Grange Farm.
	15.10	4	Dry. Sunny. High thin cloud. Visibility good.	Roe Cross Road (A6108) adjacent to residential properties at Four Lanes.
	15.30	7	Dry. Sunny. High thin cloud. Visibility good.	Mottram Moor (A57).
	15.40	10	Dry. Sunny. High thin cloud. Visibility good.	Mottram Moor (A57) adjacent to The Gun Inn Public House.
	15.55	12	Dry. Sunny. High thin cloud. Visibility good.	Woolley Bridge (A57).
22/09/21	09.50	2	Dry. Low dense cloud. Visibility good – slight haze.	Edge Lane.

Date	Time	VP	Weather Conditions	Location / Route
	10.05	16	Slight drizzle. Low dense cloud. Visibility good – slight haze. Some hill fog.	Public right of way.
	10.30	-	Slight drizzle. Low dense cloud. Visibility good – slight haze. Some hill fog.	Adjacent to 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 Four Lanes.
	10.40	-	Dry. Low dense cloud. Visibility good – slight haze. Some hill fog.	Adjacent to 8A, 8B, 8C, 17, 19, 21 and 21a Old Road.
	10.50	-	Dry. Low dense cloud. Visibility good – slight haze. Some hill fog.	Adjacent to 2A, 2B, 4, 4A, 6, 11, 13 and 15 Old Hall Lane.
	10.55	-	Light drizzle. Low dense cloud. Visibility good – slight haze. Some hill fog.	Adjacent to 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 Tollemache Close.
	11.00	5	Drizzle. Low dense cloud. Visibility good – slight haze. Some hill fog.	Old Hall Lane.
	11.20	6	Drizzle. Low dense cloud. Visibility moderate. Some hill fog.	Coach Road.
	11.50	-	Dry. Hill Fog. Visibility limited within low cloud.	Snake Pass.
22/09/21	13.40	14	Dry. Cloud breaking to give sunny spells. Visibility good. Clear.	Trans Pennine Trail.
	14.05	17	Dry. Cloud breaking to give sunny spells. Visibility good. Clear.	Public right of way adjacent to Melandra Castle Roman Fort.
	14.10	-	Dry. Cloud breaking to give sunny spells. Visibility good. Clear.	Melandra Castle Roman Fort.

Date	Time	VP	Weather Conditions	Location / Route
	14.55	9	Dry. Broken cloud. Sunny spells. Visibility good. Clear.	Carr House Lane adjacent to Carr House Farm.
	15.05	11	Dry. Broken cloud. Sunny spells. Visibility good. Clear.	Etherow-Goyt Valley Way.
	15.15	12	Dry. Broken cloud. Sunny spells. Visibility good. Clear.	Etherow-Goyt Valley Way adjacent to Tara Brook Farm.
	15.50	8	Dry. Broken cloud. Sunny spells. Visibility good. Clear.	Junction of public rights of way adjacent to Church of St Michael and All Angels.
	16.10	-	Dry. Broken cloud. Sunny spells. Visibility good. Clear.	Mottram-in-Longdendale Conservation area.
	16.20	-	Dry. Broken cloud. Sunny spells. Visibility good. Clear.	Church of St Michael and All Angels and adjacent cross.