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Dear Sirs

We refer to your letter dated 3 July 2020 sent pursuant to Rule 6 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. Hampshire County Council is the statutory Local Highway Authority and Local Lead Flood Authority for an area in which the project is proposed to be constructed.

The County Council wishes to speak at the Preliminary Meeting on 18 August 2020 on the following agenda items:

Item 3 - Initial Assessment of Principal Issues: although "alternatives" are mentioned in the context of both compulsory acquisition and EIA matters, the County Council considers that the availability of alternatives which do not involve such significant disruption to highways should be identified as a principal issue in its own right.

Item 4 - Draft Examination Timetable: the County Council will request the insertion of a deadline for provision of draft Section 106 obligations, prior to issue specific hearings relevant to its interests.

Item 5 - Deadlines for submissions and notifications: the County Council wishes to raise a general point about flexibility in the examination timetable to accommodate difficulties presented to working practices as a result of the Covid-19 crisis.

Item 6 - Dates and format for hearings: the County Council wishes to identify the need for issue specific hearings in respect of highways, flooding and drainage, and the draft DCO.

The County Council expects to be represented by Counsel (Richard Turney of Landmark Chambers) at the Preliminary Meeting. A number of officers will wish to attend the hearing remotely, but not participate. We would be grateful for confirmation that the County Council will be permitted to attend the Preliminary Meeting.

Yours sincerely

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