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2nd August 2013

For the Attention of Ms Kay Sully, Case Manager.

Dear Sir/Madam,

A556 Knutsford to Bowdon Scheme.

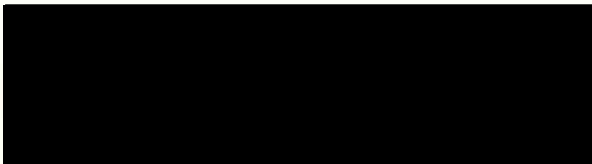
Your ref TR010002
Our ref KNUT-AP142 & 143.

Thank you for your letter of 24th July outlining the procedural timetable and agenda for the preliminary meeting that is to take place on Tuesday 3rd September.

I respond on behalf of Mrs E.M.Whittle and myself to thank you for the invitation to attend this meeting but regret on this occasion Mrs Whittle and I shall not be able to do so, due to unfortunately a clashes dates with a Board Meeting.

I'm not completely sure the point that I wish to make is entirely appropriate for this preliminary meeting as it concerns the detail of height of the new A556 travelling across Chapel Lane at approximately one metre above ground level. This comment is outlined in my e-mail to Mr Steffan Jones containing responses from Ms Anna Pickering of the A556 Knutsford to Bowdon Project Team. Should you require copies of this correspondence I shall be pleased to forward them upon hearing from you. Alternatively, your advice on how to proceed with this observation within the procedural agenda will be welcomed.

Yours faithfully,



W.T.Whittle.

From: Bill Whittle [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 05, 2013 12:19 PM
To: Knutsford to Bowdon
Subject: FW: A556 Knutsford to Bowdon Improvement Scheme.

For the attention of Mr Steffan Jones.

Dear Mr Jones,

I refer to our conversation of a few minutes ago when I explained that I have received the under mentioned e-mail this morning from Ms Anna Pickering of the Major Projects North. In answer have to say that I was unaware of any application documents being available at Knutsford library. I did however make the under mentioned comment within the permitted timescale as indicated in Ms Pickering's e-mail and in reply to as I thought the correct person.

The point I wished to make is concerning the height of the new A556 travelling across Chapel Lane which is planned at approximately one metre above ground level. It would appear from Ms Pickering's explanation below this problem can be solved by a greater financial commitment which will obviously be a considerable benefit and to those in proximity.

I attach the relevant e-mails below and will be most grateful if you will be good enough to make Planning Inspectorate aware of this observation for betterment.

Kind regards,

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From: Pickering, Anna [<mailto:Anna.Pickering@highways.gsi.gov.uk>]
Sent: 05 July 2013 09:50
To: Bill Whittle
Subject: RE: A556 Knutsford to Bowdon Improvement Scheme.

Dear Mr Whittle

Thank you for your comments.

Comments on the application & scheme now will be taken forward and examined by the Planning Inspectorate, rather than by the Agency. It is not clear whether you have made a representation to the Planning Inspectorate in relation to your views on the application documents we put on deposit on Knutsford Library, as opposed to just to myself. As our notices / publicity / letters advertising the documents on deposit made clear, the opportunity to make representations on the application documents closed yesterday, 4th July, and these had to be made direct to the Planning Inspectorate.

Please note that, after today, I will be out of the office on leave, returning on Monday 22nd July.

If you have any further queries, please contact the scheme team on:

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Team e-mail: A556KnutsfordBowdon@highways.gsi.gov.uk

Kind Regards

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From: Bill Whittle [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 July 2013 19:10
To: Pickering, Anna
Subject: RE: A556 Knutsford to Bowdon Improvement Scheme.

Dear Ms Pickering,

Thank you for your e-mail and enlightening response to my question about the proposed height of the new A556 travelling across the area of land adjacent to Chapel Lane.

The two answers are comprehensible given the implied restriction of the multi-product pipeline and drainage system level. This however is surely a resolvable restriction?

Moreover, given the willingness, the problem as describe can be overcome by design and a greater financial commitment to lowering the road plan to ground level.

Great strides have been made in reducing the impact of the bridge height over Chapel Lane and to complete the picture why not reduce the level of the new A556?

If the existing proposal is taken forward as it stands, it will be very difficult to rectify or amend in the future. Therefore, in this important case cost should not surely be a restriction.

I trust you and the planners will be good enough to discuss and reconsider the subject more deeply either by representation or other available method with the object of lowering the height plan for the new road.

I hope you will find this comment helpful as intended.

Kind regards,

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From: Pickering, Anna <Anna.Pickering@highways.gsi.gov.uk>

To: Bill Whittle

Sent: Wed Jul 03 16:27:57 2013

Subject: RE: A556 Knutsford to Bowdon Improvement Scheme.

Dear Mr Whittle

Thank you for your e-mail.

The alignment of the new A556 has been lowered where possible, but, as our e-mails below point out, this has not been possible around Chapel Lane. The road will be about 1 metre above existing ground levels.

There are two main reasons for the designed level of the carriageway in the Chapel Lane area. These are:

1. An interaction with an existing multi-product pipeline, which is a constraint on lowering the alignment. If we lowered the alignment to or below ground level, we would be likely to need a much more extensive diversion of this pipeline.
2. Our need to ensure that the new scheme drainage system can remain gravity fed, which means we can avoid the need to introduce a pumped drainage system; this would have cost and long-term maintenance and operation implications.

I hope that this e-mail answers your query.

Kind Regards

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From: Bill Whittle [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 July 2013 15:38
To: Pickering, Anna
Subject: RE: A556 Knutsford to Bowdon Improvement Scheme.

Dear Ms Pickering,

I write to thank you for your helpful response below to my earlier e-mail of 11th March and I now refer to your letter of the 29th June.

I have as suggested taken the time to view and read up on the documentation available at Knutsford Library. This has brought about one further question – Why is it proposed or necessary for the new A556 to cross the fields in the vicinity of Chapel Lane one metre above ground level?

I thank you in advance and await your response with interest.

Kind regards,

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