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Dear Mr Dunning and Ms Burns

Proposed application by the Highways Agency A556 Knutsford to Bowdon Improvement Scheme

Thank you for your email of 19 May 2013 in response to our letters of 15 and 17 May 2013.

Firstly, please be assured that whilst we originally responded on 15 May advising you of the steps for when you can become involved in the process, this is standard advice and is not to suggest that you did not raise it with the applicant or relevant authorities at the pre application stage, it is simply setting out the expected process at that stage.

Secondly, again please be assured that when we advised you on 15 May of your opportunity to become involved in the process, this is standard advice and is the first statutory opportunity (following the submission of an application) that interested parties have to submit a relevant representation. The Secretary of State, in exercising his discretion, decided that he would consider responses regarding adequacy of consultation received from Interested Parties during the acceptance period and we subsequently notified you of this in our letter of 17 May.

Section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 sets out what the Secretary of State must have regard to when deciding whether to accept an application for examination. The decision to accept this application for examination was made on 17 May. The section 55 checklist, which is used to assist in determining whether an application is fit to progress to examination, contains the reasoning and comments on acceptance issues and is publicly available at the following link:

http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010002/2.%20Post-Submission/Procedural%20Decisions/130517_TR010002_A556%20Knutsford%20to%20Bowdon_Master_s55%20Checklist_Final.pdf

As previously advised, you will shortly have an opportunity to submit a relevant representation which will be made available to the Examining authority once they are appointed.

If in the meantime you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Case Manager