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For the Attention of: Mr Peter Willows,  
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Your Ref: TR010016

9 April 2019

Dear Mr Willows,

**PINS Open Floor Hearing, Hull Hilton, Tues 26 March, 2019, "Other Party Sesion", 2.0pm**

I hope the protocol for this Hearing would permit public participants to make written comments to yourself as HM Examining Inspector after the Hearing, although I would not expect them to form part of the official record. The first relates to availability and accuracy of information before the Hearing, the second concerns the comments made at the Hearing by Mr Walker of HE about my submission.

(1) The Ramblers have attended and/or responded to public consultations in 2009, 2013 and 2017, and attended two meetings with HE in 2018 (a small meeting in Hull Guildhall in Jan 2018, and a public meeting in the Holiday Inn on Castle Street, 13/9/18). We only knew about the present Hearing through HE's Public Notice in the Hull Daily Mail of 5/3/19. If this were true for other interested parties, it might explain why there were so few members of the public present.

Your letter of 22 Feb, ref TR010016, contained a paragraph "Management of Information", within which was a document headed "National Infrastructure". This contained a subtext "About this Project" in which lines 16-21 stated there were **three** crossings over the A63, namely Porter Street, Princes Quay, and **Market Place**. At first I wondered whether HE had reinstated this bridge missing from the second consultation: I queried this through [enquiries@pins.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@pins.gsi.gov.uk), and the text was altered by next day, with the Market Place bridge omitted. So anybody reading this site before 6/3/19 might have thought that Market Place bridge had been reinstated in the current plans.

2) Mr Walker of HE made comments about my submission to which I should perhaps have sought your permission to respond at the Hearing. He said my comment that HE gave pedestrians a lower priority than speeding-up traffic was wrong, that HE's list of

four objectives was in no particular order of priority. Whilst the latter might be strictly correct, in my opinion the deletion of the Market Place bridge from Draft 3 might reasonably be interpreted as a lower priority for pedestrians. Mr Walker then said he would respond to my other points in writing: on reflection, I wonder whether Mr Walker might have been avoiding the issue of the Market Place bridge - this was a public hearing, I had submitted my comments in writing beforehand to assist the Hearing, so Mr Walker could have given his comments at the Hearing, out of courtesy for the meeting. Mr Walker might have said that the Ramblers were generally supportive of the major features of the scheme, ie the Ferensway intersection and the pedestrian bridge at the Marina. As it is now, only Mr Walker will know what his responses were until the written record of the Hearings is published. Nowhere in the guidance notes does it mention that participants may respond in writing after the meeting to written submissions made before the meeting: I wonder what the Inspectorate's view is on this point of procedure?

I am afraid there might be some truth in what the speaker after me, Mr Cullen, said: Highways England goes to some lengths to organise consultations with the public, but then gives an impression of avoiding any real dialogue. After the Hearing concluded (after one and a quarter hours, I believe), I spoke with one of HE's staff (who had attended our meeting in the Guildhall in Jan 2018), and mentioned the error about the Market Place Bridge on the website: she insisted I was wrong until I told her the mistake had been accepted and corrected by PINS staff.

Yours sincerely,



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