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Dear Sir/Madam

A63 (Castle Street Improvement, Hull) – TR010016
Deadline 2: Response by EPIC (No.2) Limited (“EPIC”)
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We are writing in relation to the Examining Authority’s written questions and requests for information (ExQ1).

None of the questions were directed towards EPIC other than those that relate to all Interested Parties.

This letter makes comments in relation to Q1.4.1 which sought for all Interested Parties to identify any changes sought to the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO). In the event a suitable negotiated agreement could not be reached with Highways England, EPIC would seek changes to the dDCO. However, should Highways England approach the discussions meaningfully and with greater urgency, then this should not be necessary and it is hoped that it would not be necessary for EPIC to attend the hearing on 6 June to discuss the dDCO.

If no agreement can be reached, EPIC would seek changes in relation to the plans underlying and referred to in the dDCO (for example see paragraphs 3.10, 3.11 and 5.2 of the Written Representations of EPIC) and the scope of the powers sought so far as they affect Kingston Retail Park. In addition, EPIC have sought that specific mitigation is provided by Highways England and considers that this is most appropriately secured through a negotiated agreement. No progress has been made towards this aim since the Written Representations made on 23 April. Should a negotiated agreement appear unachievable, EPIC will have no choice but to make the reasonable request that the mitigation measures for Kingston Retail Park are secured through protective provisions within the dDCO and reserves its right to make such request.

Yours faithfully



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