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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 9

Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A63 Castle Street Improvement Scheme

Changes to the proposed scheme

I refer to the applicant's letter dated 17 June 2019, which includes, amongst other things, a revised draft Development Consent Order and a revised Statement of Reasons.

Additionally, the applicant has separately submitted a number of other documents following the hearings held during the week commencing 3 June, including revised plans and an updated Book of Reference. All of these documents are available on the project website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/a63-castle-street-improvement-hull/?ipcsection=overview>

Amongst other things, these documents focus the scheme on the preferred options that have already been identified in respect of:

- a) the underpass drainage proposals; and
- b) the preferred 'ARCO' site compound.

Accordingly, the documents remove references to potential surface water rising main options (Work No 21) and also to the 'Staples' site as a potential site compound.

On the basis of the information submitted, I can confirm that:

- a) the documents are accepted for examination; and
- b) I do not consider that the changes set out in the documents amount to a material change to the scheme.

I have reached this view having regard to the fact that no significant new proposals arise from the revised documents, their effect instead being to narrow down options that were already set out in the submitted documents.

Accordingly, I will proceed on the basis that the scheme is to be examined in this revised form, with the non-preferred rising main and site compound options removed.

Yours Faithfully

Peter Willows

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Examining Authority

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