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For the Attention of: Mr Peter Willows, HM Examining Inspector, National Infrastructure Planning, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN

Your Ref: TR010016

24 August 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 allows you to include in the public record my comments made after the Hearing:

(1) This Area of the Ramblers Association has taken part in the public consultations on the A63 Castle Street Hull project organised by HE from 2009 to 2018. I submitted to yourself at PINS by email on 17 March 2019 some comments on HE's latest scheme for the Open Floor Hearing on 26 March 2019, principally to object to the omission of a pedestrian bridge at Market Place. (Your letter of 22 Feb to interested parties referred to a document entitled"National Infrastructure". This contained a subtext "About this Project" in which lines 16-21 stated there were to be three pedestrian crossings over the A63, namely Porter Street, Princes Quay, and Market Place, suggesting that HE had reinstated this bridge into its plans: I queried this through <u>enquiries@pins.gsi.gov.uk</u>, and the text was altered by next day with the Market Place bridge omitted.

2) At the Open Floor Hearing on 26 March 2019, Mr Walker of HE commented on the Ramblers submission of 26 March that I presented orally at the Hearing, to which I should perhaps have sought your permission to respond. Mr Walker said HE's list of four objectives for the A63 was in no particular order of priority, therefore my comment that HE gave pedestrians a lower prioriy than speeding-up of traffic was wrong. But 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 asked your permission to respond to my other points in writing. Since I had submitted my comments in writing beforehand to assist the Hearing, Mr Walker could have, out of courtesy for the meeting, given his comments verbally at the Hearing.

3) In the absence of any subsequent written comments from Mr Walker up to 6 July, I wrote to his office (c/o Fran Oliver, Project manager, Highways England Leeds, <u>A63castlestreet@PINS.gsi.gov.uk</u>), but have not received an acknowledgement - perhaps Mr Walker replied directly to you after the Hearing.

4) I believe your final report on the Hearing will appear within 6 months. I hope you will be able to take my above comments into account.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Ayling

(Dr Peter Ayling, President & Environment Officer, East Yorkshire & Derwent Area Ramblers)