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### **Environment Agency: Oral Submission Summary (15 July)**

The following information provides details the comments made by the Environment Agency at the *'Issue Specific hearing on the Draft DCO'* which was held on the 15 July 2015. Our representation was provided by our Project Manager for the proposal, Adam Ireland, who can be contacted via the details at the foot of this submission.

DCO Element	EA Oral Submission
Part 1, Item 3 Disapplication of Legislation	<p>We raised a point under this section that in relation to our responsibilities under the Water Resources Act 1991. We are currently engaging with the applicant to formalise a proposed protective provision to address any concerns.</p> <p>This had been identified earlier in the DCO process and we had referred to this within our Written Representations, notably Issues 1.1 to 1.5.</p> <p>This position was also summarised by the applicant's <i>'response to the first written questions'</i> under question 1.6.2.</p>
Part 2, Item 7 Limits of Deviation	<p>In accordance with our earlier submission, we have some concerns relating to the 'Limits of Deviation'. This is noted within our Written Representations 1.8 (Flood Risk), 2.2 (Navigation) and 4.6 (Contaminated Land).</p> <p>Our position is that, specifically in relation to vertical deviation, we would request that this wording be reviewed. This could be reviewed alongside that contained within the DCO for the A556 (Knutsford to Bowden).</p> <p>Alternatively, we could use specific requirements to address individual areas of concern along the route and protect environmental interests.</p>

<p><i>Requested deadline for HE/EA SoCG and Draft Protective Provision.</i></p>	<p><i>Note: We've included this point to confirm recognition that of the request of the Panel for submission of the Initial Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) and Draft Protective Provision/s be submitted by Deadline 7 (7<sup>th</sup> August) of the Examination Timetable.</i></p>
<p>Part 5, Item 30 Temporary use of land for carrying out the authorised development</p>	<p>We voiced our concern of the potential siting of temporary works such as soil storage areas and plant works, being located within the floodplain. This was previously raised within Issues 1.9 and 1.20 of our Written Representations.</p> <p><i>It was suggested by the applicant that this was in the Protective Provision to be submitted.</i></p>
<p>Schedule 2 Requirements</p>	<p>We commented that these may be amended to incorporate additional issues surrounding Navigation, Temporary use of Land or Milton Landfill Site.</p> <p>This will be dependent upon ongoing discussions with the applicant as to the means of securing our concerns (Requirements / Protective Provisions).</p>

Should any further clarification on the above matters be required then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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