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# 1 Amendment to alternative post construction noise monitoring requirement

## 1.1 Context

- 1.1.1 At Deadline 14 Highways England submitted its comments on Deadline 13 Submissions made by third parties (HE/A14/EX/234, PINS reference REP14-012). Appendix B to that submission set out Highways England's position on the Examining Authority's draft Requirements 10 and 11 (in its draft DCO (Applicant reference: HE/A14/EX/185; PINS reference: REP12-007)) and the additional wording to Requirement 10 proposed by South Cambridgeshire District Council's (SCDC).
- 1.1.2 In the document submitted at Deadline 14, Highways England explained its position with respect to post-construction noise monitoring and why no requirement is justified in this respect. Without prejudice to that position, in Appendix B, Highways England set out the drafting of an alternative requirement (Requirement 10) to that proposed by the ExA and SCDC.
- 1.1.3 Highways England's position has not changed with respect to post construction noise monitoring or the imposition of requirements in this respect. The purpose of this document is simply to adjust the drafting of the alternative requirement set out in Appendix B to the Deadline 14 submission following further Highways England review.
- 1.1.4 Without prejudice to its position, Highways England proposes the alternative requirement should the Secretary of State not agree with Highways England on this matter. As noted at Deadline 14, it is Highways England's position that this alternative requirement would sit alongside Requirement 12 as drafted by Highways England as modified at deadline 12 (PINS reference REP12-007).

## 1.2 Amendment to alternative requirement 10

- 1.2.1 The alternative requirement 10, set out in Appendix B, provided for a monitoring plan in connection with traffic monitoring to be undertaken in accordance with the Post Opening Project Evaluation (POPE) procedure operated by Highways England.
- 1.2.2 The traffic monitoring conducted pursuant to POPE produces an evaluation report; the first evaluation report is based on the operation of the scheme in the 12 months following its opening, and the second evaluation report is based on the operation of the scheme in the 12 months following the fourth anniversary of its opening (that is, year 5 of its operation). This was not captured fully in the alternative requirement 10.

- 1.2.3 The alternative requirement 10 has therefore been amended to accord with the carrying out and reporting of such traffic monitoring.
- 1.2.4 Other minor amendments have been made for purposes of clarity and certainty.
- 1.2.5 The revised form of the alternative requirement 10 is set out below. Deletions to the requirement set out in Appendix B are struck through, and insertions are underlined.

### **Post-construction noise monitoring and mitigation plan**

- (1) No part of the authorised development within the area of South Cambridgeshire District Council is to be opened for public use until a post-construction noise monitoring plan for that part complying with this requirement (~~“the monitoring plan”~~) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Secretary of State, following consultation with South Cambridgeshire District Council (“the monitoring plan”).
- (2) The monitoring plan must make provision for the monitoring of traffic flows with reference to at the Important Areas identified within the area of South Cambridgeshire District Council in the Environmental Statement.
- (3) The monitoring plan must provide that:
  - (a) during the 12 month period after the authorised development has been opened for public use, and during the 12 month period after the authorised development has been opened for public use for 4 years for a period of three years from the opening of the authorised development for public use traffic monitoring is undertaken for at the locations referred to in subparagraph (2) in accordance with the Post Opening Project Evaluation (POPE) procedure operated by the undertaker;
  - (b) if following analysis by the undertaker, ~~in consultation with South Cambridgeshire District Council~~, of the monitoring data derived from the monitoring mentioned in sub-paragraph (a), in consultation with South Cambridgeshire District Council, it reasonably appears to the undertaker that as a result of the authorised development traffic flows are materially greater than those predicted in the Environmental Statement, the assessment of noise effects at the locations where those materially greater flows ~~such exceedances~~ are identified is to be re-calculated utilising the monitored data and using the methodology set out in the Environmental Statement; and
  - (c) if it reasonably appears to the undertaker from the re-calculations mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) that the noise effects ~~are materially greater as a result of the authorised development~~ are materially greater than those predicted in the Environmental Statement, the undertaker will discuss with

South Cambridgeshire District Council the provision of a scheme of reasonable and sustainable mitigation at each relevant location, which the undertaker must submit to the Secretary of State for approval.

- (4) Post-construction noise monitoring must be carried out by the undertaker in accordance with the ~~approved~~ monitoring plan and the results of the monitoring must be submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council.
- (5) Before considering whether to approve any scheme of mitigation submitted by the undertaker to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State must consult South Cambridgeshire District Council.
- (6) Any ~~The~~ scheme of mitigation approved by the Secretary of State must be implemented by the undertaker.



