



South Tyneside Council

National Infrastructure Planning
The Planning Inspectorate
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Bristol
BS1 6PN

Date: 8th March 2018
Our ref: HE/TM
Your ref: TR0100020

By email

Dear Sir / Madam,

Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A19/A184 Testo's Junction Improvement Project

Response to Actions Arising from Issue Specific Hearings (ISH4 and ISH5)

I am writing to you on behalf of South Tyneside Council (STC) in respect of the actions arising from the above the Issue Specific Hearings for Deadline 5.

In terms of ISH4, STC provided notification that it would not attend as it had nothing to reference in respect of the proposed agenda. STC had intended to attend the ISH5. Unfortunately, the significant adverse weather affecting the North East coinciding with the removal of key public transport services meant that STC was unable to attend ISH5.

In responding to the hearing action points or any other matters required for Deadline 5, STC would respond as follows:-

- STC can confirm that it is confident that the side agreement with Highways England will be agreed and completed. However, the Parties are in continued discussions and therefore it has not been possible to provide confirmation that this has been agreed for Deadline 5.
- STC will update the ExA on the progress of the side agreement for Deadline 6 and/or Deadline 7.
- STC can confirm there is no change in status to the agreed Statement of Common Ground. However, the Parties will submit an updated SoCG to reflect the completion of the side agreement in due course.
- STC have no other outstanding issues or concerns with regards to the draft DCO as submitted for Deadline 3.
- STC can confirm that they are in discussions with DEFRA regarding air quality matters and the Client Earth judgment, and will provide further submissions on this at Deadline 6, in accordance with the ExA's Action Point (2) (ISH4).

If you have any further queries regarding this letter or wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please contact me on 0191 424 7666 or by email trevor.male@southtyneside.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



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