Dear Mr Hunt

SCOPING CONSULTATION RELATING TO APPLICATION BY HIGHWAYS ENGLAND FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE A38 DERBY JUNCTIONS (PINS Ref. TR010022) A38 DERBY JUNCTIONS SCHEME

Thank you for your letter dated 15 March 2018 regarding the above. Apologies for not responding within the timeframe as set out in your letter.

Having reviewed the letter and detailed scoping report via the Inspectorates website I have the following comments.

The Junction Improvements proposed are located outside of this Authorities administrative area (as noted in the Scoping Report at Section 17.2 of the report), but due to the strategic nature of works proposed and the quantum and nature of development on the edge of Derby City in South Derbyshire, and the proximity of sites committed through the Adopted South Derbyshire Local Plan; it is likely that works could have an impact on communities around the edge of the City.

In respect of issues scoped into the Assessment (summarised in Table 17.1) this Authority considers that this forms an appropriate basis for undertaking the Assessment. However having reviewed the list of issues to be considered with the Environment Statement and other environmental data, it is unlikely that most topics for inclusion in the Statement would be of significance or interest to communities in South Derbyshire, given the localised nature of works.

However, this Authority welcomes a commitment to look at the cumulative effects of this and other developments locally. I note that section 16.3.3 proposes a staged process as follows:

- Stage 1: establish the project’s zone of influence and identify a long list of ‘other development’;
- Stage 2: identify a shortlist of ‘other development’ for the cumulative impact assessment;
- Stage 3: information gathering; and
- Stage 4: assessment

The South Derbyshire Local Plan includes allocations for a large number of dwellings in the vicinity of Mickleover which could, together with this proposal, affect traffic flows and volumes...
on roads within the City, and potentially also air quality in the City. On this basis the Council would be happy to provide an up to date position on sites under construction, consented or committed in the vicinity of the site at the point environmental assessment work is undertaken. In the interim further information on committed sites on the edge of Derby (in South Derbyshire) that may be relevant in respect of any assessment of cumulative effects can be viewed on the Council’s website at: www.south-derbys.gov.uk/our-services/planning-and-building-control/planning/planning-policy/local-plan/adopted-local-plan.

I hope this information is of use. Should you require any further assistance please feel free to contact the District Council’s Planning Policy Team on 01283 228717.

This consultation has not been formally reported to the Council’s Planning Committee. In these circumstances the comments made are those of an officer of the Council under delegated power arrangements.

Yours faithfully,

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