

A19 Downhill Lane Junction Improvement Scheme

Scheme Number: TR010024

Written Representations of IAMP LLP

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This document contains Written Representations in relation to the A19 Downhill Lane Junction Improvement project from IAMP LLP.
- 1.2 IAMP LLP is the promoter of the International Advanced Manufacturing Park("IAMP") in Sunderland and South Tyneside. IAMP lies immediately to the west of the A19, close to and accessible from Downhill Lane Junction (DLJ).
- 1.3 The first part of IAMP, IAMP ONE, has planning permission and is under construction. The second part of IAMP, IAMP TWO, is a project of national significance and will be the subject of an application for a development consent order within the next 6 months. The relationship between IAMP and DLJ is outlined in Highways England's application document reference 7.3: Inter-relationship with Testo's Junction, A1 Birtley to Coalhouse Scheme and International Advanced Manufacturing Park. We refer to that document as the "IRD".
- 1.4 IAMP LLP fully supports the objectives of the DLJ project. We welcome the investment by Highways England to improve the junction and increase network capacity. The IAMP LLP team has been working closely with the Highways England team and will continue to do so throughout consenting and delivery of the improvements to DLJ. It will be evident from the IRD that IAMP LLP and Highways England are in agreement on a range of detailed matters. These will be more fully set out in the statement of common ground between the two parties.
- 1.5 The principal topics of relevance to the Examination which remain under discussion with Highways England are set out below.

2. CONSTRUCTION PHASE

- 2.1 We have been liaising with Highways England to reach agreement on a range of matters relating to construction, such as temporary topsoil storage within the boundary of IAMP TWO, Highways England's tie in to the A1290 as widened by IAMP ONE, and the management of construction traffic. Those discussions are positive.
- 2.2 Our expectation is that we will be able to refer to settled positions on such matters in our statement of common ground with Highways England, to be submitted later in the Examination.

3. LAND

- 3.1 We are in broad agreement with Highways England about the temporary and permanent footprint of the DLJ project.
- 3.2 HE is working with us on a plot-by-plot analysis for areas where the footprints of IAMP TWO and the DLJ project overlap. We expect to be able to refer to that within our emerging statement of common ground.

4. DRAINAGE

- 4.1 One outstanding matter relates to a drainage attenuation pond which Highways England has identified within the south-east corner of the IAMP TWO site, close to the Washington Road footbridge across the A19, to service the DLJ scheme.
- 4.2 The proposed attenuation measures are in a similar area of the IAMP site to drainage attenuation measures required for IAMP TWO. This is an important area of the IAMP site, given its proximity to the NMUK plant. The further attenuation measures in this area proposed by Highways England will impact on land availability for development for the IAMP TWO scheme.
- 4.3 IAMP LLP continues to discuss this with Highways England, to ensure that development is not compromised in this part of the IAMP TWO site.

5. NMU PROVISION

- 5.1 We are aware of, and support, Highways England's proposals in relation to how non-motorised users will cross the A19.
- 5.2 We will continue to work collaboratively with Highways England to present a joined-up position on the A19 NMU crossing to the Examining Authority as the Examination progresses.

6. DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

- 6.1 As settled positions on each of the above matters are reached, we would expect to agree any consequent changes to the draft development consent order for the DLJ project with Highways England, for joint presentation to the Examining Authority.
- 6.2 Where that is not possible, we would make representations accordingly.

7. ASSISTING THE EXAMINATION

- 7.1 We remain ready to assist the Examining Authority in relation to any questions he may have about IAMP's interface and inter-relationship with the DLJ project.