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By email only

Dear David

Re M42 Junction 6 Development Consent Order (TR010027)

I write further to the Rule 6 letter issued by the Examining Authority on 23 April 2019 which requests that any procedural requests relating to the deadlines for submissions be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by 14 May 2019.

Please take this letter as confirmation that the Applicant intends to attend and speak at the Preliminary Meeting (PM) on 21 May 2019.

The Applicant has a small number of procedural points which it would like to raise in relation to the proposed agenda for the PM as follows:

1. Agenda Item 3 – Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (Annex B to the Rule 6 letter)

The Applicant notes the inclusion of 'Need for improvements at junction 6 on the M42' (the first principal issue). The Applicant would be grateful to understand in more detail what the Examining Authority has in mind in selecting this matter as a principal issue, taking into account the National Policy Statement for National Networks (NPSNN), which sets out the critical need to improve the national networks. The M42 Junction 6 Improvement scheme (the Scheme) is a committed scheme within the Road Investment Strategy for the 2015-2020 Road Period, which sits alongside the NPSNN.

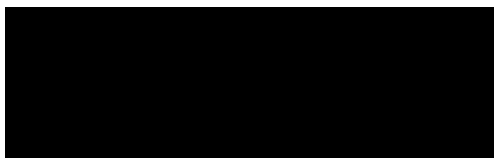
2. Agenda Item 4 – Draft Timetable (Annex C to the Rule 6 letter)

- The Applicant notes a number of the due dates are at midnight. The Applicant would be grateful for confirmation that the due date would be midnight at the end of, or perhaps 23:59 on, the day in question;
- The Applicant notes the hearing dates in August and then further hearing dates reserved in October 2019 if required. The Applicant would be grateful for clarity in the timetable to allow for the Planning

Inspectorate to notify the Applicant as to whether hearings will take place to enable compliance with notification requirements i.e. 21 clear working days for site notices and newspaper notices);

- The Applicant notes the draft timetable does not include a deadline to produce comments on responses to the Panel's Second Written Questions. The Applicant seeks clarification as to whether this should be included in Deadline 5;
- The Applicant notes the inclusion of the issue of the Panel's Third Written Questions (if required) and due date, however, the draft timetable includes a deadline to comment on responses to the Panel's Third Written Questions, but does not include a deadline by which to respond. The Applicant suggests a Deadline 5a could be inserted to provide for a response to the Panel's Third Written Questions on Monday 23rd September 2019.
- The Applicant is currently drafting an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) which is resulting in a full day itinerary (and anticipate being in a position to share this with the Case Manager by Friday 17 May 2019). This encompasses all those listed under Item 6 of Annex C of the Rule 6 letter. With this in mind the Panel may wish to consider the need to reserve a second day to continue the ASI, if required.

I hope the above points are clear but feel free to contact me should you require any further information.



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