



The Planning Inspectorate
National Infrastructure Planning
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
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Your Reference: TR010027

03th June 2019

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing on behalf of Bickenhill and Marston Green Parish Council with regards to the Application by Highways England for Consent for the M42 Junction 6 Improvement, and specifically the proposed main compound between the A45 and the north end of the village of Bickenhill.

On Tuesday 14th May Jonathan Pizzey, the project lead for Highways England gave an update on the scheme to local Parish Councils. An issue came up at the meeting that has raised real concern in the village of Bickenhill. At the presentation we were given details on the proposed site compound, and it became very apparent to local Parish Councillors that we had not been previously aware of the size, exact location and expected impact of it. We verified this with local villagers, businesses, The Haven Traveller site in Catherine De Barnes Lane and other Parish Councillors and everyone was shocked and surprised about this news, with many feeling, having re-read all documentation provided by Highways England and checked previous meeting notes that the village, local businesses and our local Church had not been reasonably informed about the compound and associated plans during the consultation process, and had only found out late in the day about this issue and its significance. In addition, we would like it noted that to date no detailed plan of the proposed compound has been provided by Highways England despite our requests.

Firstly we would like to notify of our wish to play a full role in the examination, including requests to speak at all future Open Floor Hearings (and if deemed appropriate all Issue Specific Hearings) in the Examination Timetable. We would also like to be notified electronically of all future correspondence related to the application.

Our first, and major concern is with regards the location of the compound. We are profoundly unhappy about the location of the main compound and would like it moved away from the village to a more suitable location. The north of Church Lane (the main road through the village) will be boxed in for 4 years, with resultant noise, visual, light and air pollution for up to 24 hours a day. Many residents' houses, businesses and our Church, build in 11th Century, with much of this area in a conservation area and Green Belt will be metres from the compound. We understand several options for the main compound have been considered between Highways England and SMBC and we would like to know where other locations were and why this one has been chosen.

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If there is no possibility of the compound being moved we would like to make the following requests:

We understand that the area within the red line for the compound may not all be required. We would like the Examination to reduce the size of the red line to what is actually required, and as far away from the village as possible. We would also like to be involved directly in this process with Highways England so we can advise on the best boundary areas.

We would like to book an on-site meeting with the Planning Inspectors as soon as possible to go through all issues related to the village.

We would like the village to be consulted on a mitigation plan to ensure that the following areas (but not limited to these areas) can be jointly agreed with the village and written into the DCO:

- Compound operation plan including working hours, visual, dust, light, noise and vibration management and all monitoring thereof. The plan should be based on the noise assessment from the planning application.
- Traffic management for Bickenhill village, including movement and parking of Airport Taxi's away from the village
- A guarantee that the North end of St Peters Lane will not be shut off during works as the village road is not wide enough for regular 2-way traffic that this would create.
- A guarantee that construction vehicles will not use any of the village roads.

We would like to be advised in a timely manner on the process for applying for compensation for villagers and local businesses. We have been advised informally that this process will be difficult, and for local businesses none will be available. We feel sure that this cannot be the case given the potential damage the compound may have.

We would like to make one final point with regards the process. Now that the village is aware of the full extent of what is being proposed with regards the compound there is very real disquiet, and even anger as many feel deliberately left out of the process by Highways England specifically to enable the compound to be placed in the easiest place for the applicant. This is a nationally important infrastructure project and Bickenhill village will be suffering to enable this. We trust that now the Planning Inspectors are aware of our concerns we will be treated openly and fairly.

Kind regards



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