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Standing up for the Warwickshire Countryside

3 June 2019

National Infrastructure Planning  
Planning Inspectorate

### **Planning Act 2008**

### **Application by Highways England for Order granting Development Consent for M42 Junction 6 Improvement, Metropolitan Borough of Solihull Representations due 3 June 2019**

1. CPRE Warwickshire wishes to speak at Issue Specific Hearings.
2. CPRE Warwickshire wishes to reserve the right to speak at an Open Floor hearing.
3. CPRE Warwickshire wishes to attend the Accompanied Site Inspection(s).
4. The locations we wish to see visited are points along the M42 between Junction 5 and Junction 7; M42 Junction 6 gyratory; The access roads to the NEC from Junction 6 and from the A45; the proposed new junction 5A; the site of the proposed M42 Motorway Service Area at the B4102 Solihull Road; the bridge carrying the M42 over the Coventry-Birmingham Railway Line; the site of the proposed HS2 bridge over the M42 north of Junction 6; the Clock Interchange on the A45. In practice a draft plan for the Site Visit is best circulated and parties can then add their proposed locations, if not already included.
5. CPRE Warwickshire has the following comment on Relevant Representations. Solihull MBC made representations on 19 March 2019 as follows:

“I represent Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and, as the main affected Local Authority, we have been working closely with Highways England (HE) on this scheme - we will continue to do this and our current list of issues to resolve include :- 1/ Statements of Common Ground - HE have agreed to a number of enhancements we suggested for the scheme 2/ Strategic signing strategy 3/ Design issues inc departures from standard 4/ Traffic Management - maintaining current road capacity during construction 5/ Assurances that the section of A45 in both directions from the Clock Interchange to M42 J6 will become Trunk Rd following scheme completion 6/ Local Impact Report - we intend to submit this in due course We may reach agreement on these issues with HE over the next 2-3 months but if not we may wish to submit further details.”

These are in very short form and do not show what the Council is actually supporting and what it is objecting to. CPRE Warwickshire has applied to the Council for full details under the 2004 Environmental Information Regulations, by letter of 12 May 2019 (attached). When the full access to information that the Council holds is given, we will be able to study it and make detailed representations. What is so far submitted by the Council contains too little detail to make representations worthwhile.

Yours faithfully

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Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council  
Council House, Solihull B91 3QB

12 May 2019

Dear Sir

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

This is an application for the documents produced by Solihull in drawing up proposals for the M42 Junction 6 Improvement and related road improvements, its submissions to Ministers and to the Highways Agency (now Highways England), and its meetings internally, and with Highways Agency/ England, the Department for Transport, the NEC, Birmingham Airport and HS2 Ltd between 2011 and 2019.

The proposals now before an Examination under the Planning Act 2008 are published by Highways England but originate in proposals first developed for M42 Junction 6 and surrounding roads by Solihull MBC, from 2011 if not earlier.

The Council now appears to be seeking a restoration of trunk road status to part of the A45 that was detrunked around the year 2000, although that is not part of the published proposal.

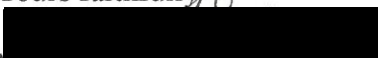
The representation to the Planning Inspectorate from Solihull MBC of 19 March 2019 confirms the close working between the authority and the trunk road authority:

Received 19 March 2019  
From Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council  
Representation

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In view of the length of time during which Solihull MBC has been promoting and then involved with this proposal, it may be efficient if documents are made available at the Council's offices so that the need for copying papers and drawings can be reduced to those essential for the Examination process.

Yours faithfully,

  
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