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Dear Sirs

TR010027 - Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the M42 Junction 6 Improvement Project

Council's response to TR010027-000561-Mark Sullivan CPRE D3

We do not hold any records that confirm when the A45 was de-trunked in the area of the Clock Interchange. We have asked DfT who were unable to confirm a date as they do not have copies of historic de-trunking orders. We have tried the National Archives without success. A 1959 Ordnance Survey map clearly marks the road as A45(T), indicating that it was a trunk road at that time. This Council have evidence of a TRO in 1979 referring to the A45 as a Trunk Rd and so our best estimate is the early 1980's

The Council's view is that the new dual carriageway from the proposed junction 5a to the Airport and Clock Interchange should be a Trunk Road because it is serving an International Airport. Furthermore, we estimate that 95% of traffic which is proposed to use this dual carriageway is Trunk Rd traffic & at present this traffic utilises the slip roads at M42 J6.

National Policies on Trunk Rds. HE have responded to this question in their response at deadline 3

Signed



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