



The Planning Inspectorate
National Infrastructure Planning
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Bristol, BS1 6PN

Your Reference: TR010027 – M42 J6 Improvement - Deadline 4

02nd September 2019

Dear Sir / Madam,

Following our Written Representation for Deadline 1, Bickenhill & Marston Green Parish Council would like to submit this further Representation for Deadline 4 with regards to the Application by Highways England for Consent for the M42 Junction 6 Improvement.

Firstly, we would like to thank the Inspectors and their team for their engagement in the concerns raised by the Parish Council in our representation for Deadline 1. This is appreciated by the village.

Now that we are further on in the process, and several of our concerns have been addressed we would like to summarise our outstanding issues:

Our first, and major issue remains 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 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, built in the 11th century, with much of this area in a conservation area and Green Belt will be metres from the compound. We thank the Inspectors for looking at alternative compound locations. We recognise the difficulty of moving the compound, however if it is possible to move to a more suitable location, we would be most grateful.

If there is no possibility of the compound being moved, we would like to make the following requests to mitigate the impact, and once agreed written into the DCO:

1. The scope and scale of satellite compounds increased to allow for the reduction in size and impact of the main compound to the village of Bickenhill.
2. The relocation of the compound as far North towards the A45 as possible, and if needed extending the north-west corner a little further along the A45, whilst maintaining the natural screening of the slope protecting the westward views from the north end of Church Lane.
3. The entrance and exit to the compound to be located off the A45, or directly off Clock Interchange.
4. Compound operational hours restricted to 08.00-17.00 on weekdays and 09.00-13.00 on Saturdays.

5. The monitoring and rectification of infringements of operational hours, visual, dust, light, noise and vibration pollution and general nuisance confirmed in the Outline Management Plan for Main Site Compound.
6. A traffic management plan for Bickenhill village, including confirmation that construction vehicles, or any other vehicles connected to work on the scheme will not use any of the village roads, unless working on roads in the village and measures to avoid the movement of taxis that currently park in St Peter's Lane further into the village.
7. Confirmation 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.
8. The proposed materials stockpile at Plot 51A moved elsewhere to avoid further boxing-in of the village.
9. A dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Manager throughout the duration of the programme to keep the village up to date on all matters that impact the village and help with compound monitoring.
10. The opportunity to comment on the landscaping plan of the scheme in the vicinity of the village. We would request that this is added to schedule 2, paragraph 5 of the DCO.
11. The new footbridge crossing the A45 at the north end of Church Lane to allow direct passage to Birmingham International Station to aid walking and cycling, rather than the proposed circuitous route through Trinity Park.
12. A safer and shorter alternative walking and cycling route to the Airport and Birmingham International Station from St Peters Lane: the proposed route is significantly longer and more dangerous than at present and requires the crossing of several major roads.

Finally on page 14 of document 8.20(a) Statement of Common Ground with Birmingham Airport it states that discussions are being conducted regarding including in the DCO mitigation and compensation for the occupiers of 10 residential properties owned by the Airport on Clock Lane as their use and enjoyment of these properties will inevitably be affected by the scheme and it's works. Much of Bickenhill village will be at least as impacted as Clock Lane, and some parts more so. Please therefore advise on the process for the village to apply for compensation for the long -term impact of the road, and the period of construction.

On behalf of Bickenhill & Marston Green Parish Council:


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