

Church Farm Accommodation
Church Lane
Bickenhill
Solihull
B92 0DN

The Inspector
M42 Junction 6 DCO Hearing
The Planning Inspectorate
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Bristol
BS1 6PN

16th September 2019

Dear Sirs,

Re. Representation submitted on behalf of David and Camilla Burton of Church Farm Accommodation, Church Lane, Bickenhill B92 0DN

Deadline 5 Submission

We write further to our Deadline 4 submission, which for clarity included the written submission of our oral case arising from the Hearings on 20th – 22nd August 2019.

We have endeavoured to read through the considerable volume of additional detail which has been made available since Deadline 4, and in particular the many additional responses and updated information now submitted by Highways England. Much of the detail contained in those documents appears to relate back to the detail which was discussed during the Issue Specific Hearing on 20th August, and consequently the practical detail set out within our submission ahead of Deadline 4 still stands for the Panel's further consideration.

By way of clarification, it remains regrettable that we have not heard anything further from Highways England since the Oral Hearings insofar as our own objections to the scheme are concerned. We firmly believe that there could be aspects of detail where mitigative measures might be incorporated in to the DCO in order to reduce the impact of the scheme, and the proposed site compound, on our property and businesses. This lack of local stakeholder engagement remains of considerable concern and is disappointing to us given the considerable effect which the proposals will have.

We note that Barlow Associates made a representation on behalf of Mrs Melbourn, G Cattell, Messrs Ali & Choudhry and William Freeman & Sons which was released with the Deadline 4 submissions. That letter makes it clear that very little progress has been made between Highways England and the relevant landowners in respect of the land holdings for which the main site compound has been earmarked. Mr Barlow's clients appear to be frustrated by the lack of progress to date, which is understandable.

However, we believe this in itself presents an opportunity, as since there does not appear to be any formal agreement between the applicant and the landowner in respect of the detail of the Main Compound layout and access/egress arrangements etc, or indeed advanced discussions ahead of any formal agreement, we submit that this presents the ideal opportunity for the Panel to look to Highways England to relocate the main site compound to a position which results in considerably less detrimental and harmful impact to residents and the neighbourhood of Bickenhill.

We have no further comments to add in addition to the representations submitted at Deadline 4, although we would welcome a more progressive and inclusive dialogue with Highways England with a view to finding solutions to a number of the principal concerns which have been highlighted previously.

Yours sincerely,

Camilla and David Burton