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Planning Act 2008 (as amended) Section 89 The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 17

Application by Highways England for an Order granting Development Consent for the M25 Junction 28 Improvement Project

Improvements for Non-motorised Users (NMUs)

The Examining Authority (ExA) is writing to request further information from the Applicant, London Borough of Havering, Essex County Council, Brentwood Borough Council, Transport for London and other relevant Interested Parties (IPs) in relation to matters arising from Deadline 5 submissions concerning connectivity to non-vehicular traffic and local community severance.

The Applicant's position, is that the appropriate approach to deal with improved cycle and pedestrian provision should be as part of a wider corridor of upgrades to pedestrian and cycle facilities between Harold Hill and Brentwood, secured under a designated funds scheme. It would therefore not be appropriate, it says, to deliver only a portion of it as part of the Proposed Development. Notwithstanding the ExA's Further Written Questions [PD-015], the Applicant did not provide any progress on the application for designated funds and did not definitively state (or provide any evidence in the form of a written agreement) whether the pedestrian and cycle route would nonetheless be provided and secured.

If the ExA were minded to accept the Applicant's position that it would not be appropriate to secure a pedestrian and cycle route within the draft DCO [REP5-011], the ExA would require evidence that the enhancements for cycle and pedestrian users would be capable of being delivered through a different mechanism or agreement between the parties concerned. The ExA has therefore made a Procedural Decision to request the views of all relevant IPs in writing by **Deadline 6, Tuesday 27 April 2021** on the most appropriate way to secure enhancements to provisions for NMUs within the time remaining in the Examination, to ensure that the pedestrian and cycle route would be delivered within the timeframe of the Proposed Development.

The Applicant's engagement with residents of Putwell Bridge Caravan Park

The ExA acknowledges London Borough of Havering's (LBH) submission at Deadline 5 [REP5-062] outlining its concerns over the level of engagement with the residents of Putwell Bridge Caravan Park and its invitation for the ExA to consider whether the engagement and consultation carried out has met the standards of the Equalities Act 2010.

The ExA seeks the Applicant's response by **Deadline 6, Tuesday 27 April 2021** and in particular wishes to be informed whether a meeting with the occupiers of the Putwell Bridge Caravan Park will or needs to be arranged.

Should you have any queries regarding the content of the letter, please contact the case team using the details at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully

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