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Your ref: TR010029
Date: 9 June 2021

Dear Messrs. Allen and McArthur

Procedural Deadline 8.

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

Please find enclosed our comments for procedural deadline 8 relating to the M25 Junction 28 improvement scheme Development Consent Order examination. This includes our update to the Examiners on progress regarding the 'Waste Recovery Plan' and our response to the Schedule of ExA's recommended amendments to the Applicant's draft DCO Version 6 (REP7-003).

Draft Order

We are content our request (REP5-065) to be included as a specific authority to be consulted within Requirements 4 (Construction Environmental Management Plan) and Requirement 5 (Landscaping) has been incorporated into the Applicant's 9.32 Updated draft Development Consent Order (REP7-016).

We note the request from the Examiner for a new requirement (no.23 on the schedule of changes to the draft DCO (REP7-003) for a Code of Construction Practice (CoCP). Given we would naturally have an interest in the construction practices as they relate to protecting the water environment, we would wish to be consulted on this. This would also ensure a level of consistency between our review and comments on the Construction Environmental Management Plan, Landscape Environmental Management Plan and CoCP. With the applicant's agreement we would like to be listed as a specific authority to be consulted on this requirement. We are happy to discuss with the applicant if necessary. This should conclude our comments on the draft DCO but we will check the final version at Deadline 9 when available.

Waste Deposits

The applicant submitted to us on 14 December 2020 a draft Waste Recovery Plan for permit pre-application advice. Our National Permitting Service (NPS) issued their decision based on the assessment of the draft Waste Recovery Plan (dated 30 April 2021) on 12 May 2021. NPS agree with the applicant's assessment that this is a recovery operation and therefore an Environmental Permit on this basis can be applied for. Advice has been provided on what further information and assessment will be required to support an application. Therefore this concludes our comments on the topic of waste deposits for this application.

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We look forward to continuing to work with the applicant on the detailed design stages of the project to ensure sustainable environmental outcomes. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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