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Subject: A1 Birtley to Coal House DCO Ref. TR010031 - Deadline 1 Response
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Dear sir/madam

**PLANNING ACT 2008 SECTION 89 AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010 – RULE 8 ETC:
APPLICATION BY HIGHWAYS ENGLAND FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE A1 BIRTLEY TO COAL HOUSE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

I refer to the Rule 8 letter dated 28th January 2020 with the reference TR010031 on behalf of Gateshead Council.

- For clarity, Gateshead Council wishes to be considered as an Interested Party.
- At this time Gateshead Council does not wish to propose any additional locations for site inspections over and above the locations the Inspector visited on 27th and 28th November 2019.
- Gateshead Council reserves the wish to speak at Open Floor Hearings if required.
- Gateshead Council reserves the wish to make oral representations at Issue Specific Hearings if required.
- Gateshead Council reserves the wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing if required.
- Gateshead Council is happy to receive future correspondence electronically.

Further to the above I also refer to page 4 of the Rule 8 letter 'Your status in the Examination'. My understanding from the relevant documents is that Gateshead Council should fall within Group A but the reference cited in the email is A1BC-SP047, which suggests Gateshead Council is in Group B. Please can the position be clarified.

Kind regards

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