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Dear Ms Gregory,

**A1 Birtley to Coal House Scheme
Highways England
Submission of Documents for Examination Deadline 1**

Please find confirmation of the documents submitted by Highways England (the “Applicant”) to the Planning Inspectorate (the “Inspectorate”) for Deadline 1 of the Examination for A1 Birtley to Coal House (the “Scheme”). This is in accordance with the request set out by the Examining Authority (the “ExA”) in the Rule 6 letter dated 10 December 2019 and confirmed in the Rule 8 letter dated 29 January 2020.

Submission of documents

As per the ExA’s advice in the Rule 8 letter, the Applicant has enclosed the following documents for Deadline 1:

Document Name	Document Number	PINS Reference	Comments
Cover letter to ExA on Deadline 1 submissions	EXA/D1/001	TBC	This letter provides an overview of the documents submitted for Deadline 1 at the request of the ExA. It also provides clarification on any issues raised by the ExA during the Preliminary Hearing and Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) on the Draft Development Consent Order (DCO).
Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs)	EXA/D1/002	TBC	Provides the Applicant’s response to the Relevant Representations received. This includes a response to

			Gateshead Council's comments received in November 2019 at the request of the ExA during ISH1.
Post Hearing submissions including written Submissions of oral case made at ISH1	EXA/D1/003	TBC	Provides a written record of the Applicant's oral case made during ISH1. This document includes Appendix A (Justification of ancillary works provided in Schedule 1 of the DCO) and Appendix B (Extract of TPO No. 21).
Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) Itinerary	EXA/D1/004	TBC	Provides a draft itinerary and plan of suggested locations for the ExA's Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) with supporting justification.

Confirmations

In accordance with the Examination timetable annexed to the Inspector's letter of 10 December 2019, the Applicant confirms:

- That insofar as it is not already an IP, it should be treated as one;
- That the Applicant wishes to speak at any Open Floor Hearing;
- That the Applicant wishes to make oral representations at any Issue Specific Hearing;
- That the Applicant wishes to speak at any Compulsory Acquisition Hearing; and
- That the Applicant wishes to receive future correspondence electronically.

Hard Copies of Application Documents

In response to the request of the ExA at ISH1, I can confirm that hard copies of the DCO application are not available to view at the Birtley Hub but are available for members of the public to view electronically on the Scheme webpage on the Planning Inspectorate website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/a1-birtley-to-coal-house-improvement-scheme/?ipcsection=docs>

Update on Applicant's request for proposed changes to the Application

Further to our letter dated 14 January 2020 and the request to admit changes to the Application, as detailed in the 'Summary of Proposed Changes to the Application January 2020' [AS-009], the ExA confirmed at the Preliminary Meeting that it wished to understand the approach that was being taken in relation to the submission of the proposed changes before they are accepted into the Examination, particularly in light of PINS Advice Note 16. The following steps are being undertaken (dates being provisional):

A process of consultation will be undertaken, commencing shortly, in relation to the proposed changes and having regard to Advice Note 16. Thus, any documents to be submitted are expected to have been the subject of formal consultation.

A non-statutory targeted consultation will be undertaken with the relevant persons identified in s42 (a) to (d) of the Planning Act 2008 and recommended by the ExA in its Rule 8 letter dated 28 January 2020. The targeted consultation will be undertaken for the 3-span viaduct option and additional land option. The narrow lanes option is not considered to require additional consultation as this can be achieved within the assessed *Rochdale Envelope* for the Scheme.

The consultation period will last for 28 days starting on 16 March 2020 and ending on 13 April 2020. A Consultation Statement will be submitted to the ExA in line with the advice in the Rule 8 letter to include the following details:

- Persons (affected by the changes) under s42(a) to (d) who have been consulted.
- Those s42 (d) persons who are 'affected persons', meaning those over who land Compulsory Acquisition powers will be exercised.
- Any request for additional land identifying the additional Affected Persons if the CA Regulations are being followed.
- Justification as to why any person under s42(a) to (d) is not affected by the proposed changes and therefore has not been consulted.
- Copies of any newspaper or site notices and/or justification as to why such general publicity is not required to ensure fairness.
- An annex comprising any consultation responses received.

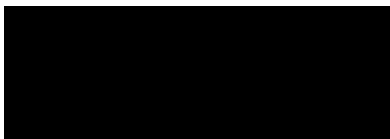
Upon submission to the ExA, it is expected that the following documents will be produced (or existing versions updated) and submitted at Deadline 4 (20 April 2020). These will be produced in such as to permit a comparison of any differences between the proposed changes and the Scheme as at the Application. These documents are as follows:

- Consultation Statement
- Addendum to Planning Statement
- Addendum to Statement of Reasons
- Addendum to Transport Assessment Report
- Environmental Assessment for proposed changes to the Scheme (having regard in particular to interactions with the Scheme)
- Updated Draft DCO
- Updated Explanatory Memorandum
- Updated Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans
- Updated Location Plan
- Updated Structures Engineering Drawings and Sections
- Updated Engineering Drawings and Sections
- Updated General Arrangement Plans

- Updated Works Plans
- Updated Land Plans
- Updated Special Category Land Plans
- Updated Book of Reference
- Any other document that may be considered relevant to the proposed changes that is not identified above but identified at a later stage.

If you have any queries about the documents provided, the Scheme or otherwise please do not hesitate to contact me using the details provided.

Yours faithfully,



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