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Subject: A1 Birtley to Coal House DCO Ref TR010031_Deadline 4 Response

Dear Sir or Madam

Please find below the response from Sunderland City Council for Deadline 4 regarding Highways England's application for a Development Consent Order in relation to the above scheme.

Examining Authority's written questions (Ex Q2) reference 2.9.1

Question - In response to ExQ1.9.1 [REP2-074] Sunderland City Council says that it intends to provide more feedback of the Transport Assessment Report [APP-173], including a review of the A1231/B1288 Mill House roundabout

SCC Response – The applicant's document reference 7.3 Transport Assessment Report (TAR) has now been fully considered. In terms of future forecast traffic flows it is recognised that there will be an increase in traffic flows along this corridor during peak hour flows. The proposed increase in capacity and subsequent journey time savings to be delivered by the scheme are welcomed. Based on the traffic data contained within the TAR, it is considered that there will be no significant impact on the operational capacity of the A1231/B1288 Mill House roundabout that would be detrimental to highway safety.

As such, Sunderland have no further comments they wish to make on this matter.

Additional Information

Meetings and discussions have taken place with Highways England and the applicants team with both Gateshead and Sunderland Councils. Points of interest to Sunderland have focussed on construction traffic and construction worker trips. A Traffic Management Working Group is also planned by the applicant to help communicate with key stakeholders, subject to the outcome of the DCO. These matters are being addressed by the applicant and will be incorporated within the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan, and will be reflected within the Statement of Common Ground.

I trust this is of assistance.

Regards

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