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Dear Sir or Madam

Thank you for notifying the Peak District National Park Authority (Ref. 20029732) about the forthcoming A57 Link Roads scheme Preliminary Meeting - Tuesday 16 November 2021 and Wednesday 17th November.

We recognise that the meeting will be focussed on the Examination process and would like to raise an item of some concern to the Peak District National Park Authority. This is in relation to the fact that the Planning Inspectorate has not invited the Peak District National Park Authority to produce and submit a Local Impact Report.

Whilst the scheme lies wholly outside of the boundary of the Peak District National Park, the scheme is predicted to significantly increase traffic flows on roads across the National Park, including the A628 Woodhead Pass and the A57 Snake Pass. It should be noted that the A57 Snake Pass does not form part of the National Highways Strategic Road Network and crosses through land covered by both national and international designation. As we believe that the A57 Link Roads scheme will have a potentially significant impact on a National Park, the best way in which this effect should be considered within the examination would be for the National Park Authority to provide a Local Impact Report for inclusion. We therefore believe that the failure to invite the Peak District National Park Authority to submit a Local Impact Report is a significant oversight by the Planning Inspectorate, as it fails to demonstrate proper regard for the pursuit of National Park purposes (in accordance with section 62 of the Environment Act 1995).

We would like the opportunity to express this point at the Preliminary Meeting.

Kind regards

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