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Written Representation Submission – Deadline 2
A57 Link Roads TR010034

Dear Mr Cowperthwaite,

Thank you for the invitation to make a written representation as part of the Examination Timetable for National Highways A57 Link Roads. Please find comments below from our community group covering community engagement, the environment, air quality, active travel, dDCO boundary, safety, and local social and economic impacts.

In summary **SMJTS** would like to:

- request a review of procedural decisions, to include an Accompanied Site Inspection to Dinting;
- propose an Issue Specific Hearing for the Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone discussing impact for business, residents and local connectivity of surrounding area with the city of Manchester;
- request to make an oral representation at the Issue Specific Hearing on Air Quality;
- Suggest personal invitations are extended to affected persons, if not already, to continue to improve local community engagement.

| Area | SMJTS Comment | Sharefirst My Journey to School (SMJTS) |
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| 1.1 dDCO boundary | Consider revising dDCO boundary | <p>Request revision of dDCO boundary to include Dinting in the Scheme and determine effective mitigations against predicted increased traffic and HGV's from Glossop Spur Road to villages of Dinting, Gamesley and Simmondley and onward to Glossop.</p> <p>Request review of procedural decisions not to conduct site visits, and request a site inspection at Dinting, Gamesley and Simmondley.</p> <p>SMJTS suggests additional environmental mitigations are possible by including Dinting in the A57 Scheme. For example sustained local air quality benefits,</p> |

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| | | continuation of enhanced junction operation and signalling; continuation of improved non-motorised access and PRow and future integration with potential new Glossop Transport Hub; |
| 1.1 dDCO boundary 13.7 NEW Local Social and Economic Impacts | The Tintwistle Bypass was withdrawn at public inquiry 2009 and there is no provision in the current dDCO. | What is National Highways plan for continued investment in sustainable infrastructure in the region, particularly Hollingworth, Tintwistle and Crowden and how will local authorities, metropolitan boroughs and national highways partner together to attract continued investment here and capitalise on the DCC Transport Hub model? |
| 3.1 NEW Congestion and Journey Times | | What level of confidence does the applicant have that proposed junction operation and signalling solutions will ease congestion, improve journey times and help contribute towards improved safety and air quality at Hattersley, Hollingowrth, A628, Glossop Spur Road and Dinting both short term and long term? |
| 3.13 Public Transport | SMJTS is delighted Glossop is included in the DCC Transport Hub network in the latest Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) submission. | When will funding decision from government for BSIP be known? How will BSIP ambitions impact the Transport Assessment already conducted? What can we put in place to help future-proof benefits of the A57 Link Roads Scheme and leverage the benefit of a potential new Glossop Transport Hub? |
| 3.6 Transport Networks, WCH and Modelling | Evolving workplace travel changes as a result of the pandemic throw a spotlight on continued opportunities for enhanced non-motorised access and multi-use through improved existing and better connected Public Rights of Way for all users for wellbeing, active travel and enhanced air quality. | SMJTS suggests modelling of non-motorised routes possibly be established to help form the basis of a new environmental impact assessment. What contingencies are built into the Scheme to accommodate potential future flexibility in work practices and enhance active travel? What is driving the predicted increases in traffic volumes at Hattersley / M67 J3-4 (1), Dinting (7), A57 Sheffield Road (28), Hollingworth (10) and A628 Crowden-Woodhead (23-26). Are the decreases in traffic at Woolley Bridge (20) realistic? |
| 13.7 NEW Local, Social and Economic Impacts | The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework has seen the withdrawal of Stockport City Council. | What impact may this have on the implementation of the Clean Air Zone and Transport Assessment for the A57 Link Road Scheme? Any other possible impacts? |
| NEW 13.7 Local, social and economic impacts 7.18 | We understand the desire of all authorities and government and local communities for cleaner air and improved public health outcomes from illness associated with air | Implement improved continuous air quality monitoring and increase monitoring points in local communities as part of the Scheme for improved, more granular local and regional air quality data and enhanced environmental impact. This will help support long term sustainable air quality improvements, local net zero goals, improved public |

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| <p>AQMA and Air Quality Directive Compliance</p> | <p>pollutants in line with the EU Clean Air Directive. Current local air quality monitoring in AQMA zones is not continuous and existing Local Authority Environmental Health reports rely on spot readings. The results therefore depend on the day and time when the reading was taken. Air quality, particularly small particles PM2.5, PM10 and NOx adversely impacts well understood respiratory health and mental health issues with associated public health outcomes and resource to manage. Existing AQMA areas include Dinting and Tintwistle, and Hollingworth and Crowden are areas of concern to residents given traffic congestion observed. Increased traffic is predicted from Glossop Spur Road through Dinting which is likely to exacerbate the current situation regarding air pollution, Dinting sits outside existing dDCO boundary, and data seems limited to indicate air quality improvements under the proposed Scheme.</p> | <p>health outcomes, sustain EU Clean Air Directive compliance and better inform proposals for sustainable travel and potential future Clean Air Zones. SMJTS requests improved air quality monitoring is included in the A57 Link Roads Scheme.</p> <p>Take a bold step as part of the A57 Link Roads Scheme with the support of relevant authorities to identify measures to effectively and consistently reduce air pollution in the region through improved air quality monitoring and modelling for more informed, integrated long term sustainable travel infrastructure (motorised and non-motorised).</p> |
| <p>3.22 WCH</p> | | <p>Local authority emphasis does seem to cater for walkers and cyclists. Please can the applicant explain detail for horse-riders around Gun Inn, onward connection to the Coach Road Bridleway and design widths for multi-use PRoW.</p> |
| <p>3.37 NEW Public Transport</p> | | <p>How will bus stops be integrated into future Glossop Transport Hub should the DCC BSIP bid be successful?</p> |
| <p>7.4 Air Quality and 13 Local Social and</p> | <p>Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone community impacts</p> | <p>SMJTS requests the Clean Air Zone is added to topics for Issue Specific Hearings.</p> <p>Request GMCAZ is covered in an existing planned Hearing or as a separate Hearing. Areas of concern include:</p> |

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| Economic impacts | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of evidence of local air pollution levels in surrounding areas to justify the proposed charges; • Question timeframe to implement when cost hikes already experienced by businesses and residents as a result of the pandemic, energy crisis ; • Arbitrary discrimination of charges for older vehicles when many newer models have greater emissions levels; • Clarity on local oversight and management of the Greater Manchester CAZ scheme; • Clarify local confusion over charges for private vehicles, vans and motorcycles. • Clarify impact to businesses • Are EV charge points adequate? |
| 9.17 NEW Construction Phase 14.1 Environment | | <p>SMJTS understands that electric vehicle options are planned to be used where appropriate and suitable by the appointed contractors in order to help minimise the environmental impact, including noise during the construction phase. Please confirm</p> |
| 12.16 In-combination Habitat Regulation Assessment | | <p>SMJTS understands from the public consultation that an ecologist will be present on site to ensure habitats for local and protected species can be monitored at all stages. Please can the applicant confirm.</p> |
| 14.1 Environment: Nuisance | <p>SMJTS echoes Local Authority, Highways Authority and Environment Agency concerns around common law nuisance and statutory nuisance.</p> | <p>What is status of national discussions regarding increasing size of HGV's?</p> |
| 14.4 Environment: Safety | <p>SMJTS added suggestions to enhance safety.</p> | <p>Improved roadside signage – traditional or electronic; Improve local website-based traffic and weather notifications for communities. Glossop Online was a fantastic, accurate resource for local travel in the area. It is a great loss to us that the website no longer appears to be functioning? Include additional funding for National Significant Infrastructure Projects to build in access to new community safety training programmes, particularly where major infrastructure routes pass through villages and communities such as A57 Link Roads Scheme; A potential training scheme may continue to develop safety training programmes for: Motorists and HGV's - emphasising the need to 'pass wide and slow' around non-motorised road users for example motor cyclists, cyclists, horse-riders,</p> |

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| | | walkers, mobility scooters, e-scooters, scooters, other; Local community road users - local training on how to safely use new crossing facilities as part of the scheme; Continue to enhance awareness in national statutory DVLA examinations. |
| 15.9 NEW Affected persons | The A57 Link Roads Scheme and village communities. | SMJTS would like to encourage National Highways through the Planning Inspectorate procedures to continue to foster greater community engagement by extending a Personal Invitation to Hearings for affected persons. |

Yours sincerely

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