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**Subject:** Request from the Peak District National Park Authority to make an oral representation at the A57 Link Roads scheme hearing  
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Dear Sir or Madam

Thank you for your letter of 16<sup>th</sup> December (Ref: TR010034) alerting us to the process for making an oral representation at a hearing.

Officers of the Peak District National Park Authority wish to make an oral representation at the A57 Link Roads scheme hearing on the following basis: -

1. Peak District National Park Authority Members will consider the findings of the recently submitted A57 Link Roads Scheme Peak District National Park Local Impact Report at the Authority Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> February. This meeting will consider the current holding objection made by the Authority against the scheme and determine whether to withdraw or formalise that objection. We would like to be able to inform the Examination of the outcome of this decision.
2. The Peak District National Park Authority has worked closely with Highways England / National Highways, Transport for the North and the Department for Transport to assess the transport issues of the South Pennines Transport corridor, including the A57 / A628 / A617 corridor. Our approach has been a constructive one on the basis of assurances that a holistic approach would be taken, resulting in an exemplar scheme or schemes aimed at addressing the issues of connectivity, whilst bringing net environmental benefit to the National Park.

We believe that at the current time the A57 Link Roads scheme is a stand-alone scheme that does not form part of a strategic or holistic approach; and rather than delivering net environmental benefit to the National Park it has an overall net negative environmental impact on the National Park, which is a national asset. We recognise the need to address the severe local problems caused by traffic in Mottram and Woolley Bridge, but do not believe that this should be achieved in a way that negatively impacts the National Park, its residents or its visitors.

The subject of the oral representation does not / will not duplicate materials submitted thus far by the Peak District National Park Authority to the Examination

I believe that the subject matter would fall under the Issue Specific Hearing 2 – Other environmental topics; or possibly Open Floor Hearing 2, but will await your advice in this matter.

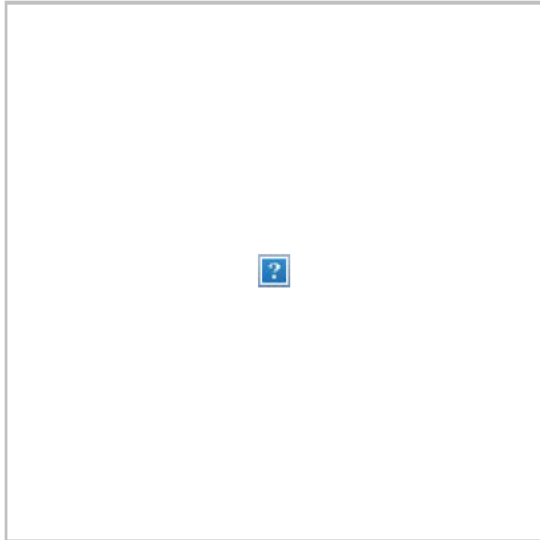
I hope that the information provided above is sufficient to meet the requirements stipulated in your letter; please contact me if you require any further information.

Yours faithfully

Tim Nicholson

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