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The Planning Inspectorate
National Infrastructure Planning
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Bristol
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Sharefirst My Journey to School 20029723

Written Representation Submission – Deadline 4
A57 Link Roads TR010034

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Issue Specific Hearings this week as part of the Planning Inspectorate formal Examination process of the A57 Link Roads Scheme by the Applicant, National Highways.

I am writing to confirm that [Sharefirst My Journey to School](#) is progressing arrangements for a site visit to Dinting for Interested Parties, following guidance in the Hearing by the Planning Inspectorate.

[Sharefirst My Journey to School](#) community interest group proposes an accompanied site visit to Dinting for the following reasons:

- In the Hearing, additional modelling conducted by the Applicant raised a number of fresh questions on the part of all Interested Parties around potential impacts of the A57 Link Roads Scheme to Dinting, surrounding villages and onwards to Glossop;
- An accompanied site visit will enable Interested Parties to experience peak travel in Dinting, an AQMA area, and bring diverse knowledge, expertise and experience to help improve understanding of the local environment through peak travel times in Dinting;
- Help to improve understanding around interactions of the proposed A57 Link Roads Scheme with the existing regional and local road networks and streets, and potential knock on effects for local communities including ‘rat runs’ and onward travel through Dinting towards Glossop and Snake Pass;
- Assist achievement of a sustainable planning balance by bringing added Community Voice as part of the Examination process for the A57 Link Roads Scheme;
- Assist decision-making by contributing to preparation of a Statement of Common Ground for Glossop.

The suggested route for an accompanied site visit is to start from the exit of the proposed new Glossop Spur Road onto the A57, traverse along the A57 towards Dinting and Gamesley, incorporating Simmondley Roundabout, Shaw Lane and Dinting Road to Holy Trinity Church, Dinting. In preparation for a proposed visit, [Sharefirst My Journey to School](#) has consulted with the Health and Wellbeing, Community and Travel Governor sitting on the Governing Board of Glossopdale

School and Sixth Form regarding possible timings for an accompanied site visit to Dinting, and afternoon is recommended. The School Governor, who will be in attendance on the day of the visit recommends the group aims to travel up Shaw Lane to Dinting Road for 14:50 in order to observe specifically community use of the local transport network during peak travel times as the school closes for the day. A wide variety of modes of transport are used by staff, parents, carers and students including walking, cycling, train and bus travel. The preferred day of the week to support an accompanied site visit would be a Friday afternoon.

Overall timings for the accompanied site visit will of course depend on whether the visit is conducted by car or by foot, and whether there are requests from other Interested Parties to accommodate. In outline [Sharefirst My Journey to School](#) estimates timings 12:00-17:00 for a site visit to Dinting.

Staff from Glossopdale School and Sixth Form College have been consulted about the proposed visit and are willing to support the visit and be present along with, we hope, a local Derbyshire County Council Councillor and another member of [Sharefirst My Journey to School](#).

[Sharefirst My Journey to School](#) welcomes comments on the proposed arrangements for an accompanied site visit. We suggest details can be finalised when levels of interest are confirmed.

Response to Issue Specific Hearings

A good number of points raised in the [SMJTS](#) written submission for deadline 2 have been addressed through the Hearings. Additional questions arising:

1. Please can the Applicant submit written detail of the additional modelling forecasts conducted and discussed in the Hearing?
2. Is it possible to incorporate community travel into traffic flow forecasts and transport network modelling?
3. Since the Hearing, I have personally noted that on a recent journey using the local motorway network following the Hearing, signposts are already erected indicating implementation of GMCAZ on 30th May 2022. Residents and businesses both within the proposed boundary for the GMCAZ and external to the boundary have seen little or no published information about the GMCAZ proposals, and remain confused about timing, costs, how it will run and be managed, boundaries and impact to High Peak residents and the A57 Link Roads Scheme. When will firmed up, detailed proposals for GMCAZ be available?
4. When will an Electric Vehicle trajectory for take-up be available to assist with carbon impact assessments, carbon budgets and help continue to secure and underpin delivery of the national commitments to Net Zero?

Yours sincerely,

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