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Written Summary of Oral Submission Day 1 Issue Specific Hearing 3
Deadline 8 response
A57 Link Roads TR010034

Dear Sirs,

The Examining Authority has requested follow up written submissions for oral submissions to the recent Hearings for Deadline 8.

In the **Sharefirst My Journey to School** written submission for Deadline 2, **Sharefirst My Journey to School** community interest group has been keen to understand what is driving the predicted traffic flow increases from Glossop Spur Road through Dinting, which is already identified as an AQMA area, when there have been long-standing community concerns raised around safety of a local crossing point at Dinting for safe journeys to school for students, parents, carers, teaching staff and all users of the crossing on Dinting Road. In the last Issue Specific Hearing 2, the Applicant relayed that further detailed interrogation of the modelling data for the predicted traffic volume increases had been carried out.

Additional detailed interrogation of modelling data for traffic flows has been conducted by the Applicant to help the local community understand what is driving the traffic increases through Dinting, surrounding villages and then onwards towards Glossop and Snake Pass. The additional modelling has highlighted that the new Glossop Spur Road presents an attractive new road scheme promoting access to Sheffield via the Snake Pass, and vice versa to Manchester, drawing in traffic with no restraint from surrounding areas. The Applicant explained an indicative % breakdown for forecast traffic volumes increases from surrounding areas to Glossop Spur Road and A57:

- A6 / A623 – swing round new Glossop Spur Road to A57 to Sheffield, and Manchester (50%)
- Improved access to M62 (20%)
- Increased general use from a wider area (30%).

The additional modelling indicates the current proposed Scheme is likely to draw an increased flow of traffic via Glossop Spur Road along the existing A57 through Brookfield, Dinting and Glossop from surrounding areas, rather than directing traffic towards use of the national strategic road A628.

This validates concerns raised by the local community about potential local traffic impacts from anticipated increased traffic volume, including potential adverse safety impacts as a result of increased forecast volumes of traffic, impacts to local 'rat runs', surrounding villages and knock on impacts from Glossop Spur Road along A57 towards Glossop and Snake Pass. This can also affect Bamford as the first village along Snake Pass.

My question is to the Applicant following additional traffic flow modelling that has been conducted by the Applicant to help assess environmental impact and impact to the local community of the new Glossop Spur Road, and was raised in the last Hearing:

Please can the Applicant advise what adjustments, investigations or additional measures have been identified as part of the A57 Link Roads Scheme proposals and delivery to help address the traffic flow distribution concerns identified by the additional modelling, in order to alleviate both the potential for predicted traffic flow increases via the new A57 Glossop Spur Road to Dinting (AQMA area), surrounding villages and knock on impacts onwards towards Glossop and Snake Pass, and the potential under-utilisation of the national strategic road network (A628 Woodhead Pass). We are also mindful that Tintwistle is an AQMA area.

Yours sincerely,

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