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The Planning Inspectorate  
National Infrastructure Planning  
Temple Quay House  
Bristol  
BS16PN

## Sharefirst My Journey to School 20029723

Comments on responses to Deadline 7  
A57 Link Roads TR010034

Dear Sirs,

Further to most recent responses to Deadline 7 of the A57 Link Roads Scheme, please find a number of comments from [Sharefirst My Journey to School](#) in relation to flood risk, Bamford and environmental impact assessments.

### **Flood incident A57**

There is no mention in responses from the Environment Agency and Lead Local Flood Authority of a recent flood incident on the A57 at the junction of Dinting Road and Shaw Lane impacting traffic flow into and out of Glossop.

In the recent storms, heavy rainfall caused significant flooding at the junction of the A57 with Shaw Lane at Dinting. Emergency services were called (Police Force) and the area cordoned in order to assist vehicles and pedestrians with safe passage through flood water. The associated traffic build-up from Woolley Bridge due to caution exercised by drivers given the associated risk of damage to engines by driving vehicles through significant levels of flood water and physical obstruction of flood water caused significant congestion and increased journey times. A number of vehicles turned around in order to take an alternative route into Glossop via Woolley Bridge. The police I am sure will have details for the incident. We were travelling back into Glossop that day from Woolley Bridge and were directly affected.

Please can the Approved Flood Risk Assessment from DCC and Lead Local Flood Authority be updated to reflect detail for the flood incident which took place? This incident may add to the Highways England 6.3 Environmental Statement in relation to Road Drainage and the Water Environment, Section 4 of the National Highways 9.42 Flood Risk Assessment and submitted response from the Lead Local Flood Authority and Environment Agency on Issue Topic 1 and Issue Topic 11 of the dDCO relating to groundwater contamination, flood risk assessment, flood modelling and surface water drainage. I am writing to seek reassurances from the Authorities, Lead Local Flood Authority and the Environment Agency around flood risk to the A57 to ensure appropriate inclusion within Environmental Impact Assessments.

## **Bamford**

The recent written submission from Bamford and Thornhill Parish Council conveys that there is no recognition in any of the documentation of significant effects on the village of Bamford. It is of note that Bamford is the first village beyond Glossop along the Snake Pass, and I would suggest that Snake Pass and traffic flow along A57 beyond Glossop have been included in discussions on traffic flow modelling, and in written submissions from [Sharefirst My Journey to School](#), which I hope assists.

## **Unaccompanied site inspection – local community benefits**

The junction of Shaw Lane with the A57 at Dinting is currently outside the boundary of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO), yet potential environmental impacts from traffic volume increases identified by additional modelling combined with vulnerability to flooding and high levels of surface water in heavy rainfall that has recently been demonstrated is an immediate cause for concern for the local community. We hope the unaccompanied site inspection by the Planning Inspectorate to Dinting can also assist with local flood risk assessments.

In addition, the unaccompanied site inspection by the Planning Inspectorate to consider matters raised by [Sharefirst My Journey to School](#) may be of benefit to a number of additional areas considered as part Examination process for the A57 Link Roads Scheme:

- Continuation of air quality discussions particularly for AQMA's outside the current dDCO boundary;
- Assess opportunities to address the results of traffic flow impacts following additional traffic flow modelling conducted by the Applicant;
- Assess potential diversionary impact schemes and consequential environmental effects;
- Continue to assist environmental impact assessments.

Yours sincerely,

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