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## Sharefirst My Journey to School 20029723

Deadline 9 - Comments on changes to dDCO and submissions from Deadline 8  
A57 Link Roads TR010034

Dear Sirs,

The main points at Deadline 9 from [Sharefirst My Journey to School](#) are regarding the draft DCO Boundary, Junction Operation and Signalling, Public Rights of Way, Air Quality and continuing community engagement. Further to [SMJTS](#) participation in Issue Specific Hearing 3, please find [SMJTS](#) comments on deadline 8 submissions and changes to the draft Development Consent Order:

### Draft Development Consent Order

1. We await the outcomes in the detailed written summary of findings from Planning Inspectorate Unaccompanied Site Inspection to Dinting. Reassurances have been given to [SMJTS](#) by the Case Team that an opportunity for the community to respond will be included within the formal Examination Process. We look forward to receiving details;
2. [SMJTS](#) and Glossopdale School and Sixth Form extended an offer at Deadline 6 to host a Glossopdale School and Sixth Form Student Voice Forum, to be led and organised by TJ Fielding, School Governor in order to continue to enhance community engagement. We await to hear if this offer is likely to be taken up;
3. Continuing to pick up a comment from Deadline 4: When will an Electric Vehicle trajectory for take-up be available to assist with the new Carbon Management Plan, carbon impact assessments, carbon budgets and help continue to secure and underpin delivery of the national commitments to Net Zero?

### Junction Operation and Signalling

4. It would be helpful to us as a community interest group if it was please possible for the Applicant to summarise design, junction operation and signalling solutions which are included in the design of the A57 Link Roads Scheme to continue to support safe use and safe crossing of the new road layout for all ages and all mobilities of the community in safe journeys to school and safe journeys all year round at all travel times, particularly around the new road layout in areas of Hollingworth and onward travel from Glossop Spur Road through Dinting , surrounding villages, rat runs and onwards to Glossop and Snake Pass;

5. 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;
6. Are there any other future-proofing measures for user benefits with a new Glossop Transport Hub that can be considered as part of the Scheme, for continued regional integration in sustainable travel?;
7. Locally we have observed new signage indicating new weight restrictions (7.5T) on Snake Pass following extensive land slippages in heavy rain. Are these likely to be permanent weight restrictions, and has impact to business been assessed?
8. **SMJTS** has suggested consideration of inclusion of new community familiarisation training for new road layout, new road crossings, junction operation and signalling for all users as part of the scheme is included in project delivery. It is not yet clear if this is possible. Please can the Applicant advise is this is possible?

#### **Public Rights of Way (PRoW)**

9. New segregated cycleways progress along the length of the road and is likely to attract 'hard core commuter cyclists'. Essentially PRoW finish at Dinting given local geographic, commercial land use and road width restrictions in the area. How can connectivity between Glossop, Tameside and Stalybridge away from the road be improved for wider access and participation in leisure and active travel?
10. There are a couple of areas we are not clear on regarding cycle use and equine use. Please can the Applicant outline design detail for:
  - i. Carr House Lane – signalling and flow of non-motorised traffic;
  - ii. M67 underpass at Hattersley;
  - iii. Gun Inn and traffic lights at Coach Road for cyclist and equine crossing;
  - iv. Roe Cross underpass.

#### **Air Quality**

11. **SMJTS** contends that it is difficult to support a new Glossop Spur Road which will increase traffic levels onwards to Glossop in a way demonstrated by the additional modelling that has been conducted by the Applicant NH to improve our understanding of this point, and where additional data in order to carry out a robust air quality assessment in Dinting Vale is recommended by the Applicant National Highways in order to more accurately carry out air quality assessments. **SMJTS** suggests that in order to fully evaluate air quality impacts of the Scheme which includes the new Glossop Spur Road, a further AQ assessment with expanded data points in Dinting Vale AQMA is required to enable a meaningful assessment of AQ impacts. We await to hear output of continuing detailed air quality discussions where opinion continues to seem to be divided and there remain ongoing meetings on the subject;
12. DCC recommends including Dinting Road Crossing Point in the scope of the Post Opening Project Evaluation (POPE). **SMJTS** contends that realistically this is too long for school staff to wait for evaluation of safety improvements to be made. The outcome of the Unaccompanied

Site Inspection is likely to help inform action to address concerns raised by school staff and local community in the Dinting area.

13. Now that central government funding has been awarded to DCC following successful BSIP bid, we wondered if there are opportunities to dovetail A57 Link Roads Scheme with future Transport Hubs in Glossop and across Derbyshire. Please can DCC advise timings and priority for setting up Transport Hubs to assist continued integration of sustainable travel with A57 Link Roads Scheme?;
14. Is there any further clarity on plans for GMCAZ at this time?

Yours sincerely

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