



**Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A57 Link Roads Scheme**

**The Examining Authority's third written questions and requests for information**

**Response on Behalf of Derbyshire County Council**

## The draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) and other consents

Reference is made to the dDCO submitted by the Applicant for Deadline 1 [[REP1-041](#)].

No.	Reference	Question	Derbyshire County Council Response
1.2	Requirements 3(3), 3(4), 3(5) and 3(6) Detailed Design	<p>The Applicant [REP9-004] has incorporated the ExA's [PD-016] suggested additions. Tameside Borough Council [REP9-037] had no comments.</p> <p>a) Please could Derbyshire County Council, High Peak Borough Council and Peak District National Park Authority comment?</p> <p>b) Do the local authorities or Peak District National Park Authority have any outstanding concerns regarding Requirement 3?</p>	<p>a) Derbyshire County Council has reviewed the applicant's additions to these Requirements in the dDCO and is satisfied that these amendments make appropriate reference to the need for the County Council to be consulted on the detailed design elements of the scheme.</p> <p>b) Derbyshire County Council has no outstanding concerns with regards to Requirement 3.</p>
1.8	Requirement 10 Archaeological remains	<p>The Applicant [REP9-028] considers that Derbyshire County Council's concerns [REP8-024] that approval of a written scheme should also be required for pre-commencement works is addressed by 10(8).</p> <p>a) Please could Derbyshire County Council comment?</p> <p>b) Does Derbyshire County Council have any outstanding concerns regarding Requirement 10?</p>	<p>a) Derbyshire County Council has reviewed Requirement 10 (8) as indicated by the applicant and considers that it appropriately addresses the County Council's concerns on this matter in respect of the pre-commencement works.</p> <p>b) Derbyshire County Council has no other outstanding concerns regarding Requirement 10.</p>
1.12	Remaining concerns	<p>Apart from the issues covered elsewhere in these third written questions, please could Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, High Peak Borough Council, Peak District National Park Authority, the Environment Agency, and</p>	<p>Derbyshire County Council has no remaining concerns about the Draft DCO.</p>

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		Natural England summarise any remaining concerns that they have about the dDCO?	
2.3	Remaining concerns	<p>Apart from the issues covered elsewhere in these third written questions or in their signed Statements of Common Ground, please could Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, High Peak Borough Council, Peak District National Park Authority, the Environment Agency, and Natural England summarise any remaining concerns that they have about the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case for the Scheme [REP2-016]</li> <li>• Environmental Management Plan (First Iteration) [REP9- 008]</li> <li>• Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments [REP9-009]</li> <li>• Works Plans [REP9-002], Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans [REP9-003], Scheme Layout Plans [REP8- 004], and Engineering Drawings and Section Plans [REP5-005]</li> <li>• compliance of the Proposed Development with relevant legislation and policy, including local policies</li> <li>• any other important and relevant matters, including in relation to the ExA's Initial Assessment of Principal Issues [PD-005]</li> </ul>	Derbyshire County Council has no remaining concerns that have not previously been addressed through its Statement of Common Ground with the applicant; its responses to the first and second rounds of the ExA's Written Questions; or through the County Council's oral submissions at the Examination Hearing Sessions relating to these matters.
3.11	Remaining concerns	Apart from the issues covered elsewhere in these third written questions, please could Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, High Peak Borough Council, and Peak District National Park Authority and summarise any remaining	Derbyshire County Council has no remaining concerns that have not been previously addressed through its responses to the first and second rounds of the ExA's Written Questions or through the County Council's

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		concerns that they have about the Applicant's consideration of transport networks, traffic, alternatives, access, severance, walkers, cyclists, or horse riders?	oral submissions at the Examination Hearing Sessions relating to transport matters.
4.4	Remaining concerns	Apart from the issues covered elsewhere in these third written questions, please could Natural England, Peak District National Park Authority, Derbyshire County Council, and High Peak Borough Council summarise any remaining concerns that they have about the Applicant's consideration of the Peak District National Park?	Derbyshire County Council has no remaining concerns that have not been previously addressed through its responses to the first and second rounds of the ExA's Written Questions or through the County Council's oral submissions at the Examination Hearing Sessions relating to the potential highways related impacts of the scheme on the Peak District National Park.
5.1	Landscape and visual Mitigation	<p>The Applicant [REP9-027] has updated the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management and Monitoring Plan [REP8-014] and Design Approach Document [REP9-008 Annex C2] in response to concerns raised by the local authorities regarding planting.</p> <p>a) Do the local authorities and Peak District National Park Authority have any comments on the Applicant's updates?</p> <p>b) Do the local authorities or Peak District National Park Authority have any remaining concerns about the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management and Monitoring Plan?</p>	a) Following the Topic Specific Hearing Session on this matter, a meeting took place on 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 between the County Council's Landscape Architect and the applicant's Landscape Consultants to discuss the landscape elements of the Outline Landscape Management Plan (OLEMP) and the Design Approach Document. The meeting established key agreed elements, including for planting, between both parties that should be included in the OLEMP and DAC, to address the County Council's previous concerns relating to both documents. These agreed amendments to both documents have been appropriately included in the updates provided by the applicant.

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			b) In the context of the above, Derbyshire County Council has no further outstanding concerns regarding the OLEMP.
5.2	Design Mitigation	<p>The Applicant [REP9-027] has updated the Design Approach Document [REP9-008 Annex C2] in response to concerns raised by High Peak Borough Council [REP8-025] regarding references to local policy.</p> <p>a) Does High Peak Borough Council have any comments on the Applicant's updates?</p> <p>b) Do the local authorities or Peak District National Park Authority have any remaining concerns about the Design Approach Document?</p>	b) No. Derbyshire County Council has no remaining concerns regarding the Design Approach Document.
5.3	Green Belt	<p>High Peak Borough Council [REP9-033] have raised concerns about "other considerations" in relation to whether "very special circumstances" exist, including that, in their view:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• journeys between Glossop, Hadfield and Tintwistle are likely to experience a disbenefit due to additional traffic on the existing highway network and the absence of any plans to mitigate impacts outside of the DCO boundary</li> <li>• the impacts of traffic growth on Shaw Lane and Dinting Road, the potential need for junction improvements, a pedestrian crossing to enable safe journeys to school across Dinting Road and the implications of on-street parking on Shaw Lane which prohibit two-way traffic movements have not been addressed or remain unresolved.</li> </ul>	<p>Derbyshire County Council considers that it has addressed this matter in its response to the ExA's Second Written Questions and its oral submissions to the last Issue Specific Hearing Sessions and would, therefore, reaffirm its previous responses regarding the highways and transport matters raised by High peak Borough Council as below:</p> <p>TR010034 6.5 Environmental Statement Appendix 2.1 Traffic Data indicates that on the local roads in Glossop away from the A57 changes in flow of typically around 1000 movements daily. Over, say a 16-hour day, this equates to 60 an hour or one a minute, consequently, the County Council believes that changes in flows directly arising from the scheme are largely imperceptible. The</p>

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		<p>Please could the Applicant and Derbyshire County Council, as the local highway authority, comment?</p>	<p>County Council mindful of NPPF paragraph 111, 'development should only be prevented or refused on highways grounds if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe.' The Local Highway Authority whilst acknowledging that there will be changes in traffic flows due to the secondary reassignment effects of the scheme, does not however consider that the impacts would be 'severe.'</p> <p>The applicant has provided the County Council with capacity assessments of the A57 at its junction with Shaw Lane. Potential for additional queuing and future congestion at the junction is acknowledged.</p> <p>Derbyshire County Council considers it appropriate, as the design for the scheme emerges to review the traffic flow forecast through the junction, and in consultation with the applicant explore the scope for a system of linked signalling arrangements with the proposed new junction on Woolley Lane in order to manage the traffic entering Glossop on the A57.</p> <p>Since the ExA raised this issue at the previous hearing session, the County Council's Network Management Officer has held further discussions with the applicant about the need for a more formalised</p>

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			<p>pedestrian crossing on Dinting Road in the vicinity of Glossopdale School.</p> <p>Further investigations have also taken place by the County Council's Developer Contributions Officer on this issue. These discussions and further investigations have identified that the County Council has secured developer contributions funding for a controlled crossing which is to the left of Station Approach. This funding relates to a planning application by Derbyshire County Council's Director of Property (application Code NoCD1/0420/5) that was received by the County Council, as Minerals and Waste Planning Authority, on the 30 April 2020 for permission for the erection of a Two-Storey Teaching Building with Associated Connecting Canopy and the Provision of Three Multiuser Games Area Courts at Glossopdale School, Newshawk Lane, Hadfield SK13 2DA. The application was granted by the County Council on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 subject to conditions. However, in terms of developer contributions, a Unilateral Undertaking was also signed as part of the approval of the scheme between Derbyshire County Council and High Peak Borough Council, which included a clause (2.5) that required that a sum of £50,000 should be payable to the County Council (as Enforcing Authority) for safety improvements to the Highway Network in the vicinity of the site.</p>

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			<p>The planning application Highways Authority consultation response however stated:</p> <p><i>‘The Highway Authority has received several complaints about the crossing point on Dinting Road, including from the MP and a Glossopdale School Governor. The Transport Statement dismisses this road as not being “heavily trafficked” despite describing it as a key link between Glossop and Hadfield, an access to the rail station and being a main bus route. It is a well-known and well used rat run in the town to by-pass the regularly congested A57 corridor. Bearing the latter and aforementioned complaints in mind, it’s considered that any approval for expansion of the school should secure funding for investigation in to, and any subsequent installation of, a zebra crossing at this location.’</i></p> <p>Derbyshire County Council would concur with the ExA in that there are significant levels of on street parking on the local roads in Glossop, particularly in the residential areas. Clearly, on street parking does act as a deterrent to through traffic. The Local Highway Authority therefore remains of the view that vehicles using the side roads in Glossop do so because they have a trip end within the area in question.</p>



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5.4	Remaining Concerns	Apart from the issues covered elsewhere in these third written questions, please could Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, High Peak Borough Council, and Peak District National Park Authority summarise any remaining concerns that they have about the Applicant's consideration of landscape, visual, design, or the Green Belt?	Apart from the issues raised above in questions 5.1 to 5.3, Derbyshire County Council has no remaining concerns that have not been previously addressed through its responses to the first and second rounds of the ExA's Written Questions or through the County Council's oral submissions at the Examination Hearing Sessions relating to landscape, visual, design and Green Belt matters.
6.2	Remaining Concerns	Apart from the issues covered elsewhere in these third written questions, please could Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, High Peak Borough Council, Peak District National Park Authority, and the Environment Agency summarise any remaining concerns that they have about the Applicant's consideration of noise, vibration, common law nuisance or statutory nuisance?	Derbyshire County Council has no remaining concerns that have not previously been addressed through its responses to the first and second rounds of the ExA's Written Questions or through the County Council's oral submissions at the Examination Hearing Sessions relating to these matters.
8.2	Remaining Concerns	Apart from the issues covered elsewhere in these third written questions, please could Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, High Peak Borough Council, and Peak District National Park Authority summarise any remaining concerns that they have about the Applicant's consideration of climate change?	Derbyshire County Council has no remaining concerns that have not previously been addressed through its responses to the first and second rounds of the ExA's Written Questions or through the County Council's oral submissions at the Examination Hearing Sessions relating to climate change matters.
9.4	Remaining Concerns	Apart from the issues covered elsewhere in these third written questions, please could Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Derbyshire County	Derbyshire County Council has no remaining concerns that have not previously been addressed through its responses to the first

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		Council, High Peak Borough Council, and Peak District National Park Authority summarise any remaining concerns that they have about the Applicant's consideration of the historic environment?	and second rounds of the ExA's Written Questions or through the County Council's oral submissions at the Examination Hearing Sessions relating to the historic environment.
10.5	Remaining Concerns	Apart from the issues covered elsewhere in these third written questions, please could Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, High Peak Borough Council, Peak District National Park Authority, and the Environment Agency summarise any remaining concerns that they have has about the Applicant's consideration of soils, ground conditions, material assets or waste	Derbyshire County Council has no remaining concerns that have not previously been addressed through its responses to the first and second rounds of the ExA's Written Questions or through the County Council's oral submissions at the Examination Hearing Sessions relating to material assets and waste management matters.
11.8	Remaining concerns	Apart from the issues covered elsewhere in these third written questions, please could Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, High Peak Borough Council, and the Environment Agency summarise any remaining concerns that they have about the Applicant's consideration of the water environment, drainage, flood risk assessment, or the Water Frameworks Directive?	Derbyshire County Council has no remaining concerns that have not previously been addressed through its responses to the first and second rounds of the ExA's Written Questions or through the County Council's oral submissions at the Examination Hearing Sessions relating to drainage and the water environment. Derbyshire County Council has indicated through the above that it is content that matters relating to drainage and the water environment can be addressed at the detailed design stage for the scheme.
12.9	Remaining Concerns	Apart from the issues covered elsewhere in these third written questions, please could Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, High Peak Borough Council, Peak District National Park Authority, Natural England, and the Environment Agency summarise any remaining concerns that they have about the Applicant's	Derbyshire County Council has no remaining concerns that have not previously been addressed through its responses to the first and second rounds of the ExA's Written Questions or through the County Council's oral submissions at the Examination Hearing Sessions relating to ecological matters.

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		consideration of biodiversity, ecological and geological conservation, or the Habitat Regulation Assessment?	
13.1	Remaining concerns	Apart from the issues covered elsewhere in these third written questions, please could Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, High Peak Borough Council, and Peak District National Park Authority summarise any remaining concerns that they have about the Applicant's consideration of land use, social and economic, or human health?	Derbyshire County Council has no remaining concerns that have not previously been addressed through its responses to the first and second rounds of the ExA's Written Questions or through the County Council's oral submissions at the Examination Hearing Sessions relating to land use, social and economic or human health matters.
14.1	Remaining Concerns	<p>Apart from the issues covered elsewhere in these third written questions, please could Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, High Peak Borough Council, Peak District National Park Authority, the Environment Agency, Natural England, and Statutory Undertakers summarise any remaining concerns that they have about the Applicant's consideration of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the utility infrastructure</li> <li>• transboundary effects</li> <li>• security</li> <li>• major accidents and disasters</li> <li>• civil and military aviation and defence</li> <li>• decommissioning</li> <li>• cumulative and combined effects</li> <li>• other important and relevant considerations</li> </ul>	Derbyshire County Council has no remaining concerns on these matters.