From:
A57 Link Roads

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## Dear Kate,

We have been forwarded the Secretary of State's request for additional information in respect of the A57 Link Roads application, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022. TfGM's responses, on behalf of the GMCA, are set out below:

## 2. Request for an update from the Applicant and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority regarding the status of the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan

Noting that a new Clean Air Plan is currently being developed, the Secretary of State requests an update from the **Applicant and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority** regarding the status of the proposed new Clean Air Plan, the expected date of implementation of the proposed Clean Air Zone and whether the latest proposals for the Zone include both the A57T and A628 in the location of the Proposed Development. TfGM Response:

The direction to implement a Category C Clean Air Zone so as to achieve compliance with the legal limit value for NO<sub>2</sub> in the shortest possible time, and by 2024 at the latest, was revoked on

 $8^{th}$  February 2022. The new direction issued to the GM Authorities required a review of the existing plan and to propose any changes by  $1^{st}$  July to deliver compliance with legal nitrogen dioxide ( $NO_2$ ) limits in the shortest possible time and by 2026 at the latest. A 'Case for a new Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan' has been submitted to the Secretary of State (SoS) for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. The case for a new plan sets out evidence supporting an investment-led approach, with **no charging Clean Air Zone**, to address the city-region's  $NO_2$  air pollution problem.

As of today, Greater Manchester is awaiting a response from the SoS.

## 4. Request for an update from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority on the progress of the emerging 'Places for Everyone' (PfE) Joint Development Plan Document

The Secretary of State refers to the response of Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council to question 2.1 in the Examining Authority's second written questions [REP6-037]. The Secretary of State requests an update from **the Greater Manchester Combined Authority** as to the current position of the relevant draft policies within the Joint Development Plan.

TfGM's Response:

The hearing sessions for the Places for Everyone plan are scheduled to begin on 1 November 2022 and run until the end of March 2023. The position in relation to the weight placed on policies within the document is unchanged since the Tameside response to question 2.1 in the Examining Authority's second written questions [REP6-037].

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this email. If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Nicola

## Nicola Kane

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