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Dear Kate Atkins

A57 Link Roads scheme
Development Consent Order application reference: TR010034
National Highways' Response to Department for Transport Consultation letter dated
03 October 2022

This letter provides the response of the Applicant, National Highways, to the Department for Transport's consultation letter dated 03 October 2022 in respect to the above application. Specifically,

2. Request for clarification from the Applicant on the reference to "structure" in article 12(5)(b).

The Secretary of State notes from Sheets 2 and 3 of the Works Plans [REP11-003] that Work Nos. 32 and 33 are collectively described as "bridge structure and underpass". However, the two references to "structure" in article 12(5)(b) mention firstly "the "Mottram Underpass" and secondly to "the underpass" which would seem to refer back to the "Mottram Underpass", because there is no reference to any underpass in the descriptions of Work Nos. 5 and 6 in Schedule 1 to the draft Order or in the Works Plans.

Article 3(1) of the draft A57 Link Roads Development Consent Order ("dDCO") [REP12-002] confirms that development consent is to be granted for the authorised development which is defined as the development described in Schedule 1. Article 12(5)(b) therefore needs to be read in conjunction with the works descriptions within Schedule 1. Relevant extracts from the dDCO are annexed to this response.

The structure referred to in Article 12(5)(b) comprises the Roe Cross Road Bridge and the retaining walls to Mottram Underpass which carry Roe Cross Road as described in Work No.32. The Mottram Underpass also carries Old Road and Old

Hall Lane as described in Work No.33. The works above the structural elements of the Mottram Underpass and Roe Cross Road Bridge refers to Roe Cross Road, Old Road and Old Hall Lane respectively and it is these roads that are to be maintained at the expense of the local highway authority. The structure of the Mottram Underpass, Roe Cross Road Bridge as described in Works No.23 & 33 together with and the sections of the A57 dual carriageway known as Mottram Moor Link Road described in Works No.5 & 6 are to be maintained at the expense of the undertaker.

The Applicant respectfully suggests that when Article 12(5)(b) is read in conjunction with the works descriptions at Schedule 1 of the dDCO, the future maintenance responsibilities between the Applicant and local highway authority are clear. However, should the Secretary of State consider that further clarity would be beneficial, the Applicant would suggest the following text for Article 12(5)(b):

“the highways above the structure of the ‘Mottram Underpass’ and ‘Roe Cross Road Bridge’ to be constructed pursuant to Work No.32 and Work No.33 must be maintained by and at the expense of the local highway authority and the structure of the Mottram Underpass and Roe Cross Road Bridge together with the Mottram Moor Link Road to be constructed pursuant to Work No.5 and Work No.6 must be maintained by and at the expense of the undertaker, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the local highway authority.”

I should be grateful if you would acknowledge safe receipt of this letter and arrange for a copy of it to be published. If you require any further information on the above, please do not hesitate to contact the Scheme Project Manager, Emma Simpson, or I on the following email address: [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

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Annex

Article 3(1) states:

Subject to the provisions of this Order including the requirements in Schedule 2 (requirements), the undertaker is granted development consent for the authorised development to be carried out within the Order limits.

Article 12(5)(b) states:

works above the structure of the 'Mottram Underpass' and 'Roe Cross Road Bridge' to be constructed pursuant to Work No.32 and Work No.33 must be maintained by and at the expense of the local highway authority and the structure of the underpass and the Mottram Moor Link Road to be constructed pursuant to Work No.5 and 6 must be maintained by and at the expense of the undertaker, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the local highway authority.

Work No.5 states:

Shown on sheets 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the works plans is the construction of a new section of the eastbound A57 dual carriageway, known as Mottram Moor Link Road, approximately 1,640m in length, including earthworks, new drainage, signs, lighting and traffic signals at each end.

Work No.6 states:

Shown on sheets 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the works plans is the construction of a new section of the westbound A57 dual carriageway, known as Mottram Moor Link Road, approximately 1,720m in length, including earthworks, new drainage, signs, lighting and traffic signals at each end.

Work No.32 states:

Shown on sheet 2 of the works plans is the construction of the proposed Roe Cross Road Bridge and retaining walls to Mottram Underpass, carrying Roe Cross Road over works number 5 and 6 on the existing alignment for approximately 60 metres in length, and space for traffic diversions during construction.

Work No.33 states:

Shown on sheet 3 of the works plans is the construction of the proposed Mottram Underpass of approximately 130 metres in length, carrying both Old Road and Old Hall Lane above work numbers 5 and 6, including reinstatement and landscaping on land above and between the roads, and space for traffic diversions during construction.