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## Sharefirst My Journey to School 20029723

Written Submission in Response to Secretary of State's Consultation  
A57 Link Roads TR010034

Dear Sirs,

**Sharefirst My Journey to School** welcomes the invitation as an Interested Party to provide comments on the response by the Applicant to the Secretary of State's letter dated 2 September 2022 regarding the status of the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan, update regarding protected species licences and progress of the emerging 'Places for Everyone' Joint Development Plan.

### Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan

In addition to the points raised by the Applicant in 3.1.4, **Sharefirst My Journey to School** suggests that an investment-led approach including building in road safety awareness can continue to encourage modal shift for local neighbourhood trips, which is integral to delivery of local and regional sustainable travel and environmental improvements moving forwards as well as supporting delivery of the Tameside Metropolitan Council and Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040, and national Transport Decarbonisation Plan.

On public consultation regarding the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan (GMCAP) early in 2023 we hope this will be a robust process and that community engagement about the GMCAP will ensure clarity, avoid confusion and give due weight and consideration to potential impact of charges for local livelihoods across all sectors of the community here in High Peak, North Derbyshire, Tameside and Greater Manchester and surrounding areas. Adequacy of provision of EV charge points to meet future expected uptake in demand of electric vehicles will require consideration. **Sharefirst My Journey to School** reads in 9.84 Applicant's Comments on Deadline 9 Submissions (9.84.48 Junction Operation and Signalling page 52) of ongoing project engagement to communicate changes for Walkers, Cyclists and Horse riders. This could be appropriate to assist with communication to building road safety awareness in communities and is especially important in Glossopdale: significant local school journeys take place from the exit of the new Glossop Spur Road in Glossopdale and onwards to Snake Pass and traffic flows on alternative routes in Glossopdale are forecast to be greater with the Scheme than without it (See 9.88 Applicant Comments on deadline 11 submissions 9.88.45, page 42).

I would like to comment to draw attention that following the pandemic, local observations in Glossopdale indicate that basic Green Cross Code and road safety awareness in new cohorts to secondary schools is not there. Students are not at the same stage for safety awareness and travel to and from school as they were prior to the pandemic. This may have a number of implications:

- As a result, alternative, additional measures may be required to be considered in order to help support local students and communities, including those with restricted mobility and other impairments, in building road safety awareness to assist with safe crossing, safe use and enjoyment of public rights of way and crossing to help continue to reduce the risk of near misses, incidents and accidents;
- Alternative or additional measures to build road safety awareness may apply more widely, and not only to A57 Link Roads Scheme but new infrastructure nationally;
- The recent local observations regarding levels of student road safety awareness mentioned above may also have a bearing on reflections from the Unaccompanied Site visit to Dinting conducted by the Planning Inspectorate during the examination phase, to consider matters raised by [Sharefirst My Journey to School](#).

Furthermore an investment-led approach including support to help build road safety awareness continues to improve community connectivity and encourage participation in safe active travel for carbon reduction, improved public health outcomes and wellbeing in communities and sustainable environmental improvements moving forwards.

#### **Protected Species Licences**

[Sharefirst My Journey to School](#) has no further comment to add.

#### **'Places for Everyone' Joint Development Plan**

There are no further comments at this stage from [Sharefirst My Journey to School](#)

Yours sincerely

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