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To: All Interested Parties

Date: 1 November 2022

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**

Application by National Highways (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting development consent to construct a new offline bypass of dual carriageway road connecting the M67 Junction 4 to A57T Mottram Moor Junction, a new offline bypass of single carriageway connecting the A57T Mottram Moor to the A57 Woolley Bridge, two new junctions and five new structures, detrunking of the A57T from the M67 Junction 4 to Mottram Back Moor Junction, and safety measures and improvements to the A57 from Mottram Moor Junction to Woolley Lane Junction.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

The Examining Authority submitted on 16 August 2022 a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings on the above application to the Secretary of State for Transport (“the Secretary of State”). In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has until 16 November 2022 to make a decision on the application. The Secretary of State seeks further clarification and information from the Applicant and others on the following matters.

**Request for comments from Interested Parties on the Applicant’s response to the Secretary of State**

The Secretary of State invites Interested Parties to provide any comments on the Applicant’s response of [31 October 2022](#) to the Secretary of State’s consultation letter of [24 October 2022](#).

**The deadline for any response is 8 November 2022.**

Responses to the matters outlined in this letter are best submitted by email to: [A57LinkRoads@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:A57LinkRoads@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) If you will have difficulty in submitting a

response by the consultation deadline, or difficulty in submitting a response by email, please inform the Case Team Tel 0303 444 5000.

The responses will be published on the project page for the A57 Link Roads DCO application on the Planning Inspectorate website as soon as possible after the above deadlines at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a57-link-roads-previously-known-as-trans-pennine-upgrade-programme/?ipcsection=docs>

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision whether or not to grant development consent for the A57 Link Roads, and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

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