

Our Reference: CLA.D1.CL  
Your Reference: TR010044

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The Planning Inspectorate  
National Infrastructure Planning  
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### **Electronic submission only**

Dear Sir / Madam,

### **Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Road Improvement Scheme**

### **Response to matters at Deadline 1 (D1) and Procedural Deadline C for receipt by the Examining Authority**

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. I am writing on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council (20028267), Huntingdonshire District Council (20028273) and South Cambridgeshire District Council (20028271) (the Cambridgeshire Authorities) to submit to the Examining Authority (ExA) matters for Deadline 1 (D1) of the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Road Improvement Scheme (the Scheme) Development Consent Order (DCO) Examination. The matters addressed are set out below.

#### **2. Written Representations**

- 2.1. Included with this submission are the following documents:
- Written Representations: document reference CLA.D1.WR
  - Summary of Written Representations: document reference CLA.D1.WR.S

#### **3. First Written Questions (WQ1)**

- 3.1. Included with this submission is the Cambridgeshire Authorities' responses to the Examining Authorities' First Written Questions (WQ1): document reference CLA.D1.WQ1.
- 3.2. The authorities have answered questions addressed to them by the ExA, as well as other matters of relevance.

#### **4. Issue Specific Hearings**

- 4.1. Included with this submission is the summary of oral representations made by the Cambridgeshire Authorities at the Issue Specific Hearings: document reference CLA.D1.ISH1.S.
- 4.2. Also included is the authorities' responses to actions arising from the Issue Specific 1 Hearing: document reference CLA.D1.ISH1.R.

## 5. Statement of Common Ground and draft Development Consent Order

- 5.1. Cambridge County Council, Huntingdonshire District Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council are supportive of the Scheme in principle, but many issues remain under discussion in respect of the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG). Discussions with Highways England have been ongoing and will continue during the Examination, in order to work towards agreement wherever possible.
- 5.2. The draft SoCG is a Highways England draft and does not include the three Councils' positions in the Issues Tables, as requested by the Councils. The draft SoCG therefore reflects Highways England's positions, with all matters under discussion with the Councils.
- 5.3. Highways England shared the draft the DCO and Legal Matters issues table from the draft SoCG and Transport Matters issues table from the draft SoCG with the Councils on 9 July 2021 and the full draft SoCG on 30 July 2021. Unfortunately, this was not sufficient time for the Councils to undertake a full review and provide inputs on the draft SoCG for Deadline 1. Highways England will continue to work with the Councils to agree a draft SoCG for submission at Deadline 4. The Councils have made representations on the dDCO in our Written Representations and in response to Written Questions.

## 6. Procedural Deadline C

- 6.1. For the avoidance of doubt, the Cambridgeshire Authorities of their wish to be considered as an Interested Party by the Examining Authority. The Interested Party reference numbers are as follows:
  - Cambridgeshire County Council: 20028267
  - Huntingdonshire District Council: 20028273
  - South Cambridgeshire District Council: 20028271
- 6.2. The authorities wish to attend the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI1) on Tuesday 21 September. The sole nominated representative of all three authorities is Chris Poultney of Cambridgeshire County Council.

## 7. Compulsory Acquisition and Issue Specific Hearings

- 7.1. The authorities wish to participate in Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s) and in Issue Specific Hearings due to take place in September.
- 7.2. A brief summary of the issues the Cambridgeshire Authorities wish to raise at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s) is as follows:
  - Observer only
- 7.3. A brief summary of the issues the Cambridgeshire Authorities wish to raise at the Issue Specific Hearings is as follows:
  - Highways matters

## 8. Local Impact Report

- 8.1. Finally, we can confirm that the Cambridgeshire Authorities' joint Local Impact Report will be submitted by the deadline (D2) of Wednesday 8 September 2021.

Yours faithfully,

**Steve Cox**

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Cambridgeshire County Council

**Clara Kerr**

Strategic Growth Manager  
Huntingdonshire District Council

**Chris Carter**

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Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service on behalf of South Cambridgeshire District  
Council