

PINS ref: TR010054

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2 June 2020

Dear Eleanor,

**M54 TO M6 LINK ROAD
PLANNING ACT 2008 DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION REFERENCE
NUMBER: TR010054
INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATION: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND
PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING
(ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 (“the EIA
Regulations”)**

Please find the following attached:

- Certificate of compliance with Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008
- Certificate of compliance with Section 59 of the Planning Act 2008
- Certificate of compliance with Regulation 16 of the EIA Regulations
- Book of Reference (track changes)
- Book of Reference (clean version)
- Revised spreadsheet of parties contacted as part of the Section 56 process, including those consulted after the close of the relevant representations period

As Programme Leader for Highways England, I have signed the certificates.

Please note that it has been necessary to amend the certificate of compliance with Section 56. As previously notified to the Inspectorate, deposit points closed in consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has meant that alternative arrangements had to be made. Posters were erected in visible locations near deposit points providing notice of the closure and details of how to obtain information electronically. Notice of the unavailability of the deposit locations was advertised in the press and notified to the required persons identified in accordance with Section 56 by letter, with the exception of parties detailed below. The notices and letters also notified persons of the extension to the relevant representations period.

Site notices under Section 56 providing information on the closure of deposit points and extension of the relevant representations period were also placed in visible locations near all six deposit points and Featherstone Community Centre.

It has also been necessary to amend the certificate due to a number of parties that should have been notified under Section 56(2)(d) of the Planning Act 2008 either not receiving a Section 56 notice or not receiving all notices relevant to them. The affected parties are detailed in the Schedule to the Certificate of Compliance with Section 56. These parties are all included in the Book of Reference [Document 4.3] submitted with the application and the updated version submitted with this letter.

The error in the issue of notices is the result of using an out of date distribution list created from a historic version of the Book of Reference. This meant that a number of additions or changes to the Book of Reference were not captured or were captured incorrectly in the distribution list used for Section 56 process. Unfortunately, the error was not identified prior to the close of the relevant representations period on 18 May 2020.

All of the above parties were issued letters explaining the error and enclosing the original Section 56 notice and a USB containing all application documents on 1 June 2020. The letters directed recipients on how to identify themselves to the Examining Authority as an interested party and to the online version of application documents. The letter states that as agreed with the Inspectorate, a form will be made available on the Inspectorate's website via the following link: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for parties to submit representations from 4 June 2020 until 23:59 on 6 July 2020. Copies of the letters sent are provided in Appendix A to this letter.

A revised spreadsheet containing details of all parties contacted during the original Section 56 process and parties contacted by 2 June 2020 is provided with this letter.

In addition to the above, and in accordance with part (b) of the Section 59 certificate of compliance, Highways England has updated the Book of Reference [Document 4.3] and attach clean and track change versions, since the application was submitted on 30 January 2020.

If you require any further information on the above, please do not hesitate to contact Andrew Kelly (Project Manager) via email at M54toM6linkroad@highwaysengland.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,



Anthony Johnson

Programme Leader, Major Projects Division – Regional Investment Programme (North)

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Appendix A: Letters issued to parties not consulted under Section 56(2)(d)



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1 June 2020

To Whom it May Concern

M54 TO M6 LINK ROAD
PLANNING ACT 2008 SECTION 56: NOTIFYING PERSONS OF ACCEPTED
APPLICATION
THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND
PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009: REGULATION 9

I am writing regarding the proposed M54 to M6 Link Road (the "Scheme"). The Scheme provides a strategic link between the M54 Junction 1 and M6 Junction 11.

Highways England is seeking development consent for the Scheme under the Planning Act 2008 (the "2008 Act"). This legislation requires Highways England to make an application to the Planning Inspectorate ("the Inspectorate") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") to get the consent we need to build the scheme.

Highways England submitted its application for a DCO on 30 January 2020. This application was accepted for Examination by the Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) on **28 February 2020**.

Highways England was required to notify you of the accepted application but unfortunately it appears from checking our records that no notice was sent to you. We apologise for this oversight.

We now enclose with this letter a copy of the section 56 notice, providing formal notification of acceptance of the application.

You will see that the notice invites you to make representations (that is: giving notice of any interest in or objection to the application) upon the application by 18 May 2020 by completing a form on the Inspectorate's website. As that date has now passed, we have agreed with the Inspectorate that the form will be made available on the Inspectorate's website via the following link: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for you to submit your representations from **4 June 2020 until 23:59 on 6 July 2020**. After this time, the form will no longer be available for you to submit any representations.

If you have any queries about: making representations; completing the form; or wish to complete a paper copy then the Inspectorate can be contacted by:

- Email: M54toM6linkroad@planninginspectorate.gov.uk
- Post: M54 to M6 Link Road (TR010054), The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN
- Telephone: 0303 444 5000

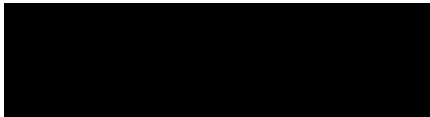
Please note that any submitted representations to the Inspectorate will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website for the application.

In order to assist you in considering whether you may wish to make representations on the application, we enclose a USB containing all documents submitted with the application. Documents, including the application form and accompanying documents, plans, maps and the Environmental Statement, can be viewed on-line by visiting the Planning Inspectorate's webpage: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/west-midlands/m54-to-m6-link-road/>.

For further information about the application, please contact us using the following details:

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Yours sincerely,



Andrew Kelly
Project Manager – M54 to M6 Link Road

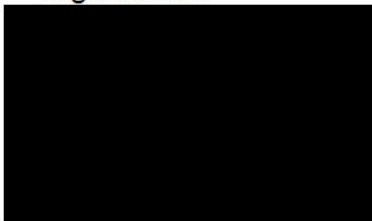
Enc:

- Copy of s56 Notice
- USB containing application documents as submitted on 30 January 2020



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Nigel Simkin



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1 June 2020

Dear Mr Simkin

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Highways England served formal notice of the accepted application on you in March 2020. Unfortunately, having checked our records, however, it appears that that notice may not have reached you due to an error in the postal address.

If you received the notice of the accepted application in March 2020 then you do not need to take any further action.

If however you did not receive the notice then please find enclosed with this letter a copy of the section 56 notice, providing formal notification of acceptance of the application.

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Project Manager – M54 to M6 Link Road

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