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To all Interested and Statutory
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Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010054

Date: 28 August 2020

Dear Sir/ Madam

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 6
Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent
for the M54 to M6 Link Road

I have made a procedural decision to clarify the Statements of Common Ground that I have requested.

The complete list was published in Annex C of the Progress Note issued on 20 July 2020. The third page of this list was omitted from Annex F of the Rule 6 in error.

Please see the Annex to the letter for the complete list.

Yours faithfully

Robert Jackson

Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

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Annex

M54 to M6 Link

Potential Statements of Common and Uncommon Ground

For each of those areas that are in dispute, it would be beneficial if each party would put their estimation as to the likelihood that disagreement will remain at the end of the examination. This should be done on a "High", "Medium" and "Low" traffic light model. This will allow the ExA to assess those areas where oral discussions may be most beneficial.

The Applicant and the South Staffordshire Council including:

- The effect on air quality
- The effect on biodiversity
- The effect on cultural heritage
- Landscape and visual effects
- The effect of noise and vibration
- Socio-economic effects, including effects on delivery of development plan aims and objectives
- The effect on the Green Belt and whether the 'other matters' amount to Very Special Circumstances
- The loss of the Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land
- The effectiveness on proposed mitigation to address any areas where adverse effects are identified.
- The draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) provisions and requirements including future procedures for approval of details

The Applicant and Staffordshire County Council (SCC) including:

- The effect on minerals and waste
- Transport and traffic effects, including the appropriateness of the traffic modelling and inputs
- The effect on Non-Motorised Users
- Water environment effects, including any permits required from SSC as Local Lead Flood Authority (LLFA)
- Socio-economic effects
- The dDCO provisions and requirements including future procedures for approval of details

The Applicant and Wolverhampton City Council (WCC) including:

- Water environment effects, including any permits required from WCC as LLFA
- Transport and traffic effects
- Landscape and visual effects
- The effect of noise and vibration
- Socio-economic effects
- The dDCO provisions and requirements including future procedures for approval of details

The Applicant and Shropshire Council¹ including:

- Transport and traffic effects
- Landscape and visual effects
- Socio-economic effects

¹ Assuming that Shropshire Council wishes to participate in the Examination.

- The dDCO provisions and requirements including future procedures for approval of details

The Applicant and the Environment Agency including:

- Water environment effects, including abstraction and discharge
- Drainage including provision for containment and treatment /disposal of contaminated run-off
- Waste management issues, including permitting and formal exemption requirements, and the likelihood that any such requirements outside the DCO process may be obtained
- The dDCO provisions and requirements including future procedures for approval of details

The Applicant and Natural England including:

- Habitats, Ecology and Nature Conservation, including assessment of cumulative effects
- The loss of the Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land
- Adequacy and means of securing mitigation
- Effects on protected species and sites
- Effects on Whitgreaves Wood, Brooklands Farm SBI and other areas of ancient woodland
- The need for and means of securing mitigation actions
- Need for Habitat Regulations Assessment/Appropriate Assessment
- Appropriateness of Biodiversity Net Gain approach

The Applicant and Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (Historic England) including:

- The effect on the setting of Hilton Hall and the Conservatory
- The effect on the setting of Moseley Old Hall
- The effect on the setting of other listed buildings in the vicinity
- The effectiveness of the proposed and embedded mitigation to address any adverse effects

The Applicant and relevant statutory undertakers including:

- Relevant Protective Provisions in the draft DCO

The Applicant and the National Trust including

- The effect on the setting of Moseley Old Hall
- Effects on Whitgreaves Wood
- The need for and means of securing mitigation actions

The Applicant and Allow Ltd including:

- Those issues raised in the Relevant Representation [RR-031]

The Applicant and Nurton Developments (Hilton) Limited including:

- Those issues raised in the Relevant Representation [RR-038] and [AS-003]

The Applicant and Four Ashes Ltd including:

- Those issues raised in the Relevant Representation [RR-005] and in particular the effect of the West Midlands Interchange, which has recently been consented.

The Applicant and M6 Diesel including:

- Those issues raised in the Relevant Representation [RR-012]

The Applicant and St Francis Group including:

- Those issues raised in the Relevant Representation [RR-029]

The Applicant and Staffordshire Wildlife Trust including

- Those issues raised in the Relevant Representation [RR-042]

The Applicant and Mrs Whitehouse & Mrs S L M Arblaster including:

- Those issues raised in the Relevant Representation [RR-036]

The Applicant and Mr & Mrs Byard including:

- Those issues raised in the Relevant Representation [RR-026]

The Applicant and Messrs Nigel & Paul Simkin including:

- Those issues raised in the Relevant Representation [RR-034]

The Applicant and Messrs I & A Simkin including:

- Those issues raised in the Relevant Representation [RR-033]

The Applicant and Mr and Mrs B Jones including:

- Those issues raised in the Relevant Representation [RR-035]