

## M54 to M6 Link Road

A report of the written procedural submissions from parties attending the Preliminary Meeting

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**Agenda item 4 – Main Issues**

We wish to comment on:

- 1) The timings of data gathering of Biodiversity, Ecology and Natural Environment information, which is still ongoing, and its use in determining the level of Environmental Mitigation on the scheme.
- 2) The soundness of baseline data utilised to inform the Environmental Mitigation and the timings of the availability of that data.
- 3) The lack of archaeological investigation on our clients land which is recently proposed to be used as a borrow pit. There has been a lack of information provided to enable our clients to consider and assess revised scheme changes, within the time frames laid out.

**Agenda item 5 – draft Examination Timetable**

We have concerns about the timetable laid out providing insufficient time for the ecology and biodiversity surveys to be carried out and results assessed in terms of their impact upon environmental mitigation. The surveys are still taking place and therefore there is insufficient time for the interested parties to review those results and take professional advice for the findings to be:

- 1) Considered in the Issue Specific Hearings.
- 2) Reflected in the correct Environmental Mitigation calculations and the consequential impact upon the scheme which is to be considered in all hearings.

**Agenda item 6 – deadlines for submissions**

As above

**Agenda item 7 – dates and format for hearings and events**

As above

**Agenda item 8 – Applicant’s proposed scheme changes**

We would like to ask the applicant what the rational is behind the proposed scheme changes. Too little information has been provided to interested parties in time to make informed responses to the consultation and ExA procedures.

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**Agenda item 5 – draft Examination Timetable**

We have concerns about the inadequate provision of information and insufficient time for interested parties to review, take professional advice and make informed decisions. This is particularly evident in relation to the revised plans showing the proposed scheme changes as at 21st August 2020.

**Agenda item 6 – deadlines for submissions**

As above

**Agenda item 7 – dates and format for hearings and events**

As above

**Agenda item 8 – Applicant’s proposed scheme changes**

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