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 Deadline 5 Submission

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Dear Sirs

In reference to the updated DCO submitted at Deadline 4 we would like to note that this does not address the concerns we have raised in previous submissions and at the Issue Specific Hearing in relation to the undertaking of highway works on the County Council road network. We have met with Highways England post Deadline 4 to continue a dialogue with a view to amending the DCO accordingly. In summary our concerns relate to agreeing the specifications, detailed design and how any highway works will be undertaken; the process by which when completed the new infrastructure is to be handed over to the County Council and what would constitute an acceptable standard; and provision for a 12 months defect period covering any local highway works whereby the developer would be responsible for any defects arising as a result of workmanship and/or failure of materials. As we are in dialogue with Highways England we will not go into further detail here on the hope that agreement can be reached between us but we would reserve the right to set out to the ExA our position in detail later in the Examination should we be unable to reach agreement with Highways England on the provisions.

Matters pertaining to Traffic Regulation Orders have already been presented to the ExA so again we will not revisit those at this juncture, but remain an issue in the revised dDCO.

Regards

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