From: Simon Hilditch **Sent:** 25 January 2021 12:26 To: M54 to M6 Link Road < M54to M6 linkroad@planninginspectorate.gov.uk > Cc: Peter Selfe < Subject: M54-M6 link road - Deadline 5A Submission for M6 Diesel (IP 20025351) Dear Sir or Madam Please see below the Deadline 5A submission from BWB Consulting on behalf of M6 Diesel (IP ref 20025351). I write in response to the ExA's letter of 18th January 2021 [PD-020] regarding the changes to site inspections. Firstly, we welcome the inclusion of the M6 Diesel site within the itinerary contained in Annex A of the letter. If this goes ahead, as hoped, we note that the inspection of the M6 Diesel site is to be from public land and hence we would not need to accompany the ExA. We understand that, given the ongoing restrictions, an alternative site inspection methodology using virtual methods may be necessary. The ExA have suggested two options, the first using drone survey and the second using 360degree photography. The purpose of M6 Diesel's request (at Deadline 1, [REP1-081]) for the ExA to visit the M6 Diesel site was so that they can see the usage of the site by HGVs and understand the general traffic volumes. We do not consider that 360degree photography would provide this and, in fact, given the M6 Diesel site is located on the A460, such photography is already available via Google Maps Street View. Hence if a virtual inspection is required then M6 Diesel would request that video footage is obtained of the site operation, which could be achieved using drones or could simply be via video camera. Notwithstanding the above, if access is desired to the M6 Diesel site for undertaking virtual surveys, then we would have no objection in facilitating such a survey so that it is undertaken safely. Best regards Simon Simon Hilditch Director (Infrastructure Design) | BWB Consulting Limited 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Waterfront House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3DQ T 0115 9241100 D 0115 851 7418 W www.bwbconsulting.com

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