

Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit
Department of Transport
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Cycle Winchester
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8th April 2024

Subject:
Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by National Highways Limited ("the Applicant") seeking Development Consent for the Proposed M3 Junction 9 Improvement Scheme ("the Application")

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to your letter of 22nd March 2024 in connection with the above.

Cycle Winchester is an "Interested Party" and in November 2023 completed a Statement of Common Ground with National Highways Limited (Reference 7.12.7 Statement of Common Ground with Cycle Winchester).

Your consultation letter refers to the Side Agreement between Hampshire County Council and National Highways dated 15 March 2024.

However, this document does not seem to be in the public domain and Hampshire County Council is unwilling to divulge it to Interested Parties such as Cycle Winchester.

We are concerned that this Side Agreement appears to cover issues relating to public rights of way, walking/cycling/equestrian routes (both on and off-road) and diversions during construction.

We are, therefore unable to answer the questions in your letter. We are particularly disappointed that the Parties to this Side Agreement are currently preventing Interested Parties analysing this document and commenting on it as both are public bodies.

Cycle Winchester requests sight of this Side Agreement and in the meantime, please note that we are unable to respond adequately to your consultation letter and would ask that the Planning Inspectorate takes this into account when considering responses to this consultation.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Coles
On behalf of Cycle Winchester
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