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Dear Mr and Mrs de Lisle Wells,

A417 Missing Link – Relevant and Written Representations

Overview

Following the Relevant Representation and Written Representation submitted your agent, Bruton Knowles, we wish to write to formally acknowledge the representations, respond where necessary and set out our current position in relation to the A417 Missing Link (the scheme).

As described in the representations, we have met several times in order to discuss the scheme, the potential impact on your property and the mitigation measures which we can offer through the Development Consent Order (DCO) process.

As we move into the Examination stage of the application, we have prepared the attached Position Statement, which we would like to discuss at our next meeting. We are aware that you have indicated a wish to speak at the upcoming Compulsory Acquisition Hearing and have therefore included a Draft of the Position Statement as part of our Response to Written Representations at Deadline 2. Although we have made clear to the ExA the draft nature of the Position Statement, we consider it will help focus the discussion at the Hearing.

How we have considered feedback to date

The discussions held to date have been useful in informing the scheme design as submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in June 2021. As you know, the scheme was formally accepted for examination on 29 June and the Rule 8 letter issued by the Planning Inspectorate on the 16 November confirms the examination timetable.

Specifically, in relation to your property and land holding, our discussions led to us adapt the scheme design where possible to avoid or reduce impact on your home and business. These include:

- Passing places to allow Heavy Goods Vehicles to pass each other when accessing [REDACTED]
- Landform and landscape planting.

Matters outstanding or to be determined

In relation to your land holding, discussions are ongoing to progress a discretionary purchase application.

The Draft Position Statement sets out our current position to points raised within your Relevant Representation and Written Representation. In summary these points include:

- New Means of Access / passing places
- Bunding / Landscape Planting
- Noise
- New Field Access
- Gloucestershire Way Bridge
- Electric gates to the property
- Class 5 / Unclassified Highway
- Compensation

The enclosed Position Statement includes a response from National Highways for all known matters agreed, outstanding or to be determined which you have relating to the scheme. We will seek to arrange a meeting in the coming weeks, however, if you are able to review the Position Statement and confirm that you agree with the positions as presented, that would be appreciated. Please feel free to return a marked-up version of the statement where you would like to add to or amend a position.

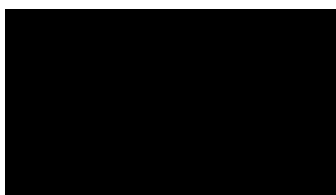
Given the ongoing uncertainties and restrictions in relation to the pandemic it is likely that we will hold our next meeting virtually. Should you have any concerns about this approach, please don't hesitate contact us so we can discuss potential safe alternatives.

Summary

In summary we have sought to accommodate design requests where possible and also limit the impact of the scheme on your land.

As outlined, we have submitted the attached Draft Position Statement into the Examination in order to inform the upcoming Compulsory Acquisition Hearing. Where possible, it would be useful to understand any comments you have on the draft and agree the content of the Statement as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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