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To the Applicant, Climate Emergency
Policy and Planning (CEPP), and the
Joint Councils

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010056

Date: 25 April 2022

Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 – section 89; and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 17

Application by National Highways (formerly Highways England) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A417 Missing Link

Request for Further Information

We write to request further information from CEPP, the Joint Councils and the Applicant under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

On 21 April 2022, the Secretary of State for Transport (SoST) issued a decision on the M54 to M6 Link Road Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project [[SoST's Decision](#)]. The Examining Authority (ExA) is aware this case has previously been cited in evidence by Interested Parties in respect of the SoST's questioning on the matter of carbon emissions. In view of this, the ExA requests written submissions from all named parties on the findings of the SoST on that project (particularly paragraphs 43 to 54 of the SoST's decision letter), and the implications for the current Examination into the A417 Missing Link.

In addition, the ExA notes that the SoST's decision letter (at paragraph 141) lists a number of modifications to the content of the Development Consent Order (DCO) sought by the Applicant. Comments are invited from the Joint Councils and the Applicant on the modifications, and whether the drafting of the DCO currently being sought for the A417 Missing Link contains similar provisions and should be modified to accord with the SoST's stated views, or if not why not.

Detailed responses should be provided at **Deadline 8 (Friday 6 May 2022)**.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Case Team using the email address above.

Yours faithfully

Ken Stone

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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