

Deadline 6 Submissions on the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project

Submitted on Behalf of Mr & Mrs Henshaw

4th April 2023

1. Introduction

- 1.1 We are instructed to make these submissions on behalf of Mr and Mrs Henshaw of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], 'Mr & Mrs Henshaw'.
- 1.2 We have previously submitted on behalf of Mr & Mrs Henshaw written submissions for deadlines 1,2, 3 and 5. We do not propose to repeat those representations, but would stress that the issues raised remain unresolved.

2. Applicant's Proposal to Relocate Temporary Roundabout from adjacent to Mainsgill Farm Shop

- 2.1 Further to the Compulsory Acquisition 2 (CAH2), and Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) held on the 1st and 2nd March 2023, please find below a submission on points raised and/or queries arising following Deadline 5.
- 2.2 We raised during the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH2) the temporary roundabout that is/was proposed to be built to the west of the realigned Warrener Lane adjacent to [REDACTED] for the duration of the works, and asked that this roundabout become a permanent feature of the scheme and be linked into the de-trunking agreement for the A66.

- 2.3 We now understand that the Applicant proposes to move the location of the temporary roundabout around 400m to the west.
- 2.4 Mr & Mrs Henshaw are concerned that the proposed changes to the location of the roundabout do not properly take into account the risks to health & safety and impact on their existing business. We enclose as Appendix D6-1 a letter dated 29th March 2023 from Martin Crabtree of Bryan G Hall setting out the information that we believe the Applicant should reasonably be required to disclose and/or consult on in relation to this proposed change; and also raising concerns including;
- i) Safety
 - ii) The impact on [REDACTED]
 - iii) Traffic Flow including in relation to the quarry north of the A66 which is accessed from [REDACTED]
- 2.5 It is also submitted that a design incorporating two junctions relatively near to each other will cause unnecessary disruption and delay to traffic when compared with an arrangement where there is only one junction.
- 2.6 There will be an impact in respect of pollution, noise and air quality arising from the additional speeding up and slowing down of vehicles for two junctions which should be assessed and considered as part of this process.
- 2.7 We are also concerned that the promotion of this element of the scheme outwith the DCO process has led to a lack of transparency, or any consultation whatsoever in respect of the revised proposal.

2.8 It is respectfully submitted that to allow part of the scheme to be progressed outwith the DCO process undermines the application and is inequitable in so far as it deprives Land Owners and other affected parties the opportunity to make representations.

3. Conclusion

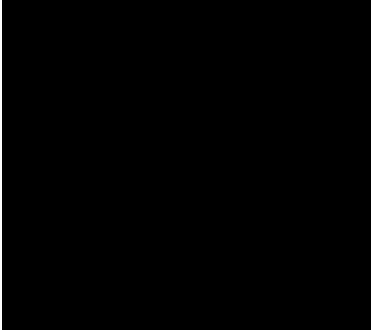
3.1 We ask that the Examining Authority require that the proposed compound location and roundabout adjacent to, or to the west of [REDACTED] is consulted on, and considered as part of this examination.

[REDACTED]

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Appendix D6-1

Our ref: 19-328/MC
please reply to Leeds office
29th March 2023



Dear Brian

Development Consent Order – A66

I write on behalf of my client, Mr Andrew Henshaw, in respect to his property at [REDACTED] and National Highways plans to improve the A66 between the M6 at Penrith and the A1(M) at Scotch Corner.

As you will be aware there have been extensive discussions between my client and National Highways in relation to his property over recent years, and more recently the proposals by National Highway to locate the site compound associated with the A66 works to the north of his site at Monks Rest.

There have been a number of meetings and detailed correspondence on this matter, the most recent of which was dated 8th March 2023 in relation to the provision of a roundabout to serve the compound and my clients property. Indeed, the latest email, dated 8th March, from your colleague Rebecca Garrett to my colleague Nick Calder stated that the supporting documents including modelling submissions, that would be submitted as part of a planning application, were being finalised.

I have now, however, been informed by my client that following a conversation that you had with his land agent, Robyn Peat of George F White, that the compound is to be relocated to the west of Monks Rest.

This is extremely disappointing given the discussions that have been held on the matter over recent months, and more specifically that the suggested change in location was not identified as a possible alternative in any of the discussions held nor in the email dated 8th March 2023 noted above.

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To date, to my knowledge, there have been no plans shared of this revised scheme, nor any rationale provided as to why the original location is no longer being pursued by National Highways.

Whilst we have not had sight of the exact location for this site compound nor any details of the type and location of access being provided, we understand it to be in the location shown on the below image outlined in red, which is between 300 and 500 metres to the west of the [REDACTED] junction with the A66.



We understand that you propose to provide a temporary roundabout access to this compound for the duration of the scheme, however details of this access have not been shared with my client. Given the dialogue we had previously had, we would request that information in relation to this new compound location is shared with us for review before a decision is made on the potential alternative location for the compound and any associated roundabout access. We would request:

- Plans of the proposed access arrangements;
- A design review against the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges;
- Provision of the anticipated trip generation of the site compound and flows along the current A66;
- Detailed modelling of the proposed junction identifying any anticipated queue lengths on the approaches;
- Information in relation to the likely impact of trips to and from [REDACTED] given the close proximity of the new junction on the A66 forming access to the compound and my clients current access arrangements; and
- Independent Road Safety Audits in accordance with the requirements of GG119 of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges.

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We consider the above are necessary to ensure that safe access can be provided for all users of the A66 both those that are travelling along the main carriageway, those that are accessing the site compound and those that are accessing my clients property at [REDACTED]

I would point out that my client has a recent planning permission for an extension to his Tea Room at his property that will involve significant investment in the local economy and has now put this scheme on hold, until the outcome of these discussions are known.

We understand that the quarry to the north of the A66 accessed from [REDACTED] whilst having a temporary permission is now looking to extend the extraction period, and this, together with the original location of the site compound access i.e. in the vicinity of [REDACTED], would result in a more balance flow of vehicles at any roundabout proposed to serve the site compound. In view of this we request details of the rationale as to why the original proposal to provide the compound to the north of [REDACTED] is no longer being pursued.

An alternative arrangement of course would be to maintain the roundabout at [REDACTED] for the Monks Rest compound but provide a route across the adjacent field, which is under the DCO to the alternative site, this would not increase the number of junctions on the A66 and maintain improved access for all users.

I understand that my client is trying to arrange a meeting to discuss this matter and would request that no decision is made until this meeting takes place and the above information is provided allowing sufficient time to review it in order to ensure that the safe operation of the A66 is maintained as well as ensuring that there is no adverse impact on the access to my clients property.

Yours sincerely

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