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Executive Director of Economy,  
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Our Ref: TR010063

By email only

Date: 14 December 2021

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Dear Colin

## **Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) – Section 46 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 – Regulation 8**

### **Proposed application by Gloucestershire County Council for an Order Granting Development Consent for the M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme.**

#### **Acknowledgement of receipt of information concerning proposed application**

Thank you for your letter of Tuesday 7 December 2021 and the following documentation:

- 1. Section 46 notice (PDF)**
- 2. Consultation Brochure**
- 3. Feedback Survey**
- 4. Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) (12 documents)**
  - a. Introduction, The Scheme, Assessment of Alternatives, and Environmental Assessment Methodology
  - b. Air Quality
  - c. Noise and Vibration
  - d. Biodiversity
  - e. Road Drainage and the Water Environment
  - f. Landscape and Visual
  - g. Geology and Soils
  - h. Cultural Heritage
  - i. Materials and Waste
  - j. Population and Human Health
  - k. Climate
  - l. Cumulative Effects Assessment
- 5. Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR**
- 6. Scheme Plan**

- 7. Indicative Application Red Line Boundary Plan**
- 8. Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)**
- 9. A Copy of the Section 47 Notice Publicising a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)**
- 10. A Notice of the Proposed Application (Section 48)**

I acknowledge that you have notified the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application for an order granting development consent for the purposes of section 46 of the PA2008 and supplied the information for consultation under section 42. The following reference number has been given to the proposed application, which I would be grateful if you would use in subsequent communications:

**TR010063**

I also acknowledge notification in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that you propose to provide an Environmental Statement in respect of the proposed development.

I will be your point of contact for this application – my contact details are at the end of this letter.

The role of the Planning Inspectorate in the application process is to provide independent and impartial advice about the procedures involved and to have open discussions with potential applicants, statutory bodies and others about the processes and requirements of the new regime. It is important that you keep us accurately informed of your timetable and any changes that occur.

We will publish advice we give to you or other parties on our website and, if relevant, direct parties to you as the Applicant. We are happy to meet at key milestones and/or provide advice as the case progresses through the Pre-application stage.

Once you have prepared draft documents we are able to provide technical advice, in particular on the draft Development Consent Order, draft Explanatory Memorandum, the draft Consultation Report and any draft Habitats Regulations Assessment. You may therefore wish to build this into your timetables.

In the meantime, you may wish to have regard to the guidance and legislation material provided on our website including The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended) and associated guidance, which you will need to observe closely in establishing the correct fee to be submitted at the successive stages of the application process.

When seeking to meet your Pre-application obligations you should also be aware of your obligation under the current data protection legislation to process personal data fairly and lawfully.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

*Martin Almond*

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