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M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme

Dear Sir / Madam,

Planning Act 2008 – TR010063 – M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme: Application for a Development Consent Order

Following the Project Team's discussions with yourselves, regarding the scope of the submitted Environmental Statement, we consider that further information should be provided in relation to M5 diversion routes. In order to ensure we fully consider and assess that information we are withdrawing the submitted application and will resubmit once the necessary work has been concluded and incorporated into the updated application.

We consider that this information should be provided now to ensure that the Examining Authority has sufficient information to determine the application within the Examination period and to ensure that the pre-examination process runs as smoothly as possible. We envisage that the information is such that this will allow us to resubmit the application by mid-December to enable us to best manage project critical path and associated project milestones. However, we will keep the Case Team up to date on our progress and advise of the potential timeline for resubmission as this develops.

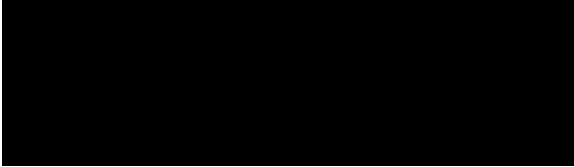
We are also aware of a number of additional plans the Examining Authority are likely to want to see and we will prepare those alongside the above information. In the meantime, we would appreciate any additional advice the Secretary of State may have on the application pursuant to section 51 of the Planning Act 2008. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this advice further, however, early sight of this information, even in draft form, would be much appreciated as it will allow us to make any necessary changes alongside those outlined above.

Given the nature of the anticipated changes it is our intention to use the time until resubmission to ensure that PINS are wholly comfortable with the changes proposed in the hope that a decision on acceptance can be made ahead of the statutory 28-day period, where possible.

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To aid in this endeavor we propose to provide a signposting document alongside our submission to direct PINS to the areas of the application that have been updated, however, as with all of the above we are happy to discuss this further should you require.

Yours faithfully,



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