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By email

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Dear Mr Tim Pearce,

**Application by Gloucestershire County Council for an order granting Development Consent for the M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme  
Planning Act 2008 – Section 89(3)**

**The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 9**

**Procedural Decision following issue of Acceptance decision**

Following my recent appointment as the lead member of the Examining Authority (ExA), I have reviewed the submitted application documents received on 19 December 2023 and I have decided to make a Procedural Decision to request further information.

This will enable the Examining Authority to utilise the pre-examination stage more efficiently and to ensure that it has the necessary information as early as possible in the overall process. To this end, the Examining Authority primarily seeks reassurance that the outstanding application documentation will be sufficiently complete prior to the Preliminary Meeting such that the Examination can begin.

I refer to the s51 advice issued on 23 November 2023 and in particular the need for updated information in respect of the Transport Assessment and the Flood Risk Assessment which will be required in advance of the Preliminary Meeting.

The ExA therefore requests the Applicant to provide the following information:

1. The updated Transport Assessment (TA) information as set out in the s51 advice.
2. The updated Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) information as set out in the s51 advice.

**These should be provided by 23:59 on Friday 22 March 2024.**

In addition, the ExA also request the following:

- a plan on an OS base showing the green belt boundary, overlaid by the DCO works plans, and including the local authority boundaries;
- a Road Safety Audit (Stage 1/2). It is suggested that an appropriate Road Safety Audit is undertaken and submitted to assist in the assessment of the road safety aspects of the proposals having regard to the relevant requirements of the National Planning Policy Statement for National Networks (ref: Section 4.60 – 4.66);
- landscape and visual photomontages from key viewpoints preferably agreed with the Local Planning Authorities clearly showing the scheme including the link road, the A4019 and the M5 junction at year 1 and year 15. These should be undertaken in accordance with the advice of the Landscape Institute. These should enable the ExA and IPs to understand the visual effects of the Proposed Development from within the scheme as well as viewing the scheme from further afield;
- Outline Management Plans.

The draft DCO (dDCO) seeks to secure the following management plans, however draft or outline versions would not appear to have been provided setting out in any detail the likely content, structure and mitigation measures proposed. The ExA would find it helpful if these could be provided to better understand how the mitigation proposed would be effective and ultimately be secured and can be readily understood.

- (i) Materials Management Plan;
- (ii) Soil Handling Management Plan;
- (iii) Noise and Vibration Management Plan;
- (iv) Air Quality Management Plan;
- (v) Landscape and Ecology Management Plan;
- (vi) Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan including Flood Management Plan and Severe Weather Plan;
- (vii) Pollution Prevention and Control Management Plan;
- (viii) Archaeological Management Plan;
- (ix) Operational Unexploded Ordnance Emergency Response Plan;
- (x) Traffic Management Plan including Emergency Vehicle Movement Management Plan;
- (xi) Site Waste Management Plan;
- (xii) Public Rights of Way Management Plan;
- (xiii) Community Engagement Plan;
- (xiv) Carbon Management Plan;
- (xv) Nuisance Management Plan.

#### Draft Legal Agreements

A draft of any legal agreements envisaged to secure mitigation.

Please can you confirm when you will provide the specific information (aside from the TA and FRA) requested in this letter as this will be helpful to the examination process.

Timely receipt of this updated evidence is essential to ensure all persons with an interest in the application will have the opportunity to make Written Representations based on evidence that comprehensively describes the Proposed Development.

Where the requested FRA and TIA updates are not submitted by the deadline provided there may be implications for the date upon which the Preliminary Meeting can be held.

I would also like to take this opportunity to request that the Applicant has the facility to display plans at hearings so they can be viewed at the venue, while those participating online can view them remotely. This will aid a smooth running of hearings and ensure all participants can see the plans being referred to.

If you have any queries on these matters, please do not hesitate to contact our office using the contact details at the head of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

*Edwin Maund*

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**Lead Panel Member for the Examining Authority**

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