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Date: 27 March 2024

Dear Mr Pearce and Gloucestershire County Council

**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

Clarification of the role of Gloucestershire County Council

Following my recent letter to the Applicant of 9 February 2024 the Examining Authority would appreciate clarification of the role of Gloucestershire County Council (GCC).

The description of the role of the County Council varies, **[APP-001] para 3.1.1**, **[APP-060] para 1.2.1**, and **[APP-135] para 1.5.1**. In light of the slightly different descriptions, it is essential that this is clarified prior to the Preliminary Meeting, so the Examining Authority can be sure that all parties have been appropriately notified and if attending any hearings who is attending on their behalf.

[APP-001] para 3.1.1 “GCC is promoting the Scheme and will be referred to as the ‘Applicant’. The Applicant for the Scheme is separate and independent from the other functions and statutory duties carried out by GCC. The statutory roles of the Council will be referred to as the ‘county planning authority’ and ‘local highway authority’.”

[APP-060] Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 1 Introduction para 1.2.1 “The Applicant for the Scheme is GCC’s Strategic Road Network Major Projects Team.”

[APP-135] The Planning Statement para 1.5.1 “GCC is the Applicant.”

[APP-032] Explanatory Memorandum para 4.42 “The Applicant is the highway authority for the local road network and is under a duty to maintain it. Accordingly it is also the street authority for the local road network.”

In light of these different explanations of the role of the County Council, please provide clarification of:

- the status of the Applicant and the County Council in respect of the Application;

- The status of the County Highway/Street Authority and County Planning Authority relative to the Application;
- The appropriate contact details including email addresses for correspondence, for each of the respective roles, The Applicant, Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucestershire County Planning Authority and Gloucestershire Highway/Street Authority; and
- The names and designation of those who will be acting for each of these parties.

The ExA would like to know who will be representing the Applicant, the County Council, and the County Planning and Highways Authorities and whether there are separate contact points or emails for the different roles or functions that we should be aware of.

These responses should be provided by 23:59 on Friday 5 April 2024.

Hard copies of Plans

Please may we also request hard copies of the latest versions of the following two sets of plans, printed at A3 and to a recognised scale. **Please can these be submitted by Wednesday 10 April 2024.**

Doc 2.13 Environmental Master Plans (1 and 2)
Doc 2.2 Land Plans
Doc 2.4 Works Plans (1 and 2)
Doc 2.9 General Arrangement Plans (1 and 2)
Doc 2.10 Engineering Drawings and Sections (1,2, and 3)

And one set of the following;

Doc 2.5 Access and rights of way and access plans 1 and 2
Doc 2.11 Biodiversity Sites and Features plans 1 and 2
Doc 2.12 Historic environment sites and features, non-designated receptors 1 and 2, designated receptors 1 and 2.

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,

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Lead Panel Member for the Examining Authority

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