

**Summary of Representations made at ISH1 submitted by National
Highways Limited**

IP No 20047703

**Application by Gloucestershire County Council for Development
Consent for the M5 Junction 10 Improvements Project**

Planning Inspectorate Reference Number: TR010063

1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing

- 1.1 Sophie Stewart (Solicitor, DLA Piper UK LLP), Andrew Alcorn (Programme Director) and Rob Ranger (Senior DCO Manager) appeared on behalf of National Highways Limited.

2. Policy

- 2.1 N/A
- 2.2 National Highways is not the applicant for the scheme and as such has not undertaken a policy analysis. National Highways also does not appear on behalf of the Department for Transport. National Highways accepts the principle of need to improve the national road network to unlock development land.
- 2.3 N/A
- 2.4 N/A
- 2.5 N/A
- 2.6 National Highways acknowledges that the scheme was accepted for examination under the 2015 NPS but considers that the NPSNN 2024 does contain policy matters that ought to be considered and afforded some weight. National Highways will set out the details of which paragraphs of the 2024 NPS it considers relevant for Deadline 1. National Highways asked the Applicant to consider paragraphs 4.43 and 5.283 of the 2024 NPS in particular. The first relates to safety and is wider in application than the 2015 NPS and the second relates to capacity and operation. This policy requirement does not appear in the 2015 NPS and is particularly relevant given the significant concerns National Highways still has with the underlying modelling for the scheme.
- 2.7 N/A

2.8 N/A

Green Belt

N/A

3. Need

3.1 National Highways is not the applicant for the scheme and has not undertaken a needs assessment.

3.2 N/A

3.3 N/A

3.4 National Highways responded as a statutory consultee to the planning application for Elms Court and indicated how many new residential units could be supported before road improvement schemes were required. Grampian conditions were attached to the planning permission. National Highways believes its figure was circa 1000 units before the need for the M5 Junction 10 all-movements scheme was triggered. National Highways will confirm and provide details of the conditions for Deadline 1. National Highways is currently working with the planning authorities looking at other schemes within the allocated sites, however National Highways has not yet made any further formal responses. If National Highways has made any other consultation responses, they will be reported to the panel at deadline 1.

4. Alternatives

N/A

5. Action points arising from the hearing

N/A

6. Any other business

N/A

7. Close of hearing