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OUR REFERENCE:
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TR010063

Date: 18 June 2024

Dear Mr Maund,

Application by Gloucestershire County Council for an Order Granting Development Consent for the M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme: TR010063

Submission made by the Joint Councils pursuant to Deadline 1 (D1) of the Examination of the M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme

This letter is written on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), Cheltenham Borough Council (CBC) and Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC), together the Joint Councils (20047710).

Please find below a list of documents which form the Joint Councils submission for Deadline 1 (D1) of the Examination of the M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme (the Scheme):

Documents requested by the Examining Authority from the Joint Councils for D1

- Joint Councils Local Impact Report (LIR) – document reference M5J10.LIR, dated 18 June 2024.
- Joint Councils Written Submission of case put orally at the Hearings held the week commencing 3 June 2024 – document reference M5J10.D1HS. This submission also comprises the Joint Councils' responses to the Action Points arising from Issue Specific Hearings 1 and 2.

Statement of Common Ground with the Applicant

The Joint Councils are supportive of the Scheme in principle, but a number of issues remain under discussion in respect of the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG). Discussions with the Applicant have been ongoing and will continue during the Examination, in order to work towards agreement wherever possible.

The Applicant shared the draft SoCG with the Joint Councils on 30 May 2024. The Joint Councils have reviewed the draft SoCG and provided feedback ahead of D1, allowing the Applicant to

incorporate these inputs into the submission. The Joint Councils will progress the discussion of outstanding matters with the Applicant throughout the Examination.

Documents not included in the Joint Councils' submission at D1

The Joint Councils are aware that the following documents have been requested at D1, but propose to exclude them from this submission due to the following reasons:

- Summaries of all Relevant Representations (RR) exceeding 1500 words – The Joint Councils have performed a word count of its submitted RR, which stands around 15% above the 1500-word threshold. The Joint Councils are of the position that the submitted RR has succinctly laid out the Joint Councils' views on the Scheme and such slight exceedance over the word count threshold does not render the need to provide a short summary of the submission.
- Written Representations (WR) – The Joint Councils are in the position that the submitted RR has sufficiently covered their position on the Scheme and highlighted any matters they would like to raise to the Examining Authority. Both the LIR and SoCG have expanded the Joint Councils' positions on these matters which effectively supersede the WR.

If you require any further information on the above, please do not hesitate to get in contact via the M5 J10 Joint Councils project team: M5J10JointCouncils@atkinsrealis.com

Yours sincerely,

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