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## M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme

Dear Mr Maund,

### Proposed Changed to Development Consent Order – Application 1

This cover letter has been prepared by the Applicant to accompany the Applicant's Change Application.

The Notification of the Applicant's Intention to Submit Request for Proposed Changes to the DCO Application dated 12 August 2024 [AS-061] ("the Notification Letter") provided the details and background to the request for the proposed changes.

Further to our Notification the Applicant has decided to split its proposed change application into two different applications, to differentiate between those aspects of the proposed changes that relate exclusively to upgrades in the rights the Applicant is seeking and engage the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 ("CA Regulations") ("Change Application 1") [which includes Change 8 as set out in the Notification Letter] and those that relate to changes in the design of the Scheme ("Change Application 2") [which includes Changes 1 to 7 as set out in the Notification Letter]. This is to ensure the necessary Statutory Consultation and examination of change can be accommodated in the time left in this examination.

The Applicant intends to submit a change application for Changes 1 to 7 at Deadline 5. The Applicant still proposes to carry out parallel consultation for Changes 1 to 7 in advance of the Change Application 2 submission, in the spirit of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ("EIA Regulations").

This submission is the Applicant's 'Change Application 1' and is to request for Change 8 (Land Rights) to be accepted for examination. Change 8 engages the CA Regulations, however, the Applicant considers this change to be relatively minor in nature and that it does not alter the substance of the Scheme as applied for in December 2023. Also, the Applicant considers that this change can be considered independently from any of the other proposed changes.

Further information regarding this change, together proposed timetable for consultation and examination, can be found in the following documents accompanying this application:

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Application reference number	Planning Inspectorate reference	Document title
10.2	TBC	Covering letter for Change Application 1 (this document)
10.3	TBC	Change Application Summary report for Change Application 1
10.4	TBC	Schedule of Changes to DCO Application documents for Change Application 1
10.5	TBC	Addendum to Land Rights Tracker
10.6	TBC	Change Application 1 Land Plans
10.7	TBC	Change Application 1 Draft Development Consent Order (Clean)
10.8	TBC	Change Application 1 Draft Development Consent Order (Tracked Change Application vs Deadline 4)
10.9	TBC	Change Application 1 Explanatory Memorandum (Clean)
10.10	TBC	Change Application 1 Statement of Reasons (Tracked)
10.11	TBC	Change Application 1 Book of Reference (Tracked)
10.12	TBC	Change Application 1 Schedule of Changes to the Land Plans, Statement of Reasons and Book of Reference
10.13	TBC	Change Application 1 Schedule of Changes to draft DCO (Change Application Version)

In terms of those documents submitted in Volume 10 – Change Applicant, which the Applicant considers require further explanation, these are explained below:

1. [TR010063/APP/10.4] Schedule of Changes to DCO Documents Required for DCO Change Application: provides a list of all documents submitted with the M5 Junction 10 Improvements application in December 2023, detailing their latest revision number, whether they have been amended due to the Change Application 1 and an annotation to detail the need for their change/no change.
2. [TR010063/APP/10.12] Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference at Change application sets out the differences with the Book of Reference submitted at

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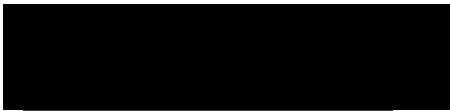
deadline 4 in relation to the upgrade on rights sought for the plots described in the Summary Report.

3. [TR010063/APP/10.13] Schedule of Changes to draft DCO (Change Application Version): This document will provide further information on how the proposed changes would be reflected in the draft Development Consent Order.

We trust that the documents submitted in support of this request provide a clear explanation and justification for them.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,



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**Gloucestershire County Council**