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Dear Mr Maund

Application by Gloucestershire County Council (the Applicant) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the M5 Junction 10 Highways Improvements Scheme

Out of deadline submission from National Highways ahead of Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4)

National Highways have previously set out our objection in relation to the SATURN and PARAMICS traffic modelling, for the M5 Junction 10 Development Consent Order (DCO) Application submitted by Gloucestershire County Council.

National Highways have been working with the Applicant on resolving concerns with the SATURN and PARAMICS traffic modelling. Initial work, in the form of a sensitivity test on the base SATURN model, was undertaken by the Applicant and has been positive in providing some comfort to National Highways. National Highways requested the sensitivity test was carried out on the scenario SATURN models (do-minimum and do-something) to ensure there was no material change to those or any consequential impacts on the PARAMICS modelling. This work has now been reviewed by National Highways and we are content with the traffic modelling that supports the application.

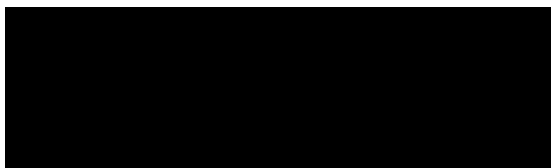
National Highways are therefore removing their objection to the M5 Junction 10 DCO Application in relation to the SATURN and PARAMICS traffic modelling in principle. National Highways will continue to work with the Applicant to close out the remaining traffic related matters that are included in the Statement of Common Ground [REP3-037] and Principle Areas of Disagreement Summary Statement [REP5-038].

To confirm, National Highways continues to support the principle of a scheme of improvement works at Junction 10 of the M5 motorway. However, whilst we have

removed our objection in relation to the SATURN and PARAMICS traffic modelling, the DCO application still contains insufficient information, primarily in relation to funding and the flood storage area, for National Highways to fully support the current application scheme. Therefore, National Highways continues to object to the DCO and the Authorised Development in its submitted form on a protective basis.

If you have any queries, please do contact me at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely



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