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## M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme

Dear Mr Maund,

### **Application by Gloucestershire County Council for an order granting Development Consent for the M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme**

### **Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8 and 9, 13 and 16**

Further to the Examining Authority's Rule 8 letter, dated 29 October 2024, I write in respect to the information requested from the Applicant at Deadline 11 (03 December 2024).

#### **Documentation submitted at Deadline 11**

Please find enclosed the following documents which have been requested from the Applicant at Deadline 11:

1. Closing Submission (TR010063/APP/9.99 – Rev 0)

The Applicant has prepared this document in response to the Rule 8(3) and 9 letter [PD-020] which requested that the Applicant submit 'closing submissions' at Deadline 11. The document is intended to supplement existing submission documents in order to assist the (ExA) and the Secretary of State (SoS) in their reporting and decision-making.

2. Applicant's Response to Interested Parties Deadline 9a and Deadline 10 Submissions TR010063/APP/9.100 – Rev 0)

The Applicant has reviewed the Deadline 9a and Deadline 10 written representations submitted by interested parties, including any written summaries of oral submissions made at OFH2, CAH2 and ISH5. It should be noted that in order to minimise the extent of repetition in its submissions, the Applicant has only provided a response where clarification was deemed helpful or necessary. This is reflected in the sequencing of response references where it should be noted that references relate to the equivalent paragraph number or Examining Authority question reference of the relevant interested party's comments.

## Additional Submissions at Deadline 11

### 1. Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO), Change Log and Validation Report

The Applicant has provided an explanation for all changes made to the dDCO (TR010063/APP/3.1 – Rev 8.0) in its Change Log (TR010063/APP/9.21 – Rev 7.0). The Applicant has provided a clean Deadline 11 version of the dDCO as well as two tracked copies. The first tracked copy compares Deadline 11 against the Applicant's Deadline 10 submission. The second tracked copy compares Deadline 11 against the original submission version.

A validation report is also provided. Please note that the validation report includes one minor variation to the order as submitted, on the header a “v” was included suffixed to “Statutory Instrument”. This has been addressed in the dDCO submitted and the Applicant has applied for a revised validation report and will provide this once received by close of Examination.

The updated dDCO addresses consistency issues between the dDCO, SoR and BoR.

The ExA should note that the Applicant and National Highways have now agreed the terms of a side agreement and have each undertaken to complete that agreement on the 04 December 2024. In view of this, the Applicant has updated the Deadline 11 dDCO to include an agreed set of protective provisions. This resolves all outstanding matters between the Applicant and National Highways and the Applicant will provide an update to the SoCG and supplementary documents on 4th December 2024 to reflect this.

### 2. Statements of Common Ground (“SoCG”), Statement of Commonality and List of Matters Not Agreed.

Updated Statements of Common Ground where further matters have been agreed have been provided for:

#### a. West Cheltenham (Golden Valley) (TR010063/APP/8.9 – Rev 3.0)

An updated Statement of Commonality (TR010063/APP/8.1 – Rev 5.0) and List of Matters not Agreed Where the SoCG Could Not be Finalised (TR010063/APP/9.96 – Rev 1.0) have also been provided to reflect these changes.

The Applicant will provide further supplementary documents to reflect the agreed position with National Highways on the 04 December 2024.

### 3. Guide to the Application

The Guide to the Application (TR010063/APP/9.26 – Rev 11.0) charts the submission of DCO application documents to the Inspectorate, identifying the current revision for all documents submitted by the Applicant into Examination. This is a live document and will be updated throughout the Examination process and submitted, when updated, for each relevant deadline.

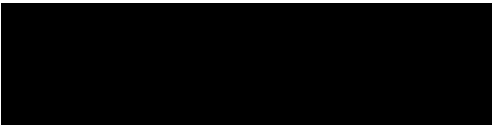
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## 4. Final Planning Statement and Schedule of Accordance with National Policy Statement

The Applicant has provided an updated clean version of the Planning Statement and Schedule of Accordance with National Policy Statement (TR010063/APP/7.1 – Rev 3.0) submitted at Deadline 10 (REP10-063) in order to remove track changes that were left in the document in error.

I trust this information provides assistance in considering the matters raised and addresses the Examining Authority's Rule 8 letter.

Yours sincerely,



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