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For the attention of: Case Officer

Planning Inspectorate

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10th June 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: RT010064 - M60/M62/M66 Simister Island Interchange - Section of the M60 M66 & M62, Including Junction 18 of the M60, in the Metropolitan Borough of Bury, between Whitfield Prestwich Simister and Middleton

Further to the notification on the 20th May 2024 received from National Highways in respect of the above, please see some comments from the Coal Authority set out below.

Although we do not wish to register to participate in the Examination we would like to take this opportunity to provide comments on the Environmental Statement –Appendix 9.3 Ground Investigation Report, dated April 2024. We note that Section 4.7 of this report covers mining. The report authors indicate that at Junction 17 the site is underlain by development high risk areas associated with the Worsley Four Feet Coal Seam. They comment that the proposed scheme works do not extend west to the high-risk area and the ground investigation undertaken between Junction 17 and Junction 18 has identified that there is sufficient thickness of superficial deposits above the overlying bedrock to mitigate against collapse of any workings propagating to surface or foundation depth for any gantry construction.

The authors of this report also identify 3 disused mine shafts (shaft IDs: 380404-001, 380404-002, 380404-003) within the vicinity of proposed attenuation pond 6 and a geophysical survey was undertaken here to investigate. They comment however that the pond has been removed from the proposed scheme and as such there will be no development in this area.

On the basis of the above the Planning team at the Coal Authority has no objections to the scheme and no requirements for the imposition of any conditions.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me on the above number.

Yours faithfully



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