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Dear Planning Inspectorate Case Team

**M60/M62/M66 Simister Island Interchange  
PROCEDURAL DEADLINE A SUBMISSIONS**

The Applicant has had regard to the Rule 6 letter published on 7 August 2024. Please see below the Applicant's comments on procedural matters and some updates relating to matters outstanding from acceptance, noted in our letter dated 5 July 2024 [AS-001].

**Applicant responses to matters requested at Procedural Deadline A – Rule 6 letter [PD-008]**

The Applicant has reviewed the Draft Examination Timetable in Annex D and would make the following observations:

- Items 8&9. There are only 10 working days between these items but, taking into account the local/national school holidays which fall within this period, the number of actual working days for many participants in the Examination process could be only 5. This is likely to present challenges for Bury Metropolitan Borough Council, Interested Parties and the Applicant in preparing submissions for Deadline 3. The Applicant therefore requests that Deadline 3 be pushed back a week to 12 November 2024.
- Items 10&11. There is again only a very limited number of working days between these items. It is likely that those attending the hearings w/c 25 November 2024 may need slightly longer to prepare their post hearing submissions. The Applicant therefore requests that Deadline 4 be pushed back slightly to 11 December 2024.

The Applicant confirms that the necessary members of the project team will be attending the Preliminary Meeting in-person and intend to speak to the following agenda items:

- Item 3 – A brief update on discussions with Natural England in respect of protected species.
- Item 4 – Further explanation relating the observations above (if required).

The Applicant has reviewed the notes of the unaccompanied site inspections carried out to date and has no further suggested locations at this time.

## **Scheme Visualisations**

With reference to the Section 51 advice letter [PD-002] and our letter [AS-001], we provide the following update in respect of visualisations.

The Applicant encloses a new document, Structures Visualisations (TR010064/APP/7.8) with additional visualisations of two new structures, Pike Fold Viaduct and Pike Fold Bridge. The visualisations represent a ground level view of the two structures in the opening and design years showing both the external appearance and landscaping scheme which is based on the illustrative Environmental Masterplan, Figure 2.3 of the Environmental Statement Figures [APP-057].

## **Minor errors and omissions (Section 55 Checklist, Box 30)**

### *Rights of Way and Access Plans*

The Applicant has reviewed the matter raised relating to Sheet 2 of the Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans [APP-008]. The Applicant can confirm that the apparent omission of “green hatching” relates to an error found in Schedule 4 Part 1 of the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) [APP-014]. The Applicant encloses a revised draft DCO (clean and tracked) with the necessary amendment.

Also enclosed is a table showing the amendments made and the reasons for the amendments (TR010064/APP/7.9). The ExA will note that a small number of other changes have been made to the draft DCO.

As suggested by the ExA in Annex E of the Rule 6 letter [PD-008], the Applicant has submitted Appendix A of the Introduction to the Application [AS-008] which will be updated regularly during the examination. This document has been renamed Application Document Tracker.

Yours sincerely,

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