



The Planning
Inspectorate

The Planning Act 2008

Application for Development Consent for the M60/M62/M66 Simister Island Interchange Project

Case Ref: TR010064

The Examining Authority's Note of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection

Background

The Examining Authority ('the ExA') undertook an unaccompanied site inspection to support the examination of an application for development consent for the proposed M60/M62/M66 Simister Island Interchange Project ('the application') on the afternoon of Tuesday 10 September 2024.

The ExA carried out its unaccompanied site inspection from publicly accessible land (roads, footpaths and bridleways).

The site inspection was undertaken to view the location of the proposed development, its relationship with Heaton Park Registered Park and Garden, the character and appearance of the wider area and the existing highway network.

Particulars of the Site Visit

The visit was undertaken by: Sarah Holmes, Andrew Robinson, Bart Bartkowiak and Jo Shanks.

The visit was undertaken on foot. Weather conditions were dry and clear with a temperature circa 15 degrees centigrade. Weather conditions were suitable to appreciate long range views. The inspections commenced at approximately 14:30 and finished at approximately 16:00. A list of the locations visited is attached at Annex A.



Annex A: List of locations visited on the Unaccompanied Site Inspection on the afternoon of Monday 9 September 2024

The ExA undertook a site inspection at the following locations.

The ExA commenced their inspection on foot from Parrenthorn Road. The ExA turned right along Heywood Road to join Bridleway 27aPRE running parallel to the Heaton Park Reservoir.

The ExA followed the bridleway to the northern gate entrance to Heaton Park (Grade II listed Registered Park and Garden). The ExA entered Heaton Park to appreciate the vicinity of the park to the M60 motorway, its character and appearance and extent of visibility towards the Proposed Development.

The ExA then returned to the bridleway, continuing east to view the proposed location of Pond 5 and views from Representative Viewpoint 20 [APP-064].

The ExA continued east on the bridleway, observing the extent of the wall to Heaton Park and the proximity of the M60 motorway, to a pedestrian footbridge over the M60 motorway.

The ExA used the footbridge to cross the M60 motorway and then joined the public foot path 28bPRE walking north towards Simister village. The ExA continued on the footpath to Nutt Lane.

The ExA walked along Nutt Lane to Simister Lane. The ExA turned left onto Simister Lane, using it to cross the M60 motorway and return to Parrenthorn Road where the site inspection ended.

The route is shown below.



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