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Dear Sirs

WEST MIDLANDS INTERCHANGE DCO – UPDATE TO DEADLINE NO. 8 SUBMISSION

Within a letter dated 21st August 2019, Highways England provided its deadline 8 submission. This confirms matters that remain outstanding between the applicant and ourselves.

The letter of 21st August 2019 set out that *“In terms of the RSA process, we note that the Examination is scheduled to close on 27th August 2019. We are currently reviewing the late material submitted by the applicant and will advise the ExA on any progress made, or otherwise by the 27th August deadline.”* We have also received further correspondence from the applicant dated 22nd August 2019 with regards to TRO matters.

Accordingly, this letter provides an updated position.

Amendments to existing TROs to prohibit verge parking

Following the submission of further information from the applicant’s technical advisor, we note that the TRO Key Plan (Document 2.11) has been expanded since the original submission in order to encompass the extended geographic coverage required by Highways England. The drawing references the expansion and is different to other versions of Document 2.11 which have been submitted during the DCO process.

The detailed new Sheet 4, (Document 2.11D) shows label DD positioned to the north of M54 Junction 2; this is as per Highways England’s requirements and it is confirmed there is sufficient geographical coverage.

Accordingly, we are in a position to advise that the principle of the TRO is now acceptable.

Road Safety Audit

Highways England's position in relation to the RSA matters remains as indicated in our letter of 21st August 2019.

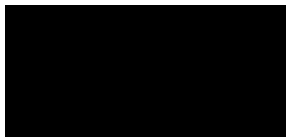
However we intend to continue to work with the applicant's technical advisors with the aim of resolving this issue.

Conclusion

Our position with regards to TRO matters has now advanced; and is as set out in this letter.

However with regard to all other issues raised in our letter of 21st August 2019 (including RSA issues), our comments remain unaltered.

Yours sincerely,



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