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Date: 18 May 2021

Reference: [REDACTED]

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Dear Mr Cropper,

The Leicestershire County Council (A606 North and East Melton Mowbray Distributor Road) Compulsory Purchase Order 2020 ("CPO")

The Leicestershire County Council (A606 North and East Melton Mowbray Distributor Road) Side Roads Order 2020 ("SRO")

I write to thank you for your written comments dated the 26th October 2020 which have been forwarded to me, as the Promoter's representative, by the Department of Transport following your objection to the above identified Orders.

I note from your written comments that seven matters of concern have been raised by your client in respect of the Leicestershire County Council's proposal to bring forward the North and East Melton Mowbray Distributor Road. The Scheme is intended to enable through traffic to avoid passing through the town and to enable economic growth to take place to meet the identified needs.

I wish to take this opportunity to address the matters which have been raised in your letter so that you can understand the Council's position in respect of them. It is hoped that your client would then be able to reconsider the matters raised and whether they would wish to present them as objections to the Public Inquiry, which will be held later this year.

1.A request is made to move new Bridleway (Route of New Highway 16) shown on SRO Plan 5 closer to the roundabout to reduce land take.

1.1 The Bridleway has been located to ensure that it provides a safe facility as part of the design of the overall Scheme. Design standards dictate how close the crossing can be on the grounds or safety for both NMU (non-motorised users) and vehicle users. This is based on the Safe Stopping Distance which is a factor of visibility, speed of the road and horse and rider reaction time. The Pegasus crossing has been located as such to

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provide a safe crossing point to avoid conflict between equestrian users and motorised vehicles.

2. The second matter states that there has been a failure to attempt to acquire land and rights by agreement.
 - 2.1 The approach to the acquisition of land is set out in Section 4 of the Statement of Reasons and Statement of Case. The approach to the acquisition of land is one where early engagement with landowners is encouraged and that has taken place in this case. Meetings have taken place during the Scheme development to discuss matters related to land and access and as part of the Gateway Review process. LCC is keen to continue this engagement. There is no requirement that agreement be reached or otherwise before the use of CPO powers is pursued and authorised.
3. Your Client is uncertain about the permanency of rights acquired for Plot 92 and seeks an agreement with LCC to commit to returning rights following completion of the Scheme.
 - 3.1 With regard to Plot 92 a separate agreement has been drafted and shared with your client that it is hoped will enable them to withdraw this element of their objection.
4. The matter has been raised regarding two procedural issues relating to notices and to whom objections should be directed.
 - 4.1 The matters raised as procedural issues have been addressed and do not prevent the Orders from being considered at the public inquiry.
5. Your client considers that the Scheme does not consider the Manufacturing Zone properly.
 - 5.1 It is a part of the justification for the Scheme that it enables future growth to take place in Melton Mowbray. The Zones are enabled by the new road, which will provide essential strategic access. LCC's approach has therefore been to bring forward a Scheme that complies with the relevant standards and guidance whilst seeking to minimise land take to that which is necessary. The Manufacturing Zones for Melton Mowbray are at the early concept stage and at the point of the Scheme planning submission there were no site proposals. The Zones do not form part of the adopted Melton Local Plan. LCC is not seeking to take any more land than is necessary for the proper provision, operation and landscaping of the Scheme.

6. It is suggested that there will be increased noise and vibration impacts on nearby buildings.

6.1 There are currently no buildings in the immediate vicinity of the Scheme at this location. The assessment of the environmental effects of the Scheme, in respect of noise and air quality implications, have been set out in the reports which accompanied the planning application. These are the AECOM report entitled [REDACTED], and in respect of noise [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the "[REDACTED]" [REDACTED]. In short, the reports demonstrate that:

- with respect to noise, whilst there will be increases in noise levels at some properties close to the Scheme, the final noise levels will generally remain low. During the construction phase measures will be taken to reduce noise impacts, these measures will be outlined in the CEMP.
- Impacts in terms of vibration will largely be limited to the construction period and will be restricted in extent and duration.

7. The objection states that the site will become less secure as a result of the Scheme.

7.1 LCC will take reasonable measures to make the site secure both during construction and following completion. This matter has been discussed further with the landowner, I believe to their satisfaction, but if there are any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

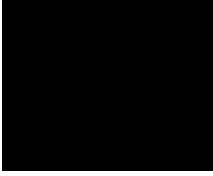
I hope that this letter addresses the concerns raised and provides your client with the information necessary to enable them to formally withdraw their objection. If they would wish to do so, please could they write to the Department for Transport at the following address:

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Alternatively, if they prefer they could send an email to them at the [REDACTED] and I would ask to be please copied in at [REDACTED].

In the meantime, if there are any questions with regard to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting [REDACTED] in any correspondence, whether by letter or email.

Yours sincerely,



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