

APPEAL BY HODGETTS ESTATES

LAND NORTHEAST OF JUNCTION 10 OF THE M42 MOTORWAY/ NORTH OF THE A5,

DORDON, NORTH WARWICKSHIRE

OPENING SUBMISSIONS ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

Introduction

1. National Highways ('NH') appears at this inquiry as the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). National Highways is appointed by the Secretary of State as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is a statutory consultee under the TCPA 1990.
2. As set out in Sections 9 and 10 of the Highways Statement of Common Ground, the Appellant has proposed changes to the SRN which include changes to the A5 eastbound approach towards M42 J10, the M42 J10 northbound and southbound entry and exit slips, the introduction of pedestrian and cycle facilities. NH appears at this inquiry in order to comment on impacts to the SRN and the appropriate way to address those impacts.

NH's Position

3. NH and the Appellant have worked collaboratively to agree matters relating to the TRANSYT model. Agreements in this respect are captured in the Highways Statement of Common Ground.

4. A Stage 1 Road Safety Audit ('RSA') in compliance with Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) Standard GG119 is required from the Appellant on the proposed site access scheme. NH has not yet approved the brief for the RSA.
5. A DMRB compliant GG104 Safety Risk Assessment is also required.
6. The completion of this work is necessary, but it can be secured by condition. NH will update the inquiry should any material progress be made in relation to these matters. NH's preference would be to reach complete agreement about these two outstanding matters prior to the grant of permission, were that to be possible.

Conclusion

7. For the reasons identified, NH respectfully requests that in the event that the Inspector is minded to grant planning permission as sought by the Appellant, that suitable planning conditions are imposed on the permission including conditions addressing any outstanding matters.

Constanze Bell

Kings Chambers
Leeds Manchester Birmingham

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