

**APPEAL BY HODGETTS ESTATES**

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

**DORDON, NORTH WARWICKSHIRE**

**CLOSING SUBMISSIONS ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS**

**Introduction**

1. 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. NH attended this inquiry as the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN) to give evidence regarding 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 and were explained further in the RT session.
4. NH required a DMRB compliant GG104 Safety Risk Assessment. The Safety Risk Assessment prepared by the Appellant is now agreed by NH.

5. NH also required a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit ('RSA') in compliance with Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) Standard GG119 in relation to the proposed site access scheme. NH has now approved the brief for the RSA. However, the RSA brief is just one element of the process set out in the DMRB Standard GG119. A number of steps and actions under the RSA are still necessary and required as the RSA process is not yet complete.
6. Draft highways condition 27 has been revised to reflect the progress made towards completing the Stage 1 Road Safety Audit ('RSA'). The wording is agreed between NH and the Appellant:

*27. No development hereby permitted shall take place until a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit in accordance with DMRB Standard GG119, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.*

**REASON:** *To ensure the safety and efficient operation of the Strategic Road Network.*

## **Conclusion**

7. NH respectfully requests that in the event that the Inspector is minded to grant planning permission on appeal, that the planning conditions advanced by NH (including revised condition 27) are endorsed on the permission.

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