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Dear Sue

Re: A6 Manchester Airport Relief Road

Further to my letter of 17th September 2013, our meeting on 21st October 2013 and your subsequent response to us on 24th October 2013, regarding the proposed A6 Manchester Airport Relief Road, I am writing to you to clarify our position.

As you are aware from my letter dated 17th September 2013, we needed to be assured that the development of the proposed road would not have a negative impact on the National Park or its setting. However, the evidence you provided before 17th September 2013 did not demonstrate the impact of the proposed road on the National Park, therefore, we were uncertain whether the proposed road would have any unintended impacts on the National Park or its setting. At the meeting on 21st October and your subsequent response on 24th October, you provided us with more information, which has enabled us to assess the impact of the proposed road on the National Park. Therefore, I am now in a position to provide you with a full and formal officer response to your consultation on the proposed road scheme. The remainder of the letter covers the points made in my letter of 17th September 2013.

1. The Peak District screenline traffic flow data that you provided has demonstrated that the proposed road would not have a significant impact on traffic flows within the National Park. The planning application traffic flows illustrate that in 2017, traffic flows on the screenline within the National Park would be the same with or without the road – with 38,900 vehicles crossing the screenline. The same data for 2032 illustrates that there would be 100 less vehicles crossing the screenline with the road, compared to without the road. In addition, having assessed individual roads, it is clear that traffic flows do not change significantly with and without the proposed road, and as importantly, there are no significant increases in flows on particularly sensitive roads. Therefore, we no longer have concerns that the proposed road would adversely impact on traffic flows within the National Park.
2. We understand your response to our queries on the traffic model, and therefore confirm that we no longer have concerns regarding how up to date the model is.



3. As the proposed road would not significantly impact on traffic flows within the National Park, we no longer have concerns regarding the proposed road's impact on air quality within the National Park.
4. We have assessed the photomontages from Mouchel and feel that the proposed road would not have a significant impact on views from the National Park. Therefore, we no longer have concerns that the proposed road would adversely impact on the landscape within the National Park.

We are very grateful for the additional information that you have provided us with regarding the proposed road. The additional information has enabled us to assess the impacts of the proposed road on the National Park, therefore, it would appear that the proposed road would not have a significant impact on the National Park. In conclusion, I can confirm that based on the information you have provided, we no longer have concerns regarding the proposed roads' impact on the National Park.

Yours sincerely



Emily Fox
Transport Policy Manager