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Dear Hywel,

RE: Proposal: South East Manchester Multi Modal Strategy [A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road: Scoping Opinion

I refer to your letter dated 4th April 2013.

I concur with the views of Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council that the original scoping opinion by SMBC on 5 May 2010 remains valid where issues are raised that pertain to areas with Cheshire East or the scheme as a whole..

In addition I have the following comments:

Air Quality.

The Proposed methodology and assessment criteria is accepted as being adequate for the purposes of the EIA study. However, there is no mention of the AQMA in Disley.

The EIA should consider and quantify any detrimental impact to air quality as a result of the SEMMMS scheme along the A6 corridor through the Disley AQMA.

Contaminated Land

An appraisal should be made in relation to contaminated land issues to identify and quantify any risks that may arise from any contaminated sites along the SEMMMS corridor. Any assessment undertaken with regard to contaminated land issues should quantify the potential impact upon adjacent sites which may arise as a direct result of implementing the SEMMMS scheme.

Noise and Vibration

Similar to Stockport MBC Scoping Opinion dated 5 May 2010 (para 28) it is noted that the Operational Noise and Vibration Assessment (s. 4.8.15) will only be undertaken for locations within 2KM of the new road. There is potential for roads further than 2KM to experience significant changes in traffic flows as a result of the scheme implementation.

The operational noise screening assessment should consider any roads within 2KM and also roads in the wider vicinity which, as a result of the scheme, experience increases / changes in traffic flows. Suitable noise assessments should be undertaken on sensitive receptors within 600m of these areas.

Landscape

New GLVIA guidance was published by the Landscape institute recently, so the 2013 Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment should be used.

Yours sincerely



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