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Dear Julie

HEARING STATEMENT - SHROPSHIRE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION – MATTER 7

National Highways welcomes the opportunity to submit hearing statements on the Inspectors' matters, issues and questions (MIQs) in relation to Stage 1 of the examination of the Shropshire Local Plan.

National Highways has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). It is our role to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the strategic road network whilst acting as a delivery partner to national economic growth.

Within Shropshire, the SRN comprises of the M54 motorway, the A5, A49, A458 and A483 trunk roads. The section of our network most relevant in the current consultation includes the M54, A5, A49 and A483.

National Highways have had continued discussions with Shropshire Council in the making of the Local Plan under consideration and have provided our responses at each stage of consultation in accordance with the relevant policies and guidance.

We have set out below our comments on the Inspector's Stage 1 MIQs with regard to the relevant questions on Matter 7 - Strategic settlements (policies S19 - S20).

We consider that the questions regarding Policy S21 – Strategic Site: RAF Cosford, are not for National Highways to comment on, as they do not specifically relate to the Strategic Road Network.

Policy S19 – Clive Barracks, Tern Hill

Question 3: Have the infrastructure requirements of the proposed strategic settlement been adequately identified and costed? Including the requirements for:

a) road improvements

- b) air quality mitigation measures***
- c) sustainable transport networks***
- d) the primary school***
- e) healthcare***
- f) green infrastructure***
- g) leisure and sports facilities***
- h) local centre facilities***
- i) contamination remediation.***

Response from National Highways

Infrastructural requirements on the SRN for Clive Barracks, Tern Hill will be identified through site specific Transport Assessment (TA) which will need to be prepared and submitted by the developer during the planning stages.

The requirement for TA has been set out within the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) prepared between National Highways and Shropshire Council. Based on findings of the TAs, relevant onsite and offsite mitigation works can be identified and suitably conditioned to ensure delivery of the mitigation scheme.

Focus will be set on improving the sustainable transport to help achieve National Highways' Net Zero Commitment.

Question 4: Is there evidence that the infrastructure requirements will be delivered within the necessary timescales?

Response from National Highways

Following identification of the relevant mitigation schemes required on the SRN in the area, the delivery of these would be safeguarded by planning conditions. This will ensure the continued safe operation of the SRN in the area.

Policy S20 – Former Ironbridge Power Station

Question 2: What planning permissions exist for this site allocation?

Response from National Highways

Based on our review of the Transport Assessment undertaken in support of this development, we noted that the proposed development would not have a significant impact on the SRN in the area in the opening year of 2023 or the review year of 2036. As such, National Highways issued a response in February 2021 recommending that planning permission be granted subject to the condition requiring submission of a Construction Environmental Management Plans (P-CEMPs).

The planning application for this site is expected to be determined imminently.

Question 4: Have the infrastructure requirements of the proposed strategic settlement been adequately identified and costed? Including the requirements for:

- a) road improvements***
- b) air quality mitigation measures***
- c) sustainable transport networks***
- d) the primary school***
- e) healthcare***
- f) green infrastructure***

- g) leisure and sports facilities**
- h) local centre facilities**
- i) contamination remediation.**

Response from National Highways

No mitigation is required on the SRN in the area as the development impacts are minimal.

I trust that the above is helpful and please contact me if you have any queries in the interim. We will be pleased to attend the Hearing Session as required.

Yours Sincerely,

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