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Date: 23rd Feb 2021

Reference: [REDACTED]

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Dear Mr Felgate,

The Leicestershire County Council (A606 North and East Melton Mowbray Distributor Road) Compulsory Purchase Order 2020 (“CPO”)

The Leicestershire County Council (A606 North and East Melton Mowbray Distributor Road) Side Roads Order 2020 (“SRO”)

I write to thank you for your written comments dated the 19th November 2020 which have been forwarded to me, as the Promoter’s representative, by the Department of Transport following your objection to the above identified Orders.

I note from your written comments that three matters of concern have been raised by the landowner in respect of the Leicestershire County Council’s proposal to bring forward a bypass to Melton Mowbray. The Scheme itself, which we have called the North and East Melton Mowbray Distributor Road (NEMMDR) is intended to enable through traffic to avoid passing through the town and to enable additional residential development to take place to meet the identified needs.

I wish to take this opportunity to address the three matters which have been raised in your letter so that you can understand the Council’s position in respect of them. It is hoped that Mr and Mrs Tomkinson would then be able to reconsider the matters raised and whether they would wish to present them as objections to the Public Inquiry, which will be held later this year.

1. The first matter is regarding whether Plots [REDACTED] shown on CPO Plans [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] need to be acquired, as licences will suffice.

- 1.1 All the areas of land are required to enable the Scheme to be developed and constructed. Areas shown on the CPO are those required to provide the land or other interests needed to enable the Scheme to be built. At present there is no power available to allow land to be acquired for temporary purposes. The Council must therefore ensure it has sufficient access to allow the Scheme to be constructed. The Council has made it

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clear previously that once the Scheme is complete if it is possible to offer land back to the current owners that is the approach that the Council will take. A Heads of Terms has been prepared for agreement with the landowners to explore the possibility of a different mechanism for land acquisition, further to confirmation of the orders.

2. The second matter raised in the letter is that a 5-arm roundabout shown on SRO Plan ■ is not required as the development land can be served by other means.
 - 2.1 The decision to include an arm from Roundabout ■ into the proposed development site (south eastern arm) allocated in the Local Plan in the Scheme design was taken before the Scheme's planning application was made and with the knowledge and agreement of the housing development scheme promoter and the landowner. The Scheme drawings submitted with the planning application, which was approved in May 2019, includes this provision consistent with the fact that the site is an allocated site for development within the local plan although no detailed planning permission yet exists.
 - 2.2 The housing scheme promoter has approached LCC to discuss the option of removing this arm of Roundabout ■, as they are potentially able to utilise an alternative access point. However, although LCC is not against this in principle, there is no conclusion to the traffic modelling work currently being undertaken by the housing promoter to assess whether the alternative proposal would be acceptable, nor is there a planning application in place for the housing site.
 - 2.3 This being the case, LCC does not have the certainty required to enable a decision to be made in terms of amending the design. Accordingly, LCC must consider that the land identified in the CPO necessary for the scheme.
3. The third matter relates to accommodation works.
 - 3.1 Accommodation works are not matters for the Public Inquiry to consider as they will subject of private arrangements with the landowner as appropriate at a subsequent stage.
 - 3.2 However, the Council has met with the landowners and their agent to discuss suitable accommodation works for both the construction phase and following completion, and a letter has been sent to the agent in this respect. We hope that the Mr and Mrs Tomkinson will find the draft proposals acceptable, but in the meantime the Council commits to continuing these discussions going forward and is certain an agreement can be reached.

I would hope that this letter addresses the concerns raised and provides Mr and Mrs Tomkinson with the information necessary to enable them to formally withdraw their

objection. If they would wish to do so, please could they write to the Department for Transport at the following address:

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Alternatively, if they prefer they could send an email to them at the [REDACTED] and I would ask to be please copied in at [REDACTED]

In the meantime, if there are any questions with regard to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting [REDACTED] in any correspondence, whether by letter or email.

Yours sincerely,

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