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Dear Rob,

Reference: LCC/2022/0044

**Cuerden Strategic Site, East of Stanifield Lane, North of Clayton Farm, West of Wigan Road, Lostock Lane, Lostock Hall, Lancashire
Submission of Additional Information**

We write on behalf of Maple Grove Developments and Lancashire County Council (“the Applicants”) in respect of the above application and the assessment of highway impacts.

As you will be aware, we have been liaising closely with National Highways (“NH”) over the course of this application and have now reached an agreed position in which they can support the principle of development, subject to a series of planning conditions. This position is confirmed in NH’s response dated 13 October 2023.

As outlined within their response, both parties have reached this position by exchanging a number of technical documents. The purpose of this submission, therefore, is to provide a copy of the latest ‘agreed’ documents and to clarify the final agreed scope of the proposed highway works and mitigation. This submission also considers whether these amendments change the findings of the Environmental Statement (“ES”) in any way.

Given that the application is now at an advanced stage, we have also taken the opportunity to provide an updated list of submission documents and a supplementary note identifying which plans and documents are submitted for formal approval, and which are intended for information only.

Further Consultation

It is anticipated that the LPA will carry out a further round of consultation to enable National Highways to review the submitted information and to confirm whether it accurately reflects the agreed position.

The information provided in this submission is not considered to be substantive however the LPA should confirm whether the information necessitates advertising in accordance with Regulation 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The Applicant has provided a Statement of Compliance for the LPA’s consideration.

Reference: Lancashire Central

Proposed Highway Works

The nature of the proposed highway works have not changed substantially since the previous submissions made on 20 July 2023. The full extent of highway works proposed, including reference to specific drawings, is included in the note titled 'Summary of Highway Mitigation', prepared by WSP.

In summary the following changes when compared to the drawings included as part of the original application pack:

- **Works proposed at M65 Terminus Roundabout**

A number of additional details have been added to this layout in relation to potential signage locations, signal poles, gantry locations etc, at the request of National Highways. The approaches to the new signal stop lines have been widened from two lanes to three. Our highways consultants have also obtained approval to provisional departures from standard relating to the gantries, the entry path radii, and the double left turn from north to east, confirming that the proposed scheme is feasible.

- **Works proposed at M6 Junction 29 North**

The design has evolved, moving away from the three lanes originally proposed, and making better use of the two existing lanes on the northern circulatory carriageway. The merging arrangement for the east to south movement has also been adjusted to ensure the free flow of traffic. A signal crossing is also proposed at the north-west of the junction.

- **Works proposed at M6 Junction 29 South**

This is a new scheme of mitigation which was not included in the original application pack and has been included through consultation with National Highways. It involves the signalisation at the approach to the roundabout from the M6 Junction 29 North and corresponding circulatory.

- **Works proposed on Local Highway Network**

- The A582 (western arm) has been widened from two to three lanes, and an additional left turn has been added from A6 northbound to A582 westbound. The left turn movement has also been signalised.
- Traffic calming measures have been introduced on Stoney Lane.
- At the Wigan Road site access point, right turn lanes have been lengthened.

Minor adjustments have been made to other drawings mostly around lane lengths / widths, and extent of footway/cycleway.

Reference: Lancashire Central

Structure of Submission

In addition to this covering letter, the submission comprises:

1. Schedule of Submitted Documents and Drawings

A summary of all documents and drawings submitted over the course of the application, identifying which documents have been superseded and those which are currently for consideration.

2. Guide to Documents for Approval

An updated version of the note originally submitted on 10 January 2023, this document provides a clear explanation as to which documents and drawings are intended to be listed as formal 'approved documents' as part of any planning permission granted.

3. Environmental Statement Note of Conformity

A formal note confirming that the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") process has taken the amended documents and drawings into account, confirming that the findings of the Environmental Statement ("ES") are not affected and do not require further amendment.

4. Pack of drawings

For completeness and the avoidance of doubt, a full pack of all highway-related drawings including the latest revisions.

5. Summary of Highway Mitigation

A covering note produced by our transport consultants, WSP, clearly explaining the current and agreed scope of the highway works proposed and any recent changes made.

6. Summary of post-application submissions to National Highways

A summary note produced by our transport consultants, WSP, listing out the documents and drawings which have been submitted to and agreed by National Highways, and are now formally submitted to LCC Planning for inclusion in the planning application.

7. Drawing 84465-WSP-XX-DR-0020_P02 - M6 Junction 29 Proposed Traffic Signals

A drawing showing the layout of proposed traffic signal installation at M6 Junction 29 South, specifically on the approach arm from M6 Junction 29 north (and corresponding circulatory carriageway).

8. Drawing 70084465-RS1 M6 Junction 29 – Issued – Road Safety Audit

A report comprising a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit in relation to drawing 84465-WSP-XX-DR-0020_P02.

Reference: Lancashire Central

9. M6 Jct 29 south – Designers response

A report setting out the Designer's Response to Stage 1 Road Safety Audit at M6 Junction 29 South.

10. Drawing 84465-WSP-XX-DR-004_P08 – M65 Terminus Roundabout

An updated version of a general arrangement drawing of M65 terminus proposals.

11. Drawing 84465-WSP-XX-DR-004 with Spreadsheet Mark-Up

An annotated version of the general arrangement drawing to be read in conjunction with Roundabout Compliance Summary (see below).

12. Roundabout Compliance Summary

A tabulated summary of roundabout design compliance with design standards.

13. M65 Terminus – Technical Note 001

A technical note relating to aspects of M65 terminus design discussed with National Highways.

14. 231006 - Application For Departure from Standard 03-2020 – Gantries

A copy of the Application for Provisional Departure from Standard relating to gantry signage.

15. 231006 – Application For Departure from Standard 03-2020 – Entry Path Radii

A copy of the application for Provisional Departure from Standard relating to entry path radii.

16. Drawing 84465-WSP-XX-DR-010 rev P04 - Stanifield Lane Access Junction to Phase D Extent of Detailed Application

An updated drawing showing Stanifield Lane Access Junction to Phase D Extent Of Detailed Application.

17. Drawing 21017-FRA-XX-ZZ-DR-A-9112-P20 – Parameter Plan 2 – Highways and Access

An updated version of Parameter Plan 2, omitting cycle access to the site via the M65 Terminus Roundabout.

Next Steps

We trust that the submitted information is clear and will allow you to progress your assessment of the proposed development. As previously suggested, we would be happy to arrange a briefing session with our highways consultant to run through the submitted documents if that would prove useful for you.

Reference: Lancashire Central

Summary and Conclusions

Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me or Paul Newton.

Yours sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Reeves', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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