



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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By email

28th February 2024

Dear Ms Lucas and Ms Wright,

Stroud District Local Plan Review Examination

Thank you for your letter dated 5th February 2024 confirming you agree to pause the Examination for the works set out in the Joint Action Plan (JAP) to be undertaken. The Council can confirm that it has spoken to National Highways (NH), Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) and South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) to confirm that the timetable, as submitted by the parties 30th November 2023, is still achievable and deliverable.

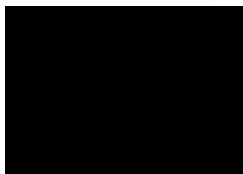
Through joint discussions, all parties have agreed and accept the timetable as granted by the Inspectors. However, all parties have raised concerns that the JAP needs a lead in time to allow for all relevant parties to be made aware and prepare their relevant teams and consultants. SDC, NH, SGC and GCC therefore request, rather than a cold start on the 5th February, the start date for the JAP is 22nd February 2024. The Examination would therefore resume on 20th December 2024.

The Council also welcomes confirmation that the other Examination issues specific to Wisloe and Sharpness identified to be completed in conjunction with the site promoters in the September Action Plan should be provided in accordance with the timescales set out by the Inspectors.

The Council believes it would be clearer if those work streams are now set out in a supplementary action plan with the timetables updated. The Council will provide this to the Inspectors after updates have been agreed with the relevant parties.

We would be grateful for confirmation that the revised JAP start date and proposed supplementary action plan are acceptable.

Yours sincerely



Brendan Cleere
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