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BY EMAIL

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13 October 2020**

Dear Sir/Madam

**A417 Missing Link
SUPPLEMENTARY STATUTORY CONSULTATION – 13 October 2020 to 12
November 2020
PLANNING ACT 2008 SECTION 42: DUTY TO CONSULT ON A PROPOSED
APPLICATION**

I am writing to you regarding the consultation on Highways England's proposed A417 Missing Link which would improve the connection between two dual carriageway sections of the A417 at Brockworth bypass and the Cowley roundabout. The proposed development would provide a 3.4 mile (5.5km) new dual carriageway, with a grade separated junction at Shab Hill linking the new A417 to the A436 for journeys towards Cheltenham and Oxford, and to the B4070 to Birdlip.

We are writing to you to as an organisation or individual that may be interested in the A417 Missing Link project, to invite you to participate in the upcoming consultation on the proposed scheme.

This consultation is an opportunity for you to share your views on our proposals. We would encourage you to provide your views to us now through this consultation. This will enable us to take your views into account in developing and refining our proposals before submitting our application for a Development Consent Order to the Planning Inspectorate in 2021.

As the project is Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development, as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations), we have prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) report to help you understand the likely effects of our proposals.

Consultation documents

To view the consultation documents set out below, including the PEI report, please visit the project website from Tuesday 13 October 2020 at: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/a417-missing-link.

These are provided to help you understand the proposals and share your views with us:

- The consultation booklet
- The consultation response form
- The PEI report accompanied by a Non-Technical Summary
- Associated plans/drawings/reports

At the time of writing, due to COVID-19, it will not be possible to host physical documents for inspection at local deposit points. Instead, Highways England will work with the relevant local authorities to make sure that copies of the consultation materials - including documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development and the PEI report - will be made available for inspection via their websites from **Tuesday 13 October to Thursday 12 November 2020**.

Online locations which will host information on how to access consultation documents		
Online location	Local authority	Website address
Cirencester	Cotswold District Council	https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/
Gloucester	Gloucestershire County Council	https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Borough Council	https://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/

Copies of the consultation materials may be requested in hard copy or on USB during the consultation period from Highways England using the email address, postal address or telephone number provided in this letter. Please note that there may be a charge for paper copies of some consultation materials.

Virtual consultation room

You can also view our consultation materials at on our virtual consultation room. Due to COVID-19, Highways England is not proposing to host face to face consultation events in the local community. Instead, we will host a number of online events in the form of a virtual exhibition during the consultation period. To replicate public events as much as possible, topic specialists and members of the project team will be on hand to answer questions from members of the public at allocated times.

The virtual exhibition room will be open 24/7 during the consultation period. Highways England will hold 17 web chats at a range of times and days, to include lunchtimes,



evenings and weekends. The specialists will be available at the following times but you will be able to submit a question at any time during this consultation period via the virtual exhibition room:

Date	Time
Tuesday 13 October	11am – 2pm
Tuesday 13 October	6pm – 8pm
Friday 16 October	8am – 11am
Friday 16 October	4pm – 7pm
Saturday 17 October	9am – 1pm
Tuesday 20 October	11am – 2pm
Thursday 22 October	6pm – 9pm
Saturday 24 October	1pm – 4pm
Tuesday 27 October	8am – 11am
Thursday 29 October	2pm – 5pm
Monday 2 November	10am - 1pm
Monday 2 November	6pm - 9pm
Wednesday 4 November	4pm – 7pm
Saturday 7 November	9am – 1pm
Tuesday 10 November	8am – 11am
Tuesday 10 November	6pm – 9pm
Thursday 12 November	8am – 11am

Any responses to this consultation in respect of the scheme should be sent to the following:

- **Online:** www.highwaysengland.co.uk/a417-missing-link
- **By email:** a417missinglink@highwaysengland.co.uk
- **By post:** FREEPOST A417 MISSING LINK

To allow us time to collect and assess all responses to this consultation before finalising our application, please ensure your response reaches us by **11.59pm on Thursday 12 November 2020**.

Further information about the Planning Act 2008 process and Development Consent Orders can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

Should you have any queries about this correspondence, the proposals or the consultation, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely,



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