



South Tyneside Council



## **A19 Downhill Lane Junction Improvement Scheme**

### Discharge of Requirements

Please find detailed below the combined response of both South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council in relation to the request to discharge the following requirements prior to commencement.

### Requirement 3 Detailed Design

The submitted engineering plans and section drawings have been reviewed and are in accordance with issues discussed and agreed during the DCO process.

In relation to the departure from standard with the proposed highway realignment of Downhill Lane East / Washington Road. A Road Safety Audit has been undertaken for stage 1 and 2 by the Highways England Safer Roads team. It is accepted that options have reasonably been assessed including an intermediate option suggested by South Tyneside. The departure from standard is accepted, however South Tyneside wish to be invited to participate in the stage 3 audit post construction.

### Requirement 4 CEMP

It is noted that the CEMP is an update of the outline document reviewed and discussed during the DCO process.

Should any unforeseen environmental issues arise during the course of the construction works specifically impacting on ecology, water, air quality, noise, dust and contamination etc; Highways England shall contact the respective LA to agree any appropriate mitigation (if required).

It is noted that site control measures are detailed including noise monitoring. The current monitoring locations are in Boston Road and Baxter Road in Town End Farm, Sunderland. These locations are considered appropriate. Results of baseline readings remain and any future noise monitoring (if required) shall be provided when available.

It is noted that current details of the Community Relations Manager and other key / emergency contacts are included in the CEMP (if required).

### Requirement 5 Landscaping

It is noted that the submitted landscaping scheme has taken into account mitigation measures identified within the REAC.

### Requirement 7 Protected Species

A pre-construction ecology survey report dated July 2020 has been received and reviewed. The baseline ecology work included in the Environmental Statement has been reviewed and walkover habitat surveys undertaken. It is noted that there is no evidence of badger habitats. A variety of breeding and wintering bird species were identified. It is considered that the mitigation identified within the REAC remains appropriate and no further mitigation is planned at this stage.

### Requirement 10 Traffic Management Plan

Highways England will need to liaise with both South Tyneside and Sunderland's Highway Asset / Network Operation teams to ensure traffic orders are planned and introduced as and when required. Permit schemes have been introduced by both Authorities for road closures and booking road space. Contact details to be provided.

Nissan are supportive of the scheme; and are keen to work with Highways England and the Local Authorities to ensure impact on the operation of the business and staff travel arrangements is minimised where possible.

A fortnightly meeting is to be arranged with Nissan to enable continued discussions and monitoring of traffic movements during the construction works.

A communications group is to be established between Highways England, Nissan, Sunderland and South Tyneside Councils. The intention of the group is to manage press releases and social media to advise of the project in the first instance and temporary traffic management arrangements as and when planned.

It is anticipated that the established Traffic Management Working Group for A19 Testo's will continue to cover the A19 Downhill Lane construction programme.

Highways England shall liaise with Nexus and the bus operators to address any traffic management issues during the construction phase including any temporary diversions or suspension of bus stops through this working group.

Highways England shall liaise with the IAMP project team to monitor implications for construction and operational traffic during the construction works. The temporary Nightingale Hospital access arrangements to remain unchanged until notified by NHS.