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Cc: Nock, David; David Nock; Pinnock, Samantha; Austin Knott
Subject: RE: Newcastle-under-Lyme & Stoke-on-Trent Core Spatial Strategy - Statements of Common Ground

Dear Gloria,

In response to your e-mail, and further to our recent telephone conversation, I would be grateful if you could advise the Inspector that the position of the Highways Agency (HA) is as follows.

Whilst there is no formal Statement of Common Ground between the HA and the Councils, the HA did respond positively to the Inspector's 'Final Schedule of Matters and Issues for Examination', as issued by e-mail on 9 March by entering into immediate discussions with officers. It was agreed that the questions set out in respect of Matter 3 would be considered on a joint basis, with the response formulated collaboratively. This was achieved with the additional assistance of Staffordshire County Council. The proposed change to paragraph 5.56 forms part of this shared approach to the issues, and, along with the rest of the response, now represents the HA's common position with the Councils.

In summary, the HA no longer has specific concerns, or objections, to the submission document, subject both to the proposed paragraph amendment, and to the approach set out in the joint response to the Matter 3 issues being accepted by the Inspector. It is on this basis that the HA look forward to participating in the transport session on 22 April. I can confirm that it David Nock of the HA who will be attending on behalf of the Agency.

I hope this assists the Inspector in her preparation. .

Regards,

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Dear Mr Herbert,

The Inspector considers that, if there is to be no Statement of Common Ground, then it is necessary to have confirmation in writing from the Highways Agency that the change to para 5.56, suggested in the Councils' hearing statement for Matter 3, overcomes the objections made in their representations. This should be provided in hard copy no later than at the hearing session for Matter 3 but preferably in electronic form beforehand.

Kind Regards

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