

PUBLIC INQUIRY

MOTTRAM/TINTWISTLE BYPASS AND GLOSSOP SPUR

INSPECTOR'S INQUIRY NOTE

POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF THE INQUIRY

- 1 On Tuesday 24 March 2009 the Highways Agency issued to the Inquiry its document HA/83, which says that the Highways Agency is withdrawing from the Inquiry. The Inquiry has yet to receive confirmation that the draft Orders and the Notices of Intention to Issue Exchange Land Certificates (including those that were published before the Inquiry and those published since the Inquiry opened), promoted in support of the trunk road scheme, have been withdrawn.
- 2 It may also be that Tameside Council considers it appropriate in the circumstances to withdraw the unconfirmed Orders that it has promoted in respect of the Glossop Spur.
- 3 The purpose of the Inquiry is to consider representations made in respect of the Orders and Notices. If the two promoters were to each withdraw the Orders (and in the Highways Agency's case, the Notices) then there would be no need for the Inquiry to continue. In that case, the Inspector would close the Inquiry in writing, by letter to all parties.
- 4 It would therefore assist the Inspector if the Highways Agency would confirm that the Orders and Notices it has promoted at the Inquiry are withdrawn, and to include in that confirmation details of the means and date of withdrawal. It would further assist the Inspector if the Highways Agency would notify him, by noon on 15 April 2009, of the date by which such notice will be provided, unless notice of withdrawal is to be provided within 4 weeks of the date of this note.
- 5 It would also assist the Inspector if Tameside Council could advise him by noon on 15 April 2009 whether the Council intends to continue to promote at the Inquiry the Orders it has made in respect of the Glossop Spur. If the Council does not intend to continue to promote those Orders at the Inquiry and instead withdraws those Orders, then the Council is asked to provide confirmation that those Orders are withdrawn, and to include in that confirmation details of the means and date of withdrawal. In such circumstances it would further assist the Inspector if the Council would notify him, by noon on 15 April 2009, of the date by which such notice will be provided, unless notice of withdrawal is to be provided within 4 weeks of the date of this note.

- 6 If there are any other matters that the promoters feel they should raise before the Inquiry closes, the Inspector invites them to include such matters in their responses to this note.

J P Watson

INSPECTOR

31 March 2009