

Short Extract - Section 10 of Schedule 2 "Requirements" from Statutory Instrument 2013 No. 675

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Infrastructure Planning

The Lancashire County Council (Torrisholme to the M6 Link (A683 Completion of Heysham to M6 Link Road)) Order 2013

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EXTRACT:

Highway approvals and complementary measures

10.—(1) No part of the authorised development is to commence until details of the proposed improvements to Junction 34 of the M6 Motorway as shown in outline on the special roads plan have been submitted in writing to, and approved in writing by, the Secretary of State for Transport.

(2) The details to be submitted under sub-paragraph (1) must include—

- (a) details of the interface between the link road and the existing highway alignment;
- (b) details of the carriageway markings and lane destinations;
- (c) details of drainage, maintenance access, visibility zone requirements, service ducts, signage and lighting;
- (d) confirmation of compliance with the current Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) and all other Department for Transport standards or with approved relaxations or departures from such standards;
- (e) independent stages one and two road safety audits carried out in accordance with current DMRB standards and advice notes, stage two to take into account any recommendations of the stage one road safety audit; and
- (f) a project appraisal report pursuant to the New Approach to Appraisal guidance.

(3) No part of the link road is to be opened to vehicular traffic until the highway works approved in accordance with sub-paragraph (1) have been constructed.

(4) The link road must not be opened to vehicular traffic until gateway markings or rumble strips have been marked out on the surface of the A6 to the south of Slyne with Hest village in a position to be first approved in writing by the relevant planning authority.

(5) The Park and Ride site at Junction 34 of the M6 motorway must be completed and available for use before the link road is fully opened to vehicular traffic. The Park and Ride site is to be brought into use when available road space is created on Caton Road but not more than 1 month after the link road has been fully opened. Appropriate supportive priority measures for bus services linking the Park and Ride site to Lancaster City Centre must be implemented within 12 months of the link road being fully opened to traffic.

(6) The link road must not be fully opened to vehicular traffic until an action plan of complementary traffic measures has been submitted to and approved in writing by the relevant planning authority, which must have regard to the findings of Lancaster and Morecambe Vision Board Study and include:

- (a) a review of the City Centre gyratory systems;
- (b) an investigation into the extension of the proposed Park and Ride network beyond the site at Junction 34 of the M6 Motorway;
- (c) a detailed feasibility study for a rapid transit route from Lancaster city centre, rail station and bus station to Morecambe and Heysham; and
- (d) a schedule of those measures that are to be implemented.

The action plan must aim to prevent road traffic growth within the central Lancaster area increasing to predicted “do minimum” levels between the opening and design years of the link road (thereby negating planned relief) and contain a timetable for implementation of the measures to be carried out.

(7) The complementary traffic measures set out in the schedule to the action plan approved in accordance with sub-paragraph (6) must be carried out in accordance with the approved timetable or no later than 10 years of the opening of the link road whichever is the earlier.

(8) The link road must not be fully opened to vehicular traffic until the undertaker has completed statutory consultation upon a proposal to make a traffic regulation order prohibiting HGVs from roads forming part of the A6 in central Lancaster and along A589 Morecambe Road east of the link road, except for access.

Please Note:

Inspector Peter Robottom’s Report dated 19 December 2012, is available at:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010008/TR010008-001435-TR010008_Final%20Report.pdf

Heysham to M6 Junction 34 Link road, North of Lancaster Order

Examining Authority’s Report of Findings and Conclusions

and

Recommendation to the

Secretary of State for Transport