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Dear Sukvinder and Paul,

### **Feckenham Greener Grid Park – Possible Construction Traffic Routes**

The planning application for Feckenham Greener Grid Park was considered by the planning committee on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021 with a recommendation to approve the application. The Highways Authority had no objection subject to conditions requiring a Construction Traffic Management Plan be agreed prior to construction.

During the planning committee meeting councillors raised concern over the traffic impacts and vehicle routes that could be used by the Development and the decision was made to defer the decision on the application pending further assessment of potential routes by the Highways Authority.

In order to assist the Highways Authority with this, Arcus has undertaken a review of route options and summarises these below and shown on the attached figure.

- Route 1 – A441 from the north via Astwood Lane. This is the route proposed for use by the small number of abnormal load vehicles. Concerns were raised by councillors over the suitability of this route for HGVs so the Applicant confirmed that this route would be avoided for use by HGVs. Given the small number of abnormal loads, and that they would be via an escort, the route is considered appropriate for these abnormal load deliveries.
- Route 2 – A441 from the south onto Saltway, via Rockhill Lane – avoiding traffic passing through Astwood Bank. This route is considered the most appropriate to satisfy councillor concerns and is the preferred route for HGVs. This Route will allow onward access to/from:
  - The north via the A422 and A435;
  - The south via the A422 and A46;
  - The east via the A422 and A46; and
  - The west via the A422.
- Route 3 – Provides a similar route to 2, but instead of using Rockhill Lane it passes through Feckenham. Concern has previously been raised by Feckenham Parish Council as to the suitability of HGVs passing through Feckenham.

- Route 4 – Access from the north or south via the M5 and B4090, via Rockhill Lane. This route provides good connectivity with the motorway network but involves construction traffic utilising a long section of B road.
- Route 5 – Provides a similar route to 4, but instead of using Rockhill Lane it passes through Feckenham. In addition to utilising a long section of B road, concern has previously been raised by Feckenham Parish Council as to the suitability of HGVs passing through Feckenham.
- Route 6 – A441 from the north through Astwood Bank, onto Saltway. Councillors raised concerns over this route being used for HGVs given the volume of movements and nature of the highway through the settlement, often with cars parked either side of the road. As such, Statkraft will avoid this route during school pick-up and drop-off hours.

To summarise, the small number of abnormal load deliveries can utilise Route 1 via an escort. HGV's will avoid Route 1 completely and will avoid Route 6 during school drop off and pick up times. HGVs could utilise Routes 3, 4 and 5, but may be subject to additional restrictions which will be outlined in the CTMP, and Route 2 is the preferred HGV route which allows onward access in all directions.

At this point in time a contractor has not been appointed and it is not yet clear where various deliveries will be originating from so the conditioning of the CTMP is considered most appropriate method of confirming the route for construction traffic.

We trust that the above summary of route options is helpful for the Highways Authority to provide a response to councillors to inform the consideration of the application at planning committee.

Should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



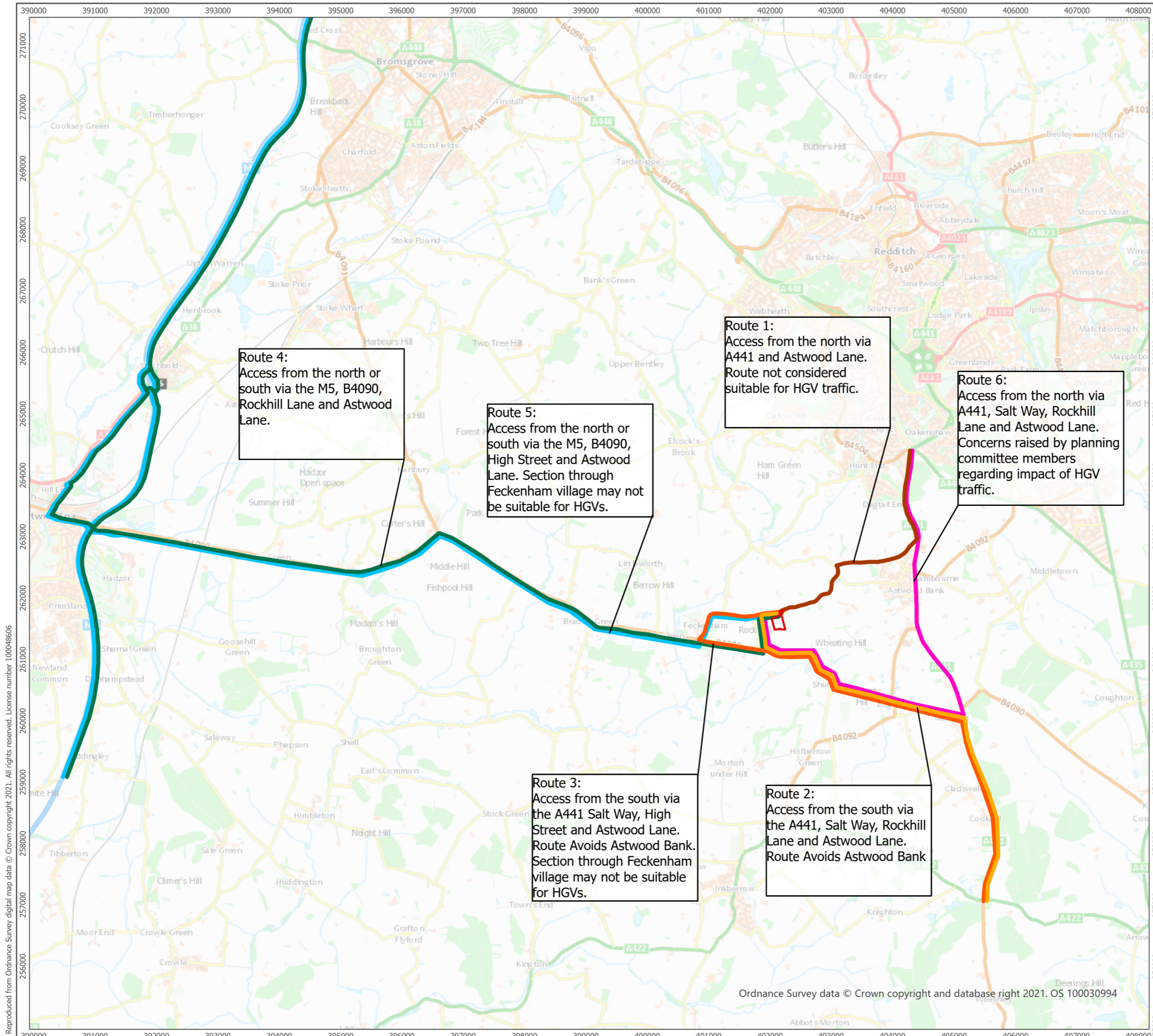
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**Enclosed**

Potential Routes to Site Figure



- Planning Boundary
- Route 1
- Route 2
- Route 3
- Route 4
- Route 5
- Route 6



**Route 4:**  
Access from the north or south via the M5, B4090, Rockhill Lane and Astwood Lane.

**Route 5:**  
Access from the north or south via the M5, B4090, High Street and Astwood Lane. Section through Feckenham village may not be suitable for HGVs.

**Route 1:**  
Access from the north via A441 and Astwood Lane. Route not considered suitable for HGV traffic.

**Route 6:**  
Access from the north via A441, Salt Way, Rockhill Lane and Astwood Lane. Concerns raised by planning committee members regarding impact of HGV traffic.

**Route 3:**  
Access from the south via the A441 Salt Way, High Street and Astwood Lane. Route Avoids Astwood Bank. Section through Feckenham village may not be suitable for HGVs.

**Route 2:**  
Access from the south via the A441, Salt Way, Rockhill Lane and Astwood Lane. Route Avoids Astwood Bank



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