Transport and Works Act 1992
Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006

THE MIDLAND METRO (BIRMINGHAM CITY CENTRE EXTENSION LAND ACQUISITION AND VARIATION ORDER)

APPLICATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 6 OF THE TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT 1992 FOR AN ORDER UNDER SECTIONS 1 AND 5 OF THAT ACT

The Secretary of State for Transport
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On behalf of the West Midland Passenger Transport Executive ("Centro"), we hereby apply for an Order under sections 1 and 5 of the Transport and Works Act 1992, in the terms of the draft Order accompanying this application.

The Order would confer further powers of compulsory acquisition on the Executive for the purpose of the works authorised by the Midland Metro (Birmingham City Centre Extension, etc) Order 2005 (SI 2005/1794) ("the 2005 Order"), which expired in 2010.

It would also authorise a variation, of approximately 100 metres, of the alignment of the tramway authorised by the 2005 Order within Paradise Circus Queensway in the centre of Birmingham, to integrate with changes to the highway proposed as part of the redevelopment of Paradise Circus, including conferring powers on Centro to compulsorily acquire land or rights over land, to extinguish private rights, and to use land temporarily and to carry out such other works as may be necessary or expedient in connection with that variation.

The draft Order would also confer powers (including powers to acquire land) enabling Centro to carry out a minor adjustment to the 2005 scheme outside the Paradise Circus area, which would not give rise to any significant environmental impacts over and above those assessed for the 2005 Order.

In accordance with Rule 10 of the Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 four copies of each of the following documents accompany this application -

- Draft order
- Explanatory memorandum
- Statement of aims
- Report summarising consultations undertaken
- Declaration as to the status of the applicant
- Statement of environmental Information (including scoping opinion and non-technical summary)
- Plans and sections
- Book of reference
- Funding statement
- Estimate of cost of carrying out the proposed works
- Request for deemed planning permission.
We also enclose, in support of the application, a certified copy of the resolution to make the order application, as passed by the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority on 21 October 2013.

All requests for further information, notices or other documents required to be served upon the applicant should be sent to Winckworth Sherwood LLP, Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents, Minerva House, 5 Montague Close, London SE1 9BB.

Dated 4 December 2013

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