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IPC Ref: TR010008

Your Ref: SMcC/JH

Dear Mr McCreesh,

**Planning Act 2008 (“PA 2008”) section 55 (Acceptance Stage)**

**Application by Lancashire County Council for a Development Consent Order for a new dual carriageway connecting the junction of the A683 and A589 with junction 34 of the M6 (Heysham to M6 link road)**

**IPC reference: TR010008**

I refer to your application for an order granting development consent made under s.37(2) of the PA 2008 and received by the IPC on 6 December 2011.

The Commission has concluded that the provisions in s.55(3)(a) – (e) inclusive have been satisfied. In respect of the conclusion reached under s.55(3)(e) the Commission has had regard to the matters set out in s.55(4). The Commission is therefore of the view that it can accept the application for examination.

You should be aware that this decision to accept the application does not incorporate a decision on whether all of the development for which authorisation is sought falls within s115 of the PA 2008.

Please be aware of your duties at this stage under s.56, s.58 and s.59 of the PA 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009.

Yours sincerely,



**Peter Robottom**  
**Commissioner**  
**On behalf of the Commission**

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