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Application by NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited, Proposed Sizewell C Project

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 89 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 17 - Deadline 8

Historic England response to The Examining Authority's written questions at Deadline 8

Dear Wendy McKay,

The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (HBMCE), known as Historic England, are the government's advisor on the historic environment and we provide independent advice on heritage matters. We have a duty to conserve, as well as promote public understanding and enjoyment of the historic environment.

In a letter of 20th September 2021, you wrote to Historic England with the following request

*Heveningham Hall Estate and Cockfield Hall Complex – Historic Environment Impacts.*

*The response made by Historic England at ISH13 on 16 September 2021 [EV-142e] regarding the Applicant's assessment findings in respect of the Cockfield Hall complex is noted. In respect of this issue and noting the recent Stonehenge judgement [2021] EWHC 2161 (Admin), please can Historic England confirm whether their position remains as detailed at [REP2-138] paragraphs 2.145-2.152 for Deadline 8 on 24 September 2021.*

### Historic England's Response

Historic England appreciated the opportunity to respond on this matter noting the recent Stonehenge judgement. We are able confirm that our position remains as documented in our written representation (paragraphs 2.145-2.152). In doing so we reiterate that our remit in



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relation to this asset group was the Grade I listed Cockfield Hall (LEN 1030621) its grade II\* Gatehouse (LEN 1300688), and our advice would need to be taken in conjunction with that of the Applicant and the LPA for the additional assets that make up the Cockfield Hall complex. This is in order to address the impact upon all the designated and non-designated heritage assets. We also recognise that it is the remit of the ExA to weigh the planning balance in relation to harm verses benefits and defer to your authority in that regard.

It may be helpful to set out in clarifying our position that we recognise as set out in our rep (para 2.149) that changes could occur to the significance of these assets during both construction and operation of the new roundabout.

In reviewing our advice, we acknowledge construction effects are likely to differ to operational effects and the construction works may be more apparent from the assets in question, however in considering these effects we took into account that these effects would be temporary. We also considered that construction period is likely to be considerably less than the impacts of the construction of the main compound or the GRR.

In relation to the residual impact we continue to maintain the position we set out at 2.150

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further advice or clarification on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Inspector of Ancient Monuments



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