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Subject: EN070009 – H2 Teesside Statement of Common Ground

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Dear Sir / Madam.

National Highways is currently liaising with the applicant in relation to a revised Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) that has been provided to us recently (11th November 2024). We have been asked to provide comments on the revised SoCG by 18th November 2024 and will be doing so within this timeframe.

Within the SoCG, the applicant commits to update the DCO at Deadline 4 (20th November 2024) and this will include amendments to the requirements taking into account previous comments made by National Highways. National Highways is content with this approach and is confident of being able to reach a position where we can agree the detail of the requirements. We will be in a position to confirm this upon receipt of the updated DCO.

On the basis of the above, while being identified as an interested party that the ExA would find helpful to attend Issue Specific Hearing 2 tomorrow and with a view to National Highways not having registered with the Examining Authority to identify our wish to speak at the hearing, we consider that we are likely to be in a position whereby the update to the DCO will satisfy our previous comments.

I trust this approach is reasonable, but should you require any further information from National Highways in relation to our required inputs to the examination, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards



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