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Dear Sir / Madam

TR010018 A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme – Proposed Changes Made to the Applications by Highways England

Thank you for notifying Natural England of the above proposed changes to this scheme in your letter dated 4th August 2015.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

We note that Highways England has submitted a request to PINS for four non-material changes to be made to the application (Application for Additional Land) requiring compulsory purchase – at Woodhatch Farm, Ellington Junction, Buckden Landfill and Mill Common. Natural England understands that the Examining Authority considers that the proposed changes do not constitute material change to the scheme and is satisfied to consider the proposed changes to the application as part of its examination of the proposed scheme.

We have liaised with Highways England's consultants to obtain details of the ecological status of the four proposed additional sites. This has confirmed that the proposed changes to the application will not have any significant effect on aspects of the natural environment within our remit, including ecology. Since the proposed changes are unlikely to have any adverse effect on designated sites, further consideration under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 is not required.

I hope these comments are helpful. For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Janet Nuttall on 0300 060 1239. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

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