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Dear Nicholas,

Draft A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme Development Consent Order

Deadline 14 submissions, Rule 17 letter response, update on agreement of Code of Construction Practice, and update on draft Development Consent order

1. Deadline 14 submissions

Please find enclosed the following documents in response to the Examining Authority's Rule 8 Letter dated 21 May 2015 and the amended timetable contained at Annex C of the Examining Authority's letter of 29 September 2015:

Applicant Document Reference Number	Description / Content
HE/A14/EX/233	Statements of Common Ground Report - Deadline 14 – includes Statements of Common Ground finalised since Deadline 13.
HE/A14/EX/234	Highways England's Comments on Deadline 13 Submissions
HE/A14/EX/235	Environmental Statement Chapter 17 – Road drainage and the water environment – Update – revised to reflect the updated flood risk assessment.
HE/A14/EX/236	Environmental Statement Chapter 17 – Road drainage and the water environment – Update (marked-up version)
HE/A14/EX/237	Environmental Statement Appendix 17.1 – Flood Risk Assessment – Update - update to version submitted at Deadline 13 (HE/A14/EX/200, PINS reference REP13-020).
HE/A14/EX/238	Environmental Statement Appendix 17.1 – Flood Risk Assessment - Update (marked-up version) - update to version submitted at Deadline 13 (HE/A14/EX/201, PINS reference REP13-021).
HE/A14/EX/239	Flood Risk Assessment Position Statement - update to version submitted at Deadline 13 (HE/A14/EX/202, PINS reference REP13-022).
HE/A14/EX/240	Environmental Statement Chapter 19 – Summary of the environmental impact assessment – Update – revised to reflect submissions made during the Examination.
HE/A14/EX/241	Environmental Statement Chapter 19 – Summary of the environmental impact assessment – Update (marked-up version)
HE/A14/EX/242	Environmental Statement Chapter 0 – Non-technical summary – revised to reflect submissions made during the Examination.

Applicant Document Reference Number	Description / Content
HE/A14/EX/243	Environmental Statement Chapter 0 – Non-technical summary (marked-up version)
HE/A14/EX/244	Environmental Statement Appendix 20.2 - Code of Construction Practice – Update – update to version submitted at Deadline 13 (HE/A14/EX/205, PINS reference REP13-025), as requested by the ExA in Rule 17 Request for further information dated 3 November 2015 and following consideration of the suggestions made by the Environment Agency in their Deadline 13 submission (PINS reference REP13-032), also includes other minor amendments.
HE/A14/EX/245	Environmental Statement Appendix 20.2 - Code of Construction Practice – Update (marked-up version) – update to version submitted at Deadline 13 (HE/A14/EX/206, PINS reference REP13-026).
HE/A14/EX/246	Document reference not used.
HE/A14/EX/247	<p>Compulsory Acquisition Update - this document provides an addendum to the Deadline 13 Compulsory Acquisition Submission: <i>Compulsory Acquisition Submission – including (a) Compelling Case Submission with Supporting Evidence of Negotiations with Affected Persons to Acquire Land by Agreement; and (b) Post-Hearing Submissions relating to Compulsory Acquisition Hearings Held on 21 October 2015</i> (HE/A14/EX/191, PINS reference REP13-013).</p> <p>This addendum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • considers the application to the scheme of the DCLG <i>Guidance on Compulsory Purchase Process and The Crichel Down Rules for the disposal of surplus land acquired by, or under threat of, compulsion</i> published on 29 October 2015 and which replaces ODPM Circular 06/04 on <i>Compulsory Purchase and the Crichel Down Rules</i> (which was considered in the compelling case analysis set out in HE/A14/EX/191 / REP13-013); • responds to interested parties' submissions made at Deadline 13 on matters relating to compulsory acquisition; • provides an update on Highways England's discussions with Tesco regarding the superstore at Bar Hill, and with Cambridge City Council regarding the Crematorium access issues; • provides an update on the current position with statutory undertakers; • provides an update on the progress of legal agreements entered into with interested parties as an alternative to the exercise of compulsory acquisition powers; • explains why a further revision of the Book of Reference is proposed to be submitted at Deadline 15; • and sets out the impacts on the proposed use and acquisition of land arising from the revised Flood Risk Assessment.



2. Rule 17 letter response

In relation to the ExA's Rule 17 Request for further information relating to flooding and drainage matters dated 3 November 2015 I respond as follows:

Subject	Response
Code of Construction Practice	Our response is covered in our Deadline 14 submission HE/A14/EX/244 - Environmental Statement Appendix 20.2 - Code of Construction Practice – Update (and HE/A14/EX/245 marked-up version). See also summary table in section 3 of this letter below regarding agreement of stakeholders on the Code of Construction Practice.
Ellington Brook	Response not required by the applicant.
FRA	Our response is covered in our Deadline 14 submission HE/A14/EX/239 Flood Risk Assessment Position Statement.
Additional DCO requirement	Our response is covered in our Deadline 14 submission HE/A14/EX/239 Flood Risk Assessment Position Statement.
Protective Provisions	Highways England included in paragraph 32 of Schedule 8 to the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 13 (PINS reference: REP13-014) a draft set of details of watercourses, which were discussed with Cambridgeshire County Council. The parties are currently discussing some discrepancies in those draft details, and will include a final set in the revised draft of the DCO to be submitted at Deadline 15.
Flood Risk Assessment	Response not required by the applicant.

3. Update on agreement of Code of Construction Practice

Following the request by the ExA at the October hearings the following stakeholders have confirmed agreement of the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP):

Stakeholder	Date of confirmation (all 2015)	Latest response (all by e-mail)
Huntingdon District Council	6 October	Stuart Bell confirmed that HDC has no further issues with the CoCP.
Cambridge City Council	7 October	Jo Dicks confirmed he was happy that the amendments they requested had been incorporated.
Cambridgeshire County Council	15 October	Andrew Munro confirmed that the CoCP is agreed.
South Cambridgeshire District Council	28 October	Claire Spencer confirmed that SCDC believe that they are content with the latest version of the CoCP.
Natural England	29 October	Janet Nuttall confirmed that the amendments seem reasonable and that there are no further comments from NE's perspective.

Stakeholder	Date of confirmation (all 2015)	Latest response (all by e-mail)
Historic England	2 November	Tom Gilbert-Wooldridge confirmed that Historic England have no outstanding issues.
Environment Agency	5 November	Agreement reached with Adam Ireland on amendments to clause 14.1.1, bullets 9 and 10; amendments now included in the Deadline 14 version of the CoCP HE/A14/EX/244 (and HE/A14/EX/245 marked-up version).

4. Update on draft Development Consent Order

Highways England will submit a revised version of the draft DCO at Deadline 15, to reflect the anticipated conclusion of various discussions with stakeholders in respect of the protective provisions contained in Schedule 8. This will be accompanied by an explanatory document, together with a revised draft of the Explanatory Memorandum. Highways England will also separately provide the Examining Authority with an editable version of the draft DCO in Word format.

I would be grateful if you would please acknowledge safe receipt of the enclosed documents.

Yours sincerely



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