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Dear Sir / Madam

Please find attached Natural England's response to the above application.

I hope this is helpful.

Many thanks
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Dear Sir / Madam

The A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme Development Consent Order 2016 (SI 2016/547) (as corrected by the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme Development Consent (Correction) Order 2017 (SI 2017/1121))

Application for a Non-Material Change under Regulation 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011.

Natural England has received notification, in a letter from Highways England (23 January 2019, ref. 20190123 – TR010018), of Highways England's submission of an application to the Planning Inspectorate to request a change to the above scheme's development consent order to allow the status of the road to be changed. We understand that the Applications seeks to make a non-material amendment to the Order in relation to the status of the A14 between Girton and new Ellington junction, and the A1 between Alconbury and Brampton (the Roads); both to be reclassified from trunk road to motorway, including the use of variable mandatory speed limits to manage flow when appropriate.

Having considered the application and relevant submission documents, including the Application Statement (January 2019) we wish to make the following representation.

Summary of Natural England's advice

No objection

Based on the information submitted Natural England is satisfied that the proposed non-material change is unlikely to have any significant effect on the natural environment, including statutorily designated sites.

Natural England welcomes consideration of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed change through section 5 of the Application Statement. This confirms that the proposed change has no material impact on the scheme's engineering, design or physical layout and requires only one additional insignificant area of Highways England-owned land adjacent to the highway boundary.



The Application Statement notes that changes in traffic levels have the potential to affect the air quality conclusions of the original Environmental Statement (ES) for the scheme. An Air Quality Assessment is presented in Appendix B of the Statement to address this. The analysis has found that there would be no new, or materially different, significant air quality effects as a result of Motorway Regulations, and that the no significant air quality effects conclusion of the ES remains unchanged. The introduction of Motorway Regulations would not be environmentally worse than the scheme as assessed in the ES. Natural England accepts this conclusion and on this basis is satisfied that the proposed change is unlikely, through changes in air quality, to have a significant environmental effect, including impact to statutorily designated sites.

We are satisfied with the conclusion presented in the Application Statement that the proposed change will not lead to significant change to the impact of the scheme on the water environment, soils, geology or landscape.

Based on the information submitted with this application Natural England is satisfied that the proposed change is unlikely to have any significant effect on the natural environment. We therefore have no objection to the proposed change.

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Yours sincerely

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