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To: All Interested Parties and Statutory Parties

Our Ref: TR010022

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

The Planning Act 2008 – Section 98 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8(3)

Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A38 Derby Junctions project

Notification of new deadline for completion of examination and variation to the Examination Timetable

On 17 March 2020 we posted a notification to the project website that the hearings scheduled for 19 March 2020 were postponed due to the public health situation surrounding coronavirus (COVID-19). The notification also said that updates to the Examination Timetable would be announced in due course.

We continued to review the effect of the postponed hearings and coronavirus on the examination. We concluded that for us to examine remaining issues and address matters of fairness, more time was needed than the original examination end date of 8 April 2020 would have allowed. Therefore, on 25 March 2020 the Planning Inspectorate, on our behalf, made a request to the Secretary of State to extend the examination.

On 27 March 2020, and in accordance with s98(4) of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State set a new deadline for completion of the examination on or before 8 September 2020. This is a notification of that new deadline on behalf of the Secretary of State in accordance with s98(7). A statement about the extension will be made to Parliament as soon as possible after it is sitting again.

In accordance with Rule 8(3) of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 we have decided to extend the examination beyond 8 April 2020. We will seek to keep the extension to the examination to the minimum necessary. We will issue an update to the Examination Timetable as soon as is practicable, together with information on any new arrangements that will be required to assist in completing the examination.

Please visit the project website regularly for further updates:

[https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/a38-derby-
junctions/](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/a38-derby-junctions/)

Please contact the Case Team at the details provided above if you have any questions about this letter.

We look forward to continuing to work with all parties in the examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

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Stuart Cowperthwaite, Lead Member of the Panel

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