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Dear Sir,

Please find attached our comments relating to question 2.4.8.

If you would like further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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Date: 07 August 2019

Dear Sir

REFERENCE: 2.4.8

M42 JUNCTION 6 IMPROVEMENT - WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION - 2.4.8 GROUNDWATER.

M42 JUNCTION 6

2.4.8: Can SMBC and the Environment Agency confirm their position on the conclusions reached in the geology and soils assessment, as reported in ES Chapter 10.

We are responding to written questions and requests for information - 2.4.8 Groundwater and have reviewed Highways England Document "M42 Junction 6 Improvement Scheme Volume 6, 6.1 Environmental Statement, Chapter 10 Geology and Soils".

Our comments are constrained to the elements of the document that relate to the protection of Controlled Waters and linked environmental receptors.

The document provides a high level and generic presentation and assessment of information, including site investigation collected during 2018. We confirm that the conclusions presented with respect to the conceptual description, including the identification of source, pathway, receptor linkages with the potential to impact Controlled Water receptors appear appropriate for this environmental setting.

In addition, consideration is given to the potential impacts, mitigation and assessment of significant effects in respect of Controlled Waters during construction and operational phases. We agree that these outline considerations appear to be appropriate and in line with expectations for the proposed development in this environmental setting.

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We remain committed to work with Highways England to develop the details of this scheme to ensure the protection and enhancement of the water environment.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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