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To: National Highways

Date: 22 December 2021

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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**

### **Application by National Highways (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the M25 Junction 28 Improvement Project**

#### **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT**

##### **1. Update to the Environmental Information**

The Secretary of State invites the Applicant to update its response of [22 November 2021](#) to the Secretary of State’s consultation letter of [8 November 2021](#) to provide (or, to the extent that it has already been provided, identify) its assessment of the cumulative effects of Greenhouse Gas emissions from the scheme with other existing and/or approved projects on a local, regional and national level on a consistent geographical scale (for example an assessment of the cumulative effects of the Road Investment Strategy RIS 1 and RIS 2 at a national level).

This should: take account of both construction and operational effects; identify the baseline used at each local, regional and national level; and identify any relevant local, regional or national targets and/or budgets where they exist (including the carbon budgets, the 2050 net zero target under the Climate Change Act 2008, and the UK’s

Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement). It should be accompanied by reasoning to explain the methodology adopted, any likely significant effects identified, any difficulties encountered in compiling the information, and how the assessment complies with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.

The Secretary of State would also welcome confirmation that the response to all parts of this question has been prepared by a competent expert. Please can links be provided to any documents referenced and their relevance fully explained.

## **2. Byelaws**

The Secretary of State notes that Article 49 (1)(i) to (n) of the proposed DCO refers to amendments to various byelaws. The Secretary of State requests a copy of these byelaws.

**The deadline for any response is 19 January 2022.**

Responses to the matters outlined in this letter should therefore be submitted by email to: [M25Junction28@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:M25Junction28@planninginspectorate.gov.uk).

If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the consultation deadline, or difficulty in submitting a response by email, please inform the Case Team

The responses will be published on the project page for the M25 Junction 28 DCO on the Planning Inspectorate's website as soon as possible after the above deadline at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/m25-junction-28-improvements/>

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision whether to grant development consent for the M25 Junction 28 Project and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

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