

Northern Gas Networks Limited (“NGN”) Comments on Submissions at Deadline One.

Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A1 Birtley to Coal House Improvement Scheme (the “Scheme”)

Your reference: TR010031

- 1 We are providing this letter in response to Highway’s England’s (“HE”) Covering Letter, submitted at Deadline One.
- 2 HE’s covering letter provides an update on the Applicant’s request for proposed changes to the Application. While we understand that acceptance of such proposed changes will be made by way of a Procedural Decision made by the Examining Authority, NGN would like to take this opportunity to reserve the right to make comments on the proposed additional documents submitted at Deadline 4.
- 3 In addition, NGN note that there is a proposed consultation period between 16 March 2020 and 13 April 2020. NGN are aware that the additional land which will be subject to consultation is likely to have a material impact on NGN’s objections to the compulsory acquisition of land at Plot 3/6c and will impact on negotiations with HE moving forward. Therefore, NGN reserve the right to make comment during this consultation process.
- 4 NGN would also like to take this opportunity to ensure that in making the procedural decision on whether to allow the proposed changes, the Examining Authority should ensure that sufficient time is given following the submission of any revised documentation for review and comments to be made.