

**A1 Birtley to Coal House**

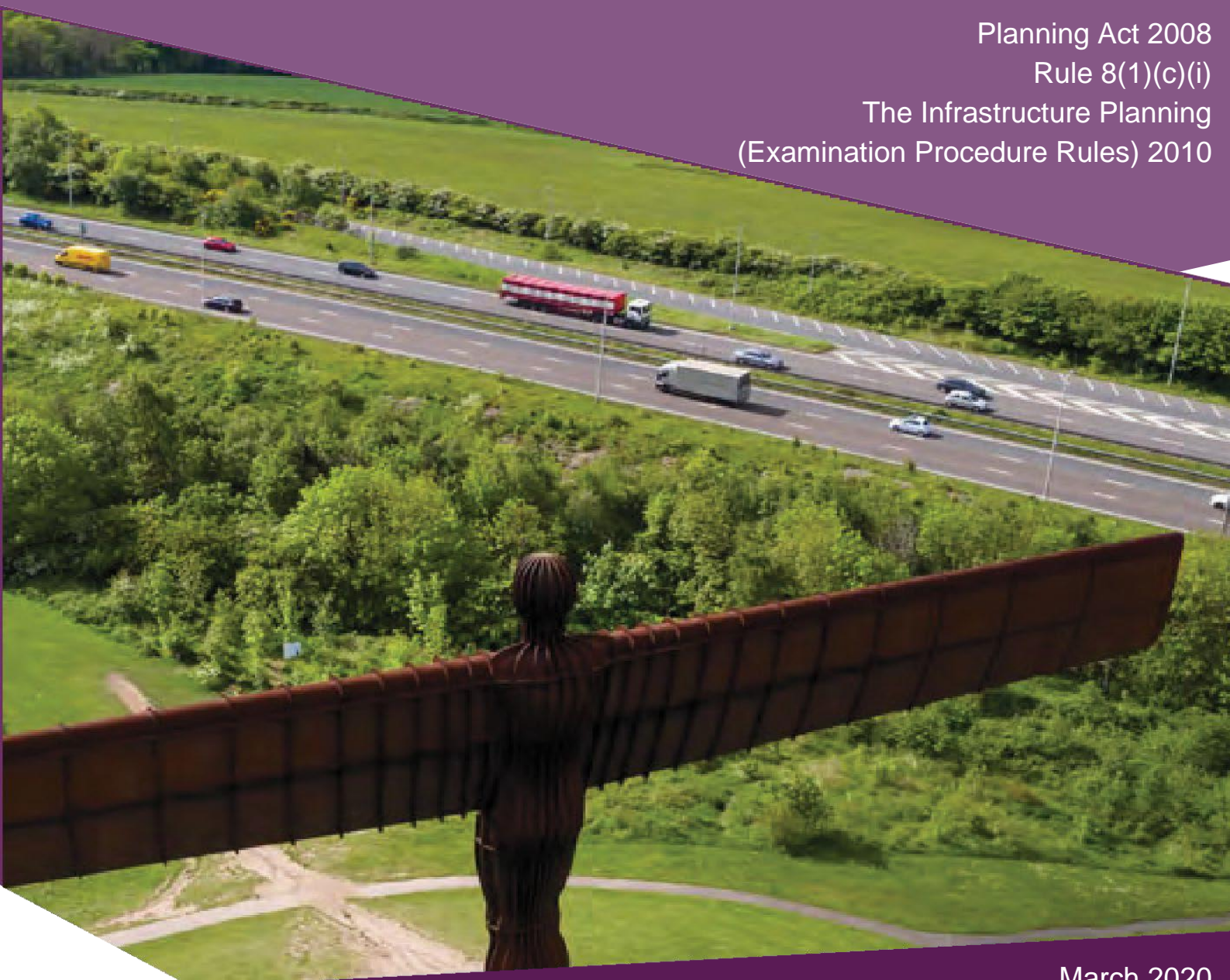
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**Table 1.1 – Centurylink Response to Deadline 2a Submission**

Ref No:	Centurylink Response	Applicant's comments on the Response
1	Confirming receipt of your letter attached.	
2	Centurylink have assets installed within the Network Rail land and a street cable into the industrial estate. We have no assets on the A1.	<p>Centurylink is a telecommunications provider. Its network in the vicinity of the Scheme is laid in the ducting that is adjacent to the East Coast Main Line.</p> <p>During the works, there will be significant activity in the corridor of the East Coast Main Line associated with Overhead Line Electrification (OLE) works, and the replacement of Allerdene Railway Bridge. Since the apparatus of Centurylink is laid alongside that of Network Rail, which is important to the safe and efficient operation of the Railway Network, it will be afforded similar protection.</p> <p>The main works likely to affect Centurylink's apparatus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The demolition of the existing Allerdene Railway Bridge; and</li> <li>• The construction of piers or abutments for the replacement Allerdene Railway Bridge.</li> </ul> <p>In both cases, it is expected that the works will be carried out so that a safe distance comprising a protection zone is left between the works and Centurylink's cabling.</p> <p>During the operation phase there is no reason to assume that there will be any interference with the apparatus of Centurylink.</p> <p>In addition, Centurylink is afforded protection by Part 2 of Schedule 11 to the draft Development Consent Order [APP-013 and AS-012]. This ensures that telecommunications code operators are protected from the works.</p> <p>In light of the above, the Examining Authority and Secretary of State may conclude that the Scheme can be carried out without detriment to the undertaking of Centurylink.</p>
3	Centurylink (formerly Level 3 Communications UK Limited) has run fibre optic cables on the railway infrastructure throughout the UK under the provision of the Network Rail; Deed of Grant dated 31 March 1995.	Please see the Applicant's response to point 2 above.
4	Centurylink (formerly Level 3 Communications UK Limited) fibre optic cables are installed and routed within the Network Rail owned provisioned concrete/GRP/other trough route next to the railway line.	Please see the Applicant's response to point 2 above.
5	In the area highlighted the cable will also be inside the Network Rail owned concrete trough route until it routes through and via the Network Rail owned purpose built routes which cross under/over any bridge/Level crossing until the buried duct meets and joins with the Network Rail owned concrete trough Route.	Please see the Applicant's response to point 2 above.
6	I have attached previous responses regarding this project.	It is noted that the previous responses attached by Centurylink include the completed Land Interest Questionnaire and consultation responses from May 2019 which are reported in Table 32 of the Applicant's Consultation Report [APP-019].