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Subject: A1 Birtley to Coal House Improvement DCO - Northumbrian Water Limited - Deadline 8

response

Dear Sirs,

We write on behalf of Northumbrian Water Limited in relation to the above DCO application.

In an emailed response to Northumbrian Water Limited's solicitors dated 19 May 2020 the Examining Authority has requested updated Statements of Common Ground by Deadline 8 on Tuesday 9 June 2020. The parties are actively considering the terms of agreement across the substantive issues raised and the form of protective provisions and as the parties hope that it will be possible to reach agreement, at this stage they consider it would be most helpful to the Examining Authority to submit a version of the Statement of Common Ground reflecting the position on revised protective provisions. The parties expect to be able to submit these as soon as possible after deadline 8 and prior to deadline 9.

On the issue of attendance at hearings on the dates notified, on balance, insofar as any issues remain outstanding between the parties, NWL considers that these can be addressed by written representations to the Examining Authority rather than appearing at a hearing.

Yours faithfully,

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