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Our Ref: TR010034

Date: 16 February 2018

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Dear Ms Griffiths

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 46 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 – Regulation 8**

**Proposed application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Trans-Pennine Upgrade project**

**Acknowledgement of receipt of information concerning proposed application**

Thank you for your letter of 9 February 2018 and the following documentation enclosed with the CD:

- Section 46 covering letter.
- Section 42 notice letter.
- Consultation Brochure, including response form.
- Section 48 notice.
- Section 48 covering letters and letters of correction regarding the s48 letters.
- Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).
- Non-Statutory Consultation Report.
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PIER).

I note in your s46 covering letter that the CD provided to the Planning Inspectorate should include the Non-Technical Summary on the PEIR, however this specific document was not enclosed on the CD. The Planning Inspectorate has obtained this specific document via the Trans-Pennine Upgrade projects website <http://www.highways.gov.uk/trans-pennine-upgrade/> and therefore we can confirm to have a copy of the Non-Technical Summary on the PEIR.

I acknowledge that you have notified the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application for an order granting development consent for the purposes of section 46 of the PA2008 and supplied the information for consultation under section 42.

The Planning Inspectorate acknowledges that the Applicant has notified the Secretary of State under Regulation 8 of the EIA Regulations 2017 that they propose to provide an Environmental Statement in respect of the Proposed Development, and in

accordance with Regulations 6(2)(a) of the EIA Regulations 2017, that the Proposed Development is determined to be an EIA development.

The following reference number has been given to the proposed application, which I would be grateful if you would use in subsequent communications:

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I will be your point of contact for this application – my contact details are at the end of this letter.

The role of the Planning Inspectorate in the application process is to provide independent and impartial advice about the procedures involved and to have open discussions with potential applicants, statutory bodies and others about the processes and requirements of the new regime. It is important that you keep us accurately informed of your timetable and any changes that occur.

We will publish advice we give to you or other Interested Parties on our website and, if relevant, direct parties to you as the Applicant. We are happy to meet at key milestones and/ or provide advice as the case progresses through the Pre-application stage.

Once you have prepared draft documents we are able to provide technical advice, in particular on the draft Development Consent Order, Explanatory Memorandum, the Consultation Report and any draft Habitats Regulations Assessment. You may therefore wish to build this into your timetables.

In the meantime, you may wish to have regard to the guidance and legislation material provided on our website including the Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended) and associated guidance, which you will need to observe closely in establishing the correct fee to be submitted at the successive stages of the application process.

When seeking to meet your Pre-application obligations you should also be aware of your obligation under the Data Protection Act 1998 to process personal data fairly and lawfully.

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

Yours sincerely

*Susannah Guest*

**Susannah Guest**  
**Infrastructure Planning Lead**

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the National Infrastructure Planning website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.