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Your Ref:
Our Ref: TR010036
Date: 25 January 2018

Dear Mr Roberts

Planning Act 2008 – Section 46

Proposed application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Scheme

Acknowledgement of receipt of information concerning proposed application

Thank you for your letter of 25 January 2018 and the following documentation:

- Consultation booklet.
- Consultation questionnaire.
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR).
- PEIR non-technical summary.
- Section 48 notice.
- Section 42 covering letter.

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 Planning Act 2008 (PA2008), and that you have supplied the information for consultation under section 42.

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 PA2008 process. 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 Report. We suggest that you build time to take advantage of this service into your Pre-application timetable. For further details of this service please see our Pre-application Prospectus: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/pre-application-service-for-applicants/>

Your attention is drawn to 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

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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.