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Dear Mr Shrigley

**APPLICATION BY HIGHWAYS ENGLAND FOR AN ORDER GRANTING  
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE A47/A11 THICKTHORN JUNCTION  
PROJECT (TR010037)**

**APPLICANT'S PROCEDURAL DEADLINE B SUBMISSION**

**1. Introduction**

In advance of the Preliminary Meeting Part 2 in respect of the application for the A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction Order (Application), this letter addresses a number of matters raised in the Preliminary Meeting Part 1.

Highways England considers that it has addressed the matters upon which it was asked to respond, but will expand on any points discussed below should this be required.

**2. General Comments**

Highways England has noted all of the points raised in the Preliminary Meeting Part 1, in particular the points raised by Norfolk County Council. Highways England is currently in the process of preparing responses to the relevant representations submitted in readiness for Deadline 1.

**3. Matters Raised by the Examining Authority (ExA)**

The ExA asked Highways England to confirm whether or not it should not be referred to as National Highways within the Examination.

The Applicant's name change to National Highways is only in respect of the name of the organisation. The underlying company remains the same, and therefore the Applicant for this Application has not changed. Other than minor amendments to the

definitions in the dDCO to respond to the name change, Highways England does not consider that the name change to National Highways should have any impact on the Application or the Examination.

Highways England considers that, for the purposes of the Examination, it should continue to be referred to as Highways England as per the Application documents to avoid unnecessary confusion.

#### **4. Draft Examination Timetable**

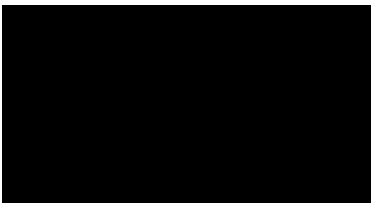
Highways England refers to its comments on the ExA's timetable provided in its letter responding to the ExA's Rule 6 letter.

#### **5. Preliminary Meeting Part 2**

Should the ExA determine that a further Preliminary Meeting is required, the list of proposed attendees on behalf of Highways England is enclosed as Schedule 1.

Highways England notes the few responses to Procedural Deadline A and low attendance at Preliminary Meeting 1 and is content for the Preliminary Meeting Part 2 to be vacated in writing if the ExA is satisfied that that would be appropriate.

Yours sincerely



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## SCHEDULE 1

### List of Applicant Attendees at Preliminary Meeting Part 2

Attendee	Organisation	Email	Phone Number
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