

National Infrastructure Planning Temple Quay House Temple Quay Bristol BS1 6PN

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Dear Mr Shrigley

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

## **EXAMINATION DEADLINE 3**

In response to Deadline 3 in the Rule 8 letter, dated 23 September 2021, please find enclosed the following documents requested by the Examining Authority:

- Updated 8.1 Statement of Commonality for Statements of Common Ground, Revision 1 (TR010037/REP1-002)
- Updated 9.9 Compulsory Acquisition Schedule, Revision 1 (TR010037/REP2-011)
- 9.10 Applicant's comments on Responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions (ExQ1) (TR010037/EXAM/9.10)
- 9.11 Applicant's Written Summary of Oral Submissions at ISH1 (TR010037/EXAM/9.11)
- 9.12 Applicant's Written Summary or Oral Submissions at ISH2 (TR010037/EXAM/9.12)
- 8.8 first draft Statement of Common Ground Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (TR010037/EXAM/8.8)
- 8.11 first draft Statement of Common Ground Big Sky Developments Ltd (TR010037/EXAM/8.11)
- Update to 3.1 draft Development Consent Order (draft DCO), Revision 2 (APP-017) tracked and clean pdf versions, plus a clean Word version
- Update to 3.2 Explanatory Memorandum, Revision 1 (APP-018) tracked and clean pdf versions
- 9.7 Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO for Deadline 3 (TR010037/REP2-009)
- Updated Environmental Statement Chapter 14: Climate (APP-051) tracked and clean pdf versions.
- Updated Environmental Statement Appendix 13.1: Flood Risk Assessment (APP-111) – tracked and clean pdf versions

An updated draft DCO Validation Confirmation (APP-016) has been requested but not yet received. It will follow on receipt.





We have also enclosed an updated 9.1 Guide to the Application – Revision 2 (**REP2-004**) in tracked and clean versions, to track the DCO application documents revision changes.

We would also like to inform you that on 8 September 2021 Highways England Company Limited changed its name to National Highways Limited.

The Applicant for the A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction Development Consent Order was incorporated as Company no. 09346363 and when incorporated the company's name was Highways England Company Limited.

As you will see from the attached enclosure taken from the Companies House website, the Applicant's company number and registered office remains the same but, on 8 September 2021, it changed its name to National Highways Limited.

The Applicant continues to use Highways England branding where appropriate and believes that, for the purposes of the Thickthorn examination, it would not be in any party's interests to have all documentation re-issued and re-branded in the new company name.

That said, the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) in Article 2 refers to the "undertaker" as Highways England Company Limited quoting the registered office and company number. The explanatory note at the end of the Order also refers to Highways England. The proposed changes are shown in the enclosed dDCO, provided at this stage on an information only basis.

The Applicant has amended the dDCO (and Explanatory Memorandum) at this deadline, to reflect the change of name. All references to Highways England Company Limited in the dDCO have been changed to National Highways Limited. References to Highways England have been changed to National Highways. The Applicant is also considering whether the Funding Statement and Statement of Reasons should be updated.

The Applicant does not intend to update any other submitted documents. It is proposed that this letter can be part of the examination documentation, explaining that the Applicant remains the same legal entity and that references to Highways England in application documentation remain references to the same Applicant, despite the change of the Applicant's name.

If you have any queries on any of these matters please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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