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The Applicant	Our Ref:	TR010037
All Interested Parties, Statutory Parties, Affected Parties and Category 3 Parties	Date:	17 December 2021

Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 17

Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction Project

Information Request

It has come to my attention that certain parties were not issued with notice of the accepted application in accordance with S56 of the Planning Act 2008 by the Applicant.

The development scheme defined in the application is now currently subject to the formal Examination Timetable issued in my Rule 8 letter of the 23 September 2021.

The relevant parties concerned have been identified by the Applicant, however for the benefit of the Examination, I request the following information:

1. The Applicant fully explains the reasons why the parties identified were not issued with notice of the accepted application in accordance with S56 of the PA2008; and
2. The Applicant sets out the measures necessary to ensure the relevant parties who were missed are included in all aspects of correspondence that would have been submitted to those persons had they been originally included in the Section 56 Notice, alongside any other steps that are reasonable and available to be undertaken.

In requesting the above information, the Applicant is reminded of the importance to submit the correct certificate compliance information under Section 58 of the Planning Act 2008.

For expediency, I require the information outlined as soon as practicable and by no later than **Deadline 6**, which is **Tuesday 18 January 2022**.

In tandem, I have also written separately/directly to the specific named parties informing them that they were not originally notified of Examination correspondence and drawing their attention to all information received to date. Any comments deemed appropriate from those persons are invited to be submitted by **Deadline 6 Tuesday 18 January 2022**.

I wish to also make clear to all parties that the Examining Authority (ExA) has discretionary powers to consider requests from any party to be treated as an 'Interested Person' if they are not already formally defined as such. This is a further provision available to the ExA for the purposes of ensuring procedural fairness within the examination should it need to be up taken.

For your information and for the avoidance of any doubt all Examination details can be found on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website:
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a47-a11-thickthorn-junction/>

If you have any further questions about the content of this letter, please contact the case team using the email address or telephone number provided in the header.

Yours faithfully

M Shrigley
Examining Authority

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