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To:
**National Highways Limited,
Norfolk County Council,
Natural England,
Historic England and
Hornsea Project Three Offshore
Wind Farm.**

Date: 25 July 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the Infrastructure Planning
(Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**

**Application by National Highways Limited ("the Applicant") for an Order
granting Development Consent for the A47/ A11 Thickthorn Junction**

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT; NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL;
NATURAL ENGLAND; HISTORIC ENGLAND; HORNSEA PROJECT THREE
OFFSHORE FARM.**

The Examining Authority submitted on 20 June 2022 a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application to the Secretary of State for Transport ("the Secretary of State"). In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has until 20 September 2022 to make a decision on the application. The Secretary of State invites comments in relation to the following matters which were outstanding at the end of the Examination

1 Climate Change

The Secretary of State notes the Norfolk Local Transport Plan 4 ("the Plan") is due to be adopted in July 2022. In anticipation that it is adopted, the Secretary of State invites the Applicant to provide an assessment against the carbon targets contained within the Plan.



The Secretary of State also requests that Norfolk County Council confirm if the Plan has been adopted, and if not when it is expected to be adopted.

2 Statements of Common Ground (“SoCGs”)

The Secretary of State notes that at the end of the examination SoCGs had not yet been signed between the **Applicant** and **Historic England, Natural England and Hornsea Project Tree Offshore Wind Farm**. Please could the parties confirm the status of these SoCGs and if these have been signed.

The deadline for any response is 8 August 2022

Responses to the matters outlined in this letter should be submitted by email to A47-A11 Thickthorn A47A11Thickthorn@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the consultation deadline, or difficulty in submitting a response by email, please inform the Case Team at the address above or on 0303 444 5000.

The responses will be published on the project page for the A47/A11Thickthorn Junction Project on the Planning Inspectorate website as soon as possible after the above deadline for response at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a47-a11-thickthorn-junction/>

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State’s decision whether to grant development consent for the A47/ A11 Thickthorn Junction Project and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

Colin Dunn