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To:

**National Highways Limited**

Date: 28 September  
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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**

1. The Secretary of State notes that the signed Statement of Common Ground [Statement of Common Ground](#) dated 22 August 2022 is also dated November 2021 in places. The Applicant is asked to confirm that the correct version of the Statement of Common Ground was submitted in response to the Secretary of State's consultation letter dated 19 August 2022.
2. The Secretary of State notes Natural England's advice to the Applicant regarding the realignment of Cantley stream and the possible need for a mitigation licence in respect of Otters, as outlined in the signed Statement of Common Ground dated 22 August 2022, and the concerns raised by Dr Boswell in his email of [11 September 2022](#) regarding otters and a letter of no impediment. The Secretary of State invites the applicant to respond to these points.

**The deadline for any response is Wednesday 5 October 2022**

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

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