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Natural England and other Interested
Parties

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Dear Sir/Madam

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

Application by National Highways Limited (“the Applicant”) Seeking Development Consent for the Proposed A47/ A11 Thickthorn Junction Scheme

CONSULTATION SEEKING COMMENTS FROM NATURAL ENGLAND AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

In a letter dated 28 September 2022, the Secretary of State requested that the Applicant respond to 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](#). The Secretary of State also requested the Applicant respond to the concerns raised by Dr Boswell in his [email of 11 September 2022](#) regarding otters and a letter of no impediment. The Applicant’s response submitted on 5 October 2022 can be viewed at:

[Link to HE’s response of 5 October 2022](#)

The Secretary of State invites comments from **Natural England** and **any other Interested Party** on the Applicant’s response of 5 October 2022.

Deadline for Response

The deadline for response is 12 October 2022.

Submissions sent by post may be subject to delay therefore your response on the information requested above should be submitted to the Case Team, if possible, by email to 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.

Responses will be published as soon as possible after the deadline on the A47 – A11 Thickthorn Junction project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at: [A47 – A11 Thickthorn Junction | National Infrastructure Planning](#)

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision on the A47 – A11 Thickthorn Junction Application, and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully,

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