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Dear Mr Johansson

**APPLICATION BY HIGHWAYS ENGLAND FOR AN ORDER GRANTING  
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE A47 NORTH TUDDENHAM TO EASTON  
PROJECT (TR010038)**

**APPLICANT'S PROCEDURAL DEADLINE B SUBMISSION**

**1. Introduction**

In advance of the Preliminary Meeting Part 2 in respect of the application for the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Order (Application), this letter addresses a number of matters raised in the Preliminary Meeting Part 1.

Highways England considers that it has addressed the matters upon which it was asked to respond, but will expand on any points discussed below should this be required.

Highways England is content for the Preliminary Meeting Part 2 to be vacated if the Examining Authority (ExA) is satisfied that that would be appropriate.

**2. General Comments**

Highways England has noted all the points raised in the Preliminary Meeting Part 1, in particular the comments of Norfolk County Council, those on behalf of Mr Meynell, and those made by Mrs Goodall and Mr Hawker. Highways England is currently in the process of preparing responses to the relevant representations submitted in

readiness for Deadline 1. It considers that the majority of issues which were raised in the Preliminary Meeting are more appropriately addressed in those responses, and in response to any subsequent written representations that are made.

Although specific points are addressed below, in respect of the identification of principal issues, the oral submissions made by Highways England at the Preliminary Meeting set out the wide discretion afforded to the ExA.

### **3. Agenda Item 4 – Issue Specific Hearing**

Highways England acknowledges the request for an issue specific hearing in relation to the Wood Lane Junction. It is for the ExA to determine whether an issue specific hearing would assist it in his determination. However, Highways England notes that the Examination is intended to be primarily a written process, and, moreover, it would be unusual for an issue specific hearing to be focussed on a single location on a linear scheme.

Further, Highways England confirms that it is already in discussion with Mr Meynell's representatives regarding the provision of additional data. As Mr Meynell's representatives are likely to require some time to produce an alternative design, Highways England suggests that allocating the design of the Wood Lane Junction its own issue specific hearing in advance of the production of that alternative design may be premature.

Highways England agrees that a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with Mr Meynell may assist the ExA, but considers that any SoCG should be agreed once any alternative design proposal has been submitted to the Examination. It is perhaps after an SoCG has been produced that the ExA will be best able to determine whether he would be assisted by oral submissions.

### **4. Agenda Item 4 – Assessment of principal issues – Climate Emergency Planning and Policy**

Highways England is committed to providing a response to the procedural matter raised in the Procedural Deadline A letter submitted by Dr Andrew Boswell on behalf of Climate Emergency Planning and Policy (CEPP).

Highways England notes that cumulative and in combination effects, climate change, consideration of the carbon budgets and the Government's zero emissions policy are all listed in Annex C as principal issues. The ExA will be well aware of the relevant statutory requirements. Annex C already notes that matters not identified as principal issues may nevertheless be important and relevant issues. On that basis, Highways England does not consider that it is necessary to amend Annex C to include "cumulative carbon emissions" as a specific sub-heading, but equally, as the issue will be addressed in any event, it does not oppose such an amendment.

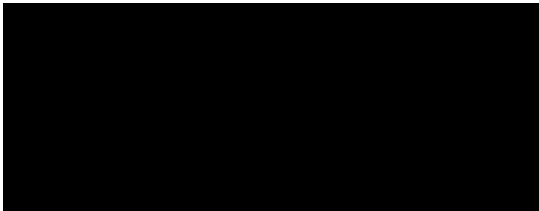
### **5. Agenda Item 5 – Draft Examination Timetable**

Highways England refers to its comments on the ExA's timetable provided in its letter responding to the ExA's Rule 6 letter.

**6. Proposed Attendees at Preliminary Meeting Part 2 / Open Floor Hearing 1**  
Should the ExA determine that a further Preliminary Meeting is required, the list of proposed attendees on behalf of Highways England is enclosed as Schedule 1.

The list of proposed attendees on behalf of Highways England at Open Floor Hearing 1 is enclosed as Schedule 2.

Your sincerely



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## SCHEDULE 1

### List of Applicant Attendees at Preliminary Meeting Part 2

Attendee	Organisation	Email	Phone Number
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## SCHEDULE 2

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