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Dear Sir/Madam

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

DEADLINE 7 SUBMISSION: COMMENTS ON DOCUMENT 9.25 ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

We have reviewed the Additional Environmental Information (Document 9.25) submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 6 [REP6-019]. We would like to provide further comments in relation to Section 5.2, concerning the updated hydraulic flood modelling for the Hockering tributary.

Since Document 9.25 was produced, we have reviewed the revised hydraulic flood model and the modelling report for the Hockering watercourse. We have confirmed to the Applicant that we are satisfied that the report now adequately demonstrates that compensatory flood storage will not be required. We had previously requested further detail on this point [REP4-017]. The report confirms that the impacts of the proposed scheme on flood risk will be negligible, with flood waters mostly staying within the channel.

Regarding the updated Hockering flood model, we have highlighted to the Applicant that there are 3 minor issues with the modelling that remain to be addressed. However, it is our view that those issues are unlikely to result in any significant changes to the assessment of flood risk. We are therefore satisfied that any minor changes to flood risk that may arise from addressing these points can be managed at the detailed design stage.

We are satisfied that the draft DCO provides us with the opportunity to further review this issue as part of the consideration of the detailed design.

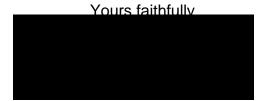
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