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Dear Ms Everett

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Your client: National Highways Limited

Property: The plots as shown on the Crown Land Plans attached to the Application in respect of the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Development Consent Order Application ("the Property")

Application for consent pursuant to section 135 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the Application")

I understand that you are instructed on behalf of National Highways Limited in respect of the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Development Consent Order Application ("the DCO").

I am instructed to respond on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport (SoST) in respect of the Application. I am also advised that the crown interests listed in the Application under plots 6/1d and 11/2f are in fact now held by the SoST following the historic transfer of functions from the Secretary of State for the Environment.

The land required for the DCO includes the Property in which the SoST has an interest and therefore constitutes Crown land as defined in section 227 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the Act"). We have confirmed that the SoST holds a number of retained rights in favour of the SoST (as historic vendor and adjoining land owner).

It is understood that National Highways is seeking to exercise rights of acquisition, temporary rights of possession and to create new rights over land included within the Application.

I confirm that the appropriate Crown authority (as defined in section 227 of the Act) is the SoST.

On the basis of the above, I am authorised to confirm the following:

- 1. The SoST hereby gives consent pursuant to section 135 (1) and 135(2) of the Act and Article 54 of the DCO as drafted to the inclusion of provisions within the DCO which would apply to the Property (to the extent that they relate to the detail specified in the Application); and
- 2. The SoST hereby agrees to the wording of Article 54 of the DCO as drafted.

Yours sincerely,

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Authorised signatory for and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport