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Dear Rachel and the Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit team

Thank you for your 1 June 2022 letter consulting Anglian Water.

The issues which are set out in the <u>Statement of Common Ground</u> dated 9 February 2022 between National Highways (NH) and Anglian Water mirror issues which we have sought to address in other NH projects. In an effort to resolve those issues on receipt of the 31 May 2022 consultation for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbett scheme, Anglian Water contacted National Highways to seek to progress the unresolved matters.

A meeting was arranged for Friday 10th June and at the meeting Anglian Water team proactively concluded a number of points such that NH were asked to draft a joint response to that consultation. We received a draft response yesterday (14th June) and sought to clarify a number of points so that the Secretary of State and those advising him on the decision were clear on the joint steps and position Anglian Water and NH had agreed. NH advised Anglian Water yesterday evening that they are unable now to agree a joint response on the A428 Black Cat scheme. Today (15th June) NH advised that this is also the approach they want to take for the A47 North Tuddenham project. Importantly, there remains one key issue on deferment between the parties that if not addressed in the decision would significantly impact Anglian Water's funding and our customers.

In summary, Anglian Water have sought and understand National Highways have agreed for the A428 Black Cat scheme and others including the A47 North Tuddenham project currently the subject of a live application:

- 1. An approach to paragraph 81 of the Protective Provisions which ensures National Highways clearly establish with Anglian Water whether diversion works are being undertaken utilising powers within the prospective DCO or under NRSWA or other powers.
- 2. That in respect of paragraph 90 of the Protective Provisions Anglian Water is content that as contract discussions are ongoing for diversion works that those discussions do not now need to be conducted through the use of Anglian Water's Inflow system used by other developers. Anglian Water would advise though that in not using Inflow, promoters may find that work on diversions, new connections and other assets may be less coordinated with consequent delays in time or an increase in costs.
- 3. As set out in submission <u>ID:7915</u> property matters were and are progressing and so may continue to be recorded as agreed between the parties. This is recorded at Table 3.2 of the Statement of Common Ground.

The one matter on which we had not reached agreement was paragraph 88 of the Protective Provisions on deferment. Anglian Water understands that National Highways are not able to agree to the clarifications Anglian Water sought on this point. The clarifications National Highways were unable to agree are:

- a. On A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme DCO issued in 2016 there was no deferment on Anglian Water diversions.
- b. The parties agree that renewal under this Schedule only applies to assets within, under or along existing highways (like NRSWA). There is no deferment on assets within green field locations outside of the existing highway.

Anglian Water will be making further independent submissions to the Secretary of State on the legal basis for deferment not to apply for all diversion works and the different approach being taken by National Highways to Anglian Water than to other parties.

We would be obliged if you can provide a date by when those further submissions should be made to the Secretary of State ahead of the prospective 14th August decision date. Those submissions are likely to also apply to the deferment point between the parties on other National Highways NSIP decisions before the Secretary of State in the coming months.

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