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To:
**The Applicant, Natural England,
Anglian Water Services Limited
and All Interested Parties**

Date: 27 June 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Application by National Highways Limited ("the Applicant") for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Project.

1. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT AND NATURAL ENGLAND ("NE")

The Secretary of State has not received a response from **NE** to question 1 of his consultation initiated on [1 June 2022](#) ("first round of consultation"). The Secretary of State requests the **Applicant** to provide an update of discussions with NE. Additionally, **NE** is asked again to provide a copy of any letters confirming they see no impediment to the grant of the necessary species licences by the **1 July 2022** so that the **Applicant** has the opportunity to consider and respond.

2. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM NATURAL ENGLAND ("NE")

Berry Hall Estate

The Secretary of State notes NE have not yet responded to question 2 of [first round of consultation](#) and, has indicated an intention to respond by the 1 July 2022. Thereafter the **Applicant** is invited to consider the NE response and respond by the deadline.

3. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM NATURAL ENGLAND ("NE")

Habitats Regulation Assessment

The Secretary of State has considered the [Applicant's response](#) to question 4 of his [first round of consultation](#). The Secretary of State invites **NE** to comment on the



Applicant's response by 1 July 2022. Thereafter the **Applicant** is invited to consider the NE response and respond by the deadline.

4. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT AND ANGLIAN WATER SERVICES LIMITED ("AWSL")

AWSL protective provisions

The Secretary of State has received a [response from AWSL](#) on question 5 of his [first round of consultation](#). The Secretary of State requests **AWSL** provide further submissions 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*" by **1 July 2022** so that the **Applicant** has the opportunity to consider and respond. The [Applicant's response](#) to question 5 includes proposed amendments to the draft Order. The Secretary of State asks **AWSL** to confirm whether they are content with those amendments.

5. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT

THE NORFOLK LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 4

The Secretary of State received responses from two Interested Parties, [Dr Andrew Boswell](#) and [Bryan Robinson](#), in relation to the Norfolk [Local Transport Plan 4 \("the Plan"\)](#), which is due to be adopted in July 2022. In the light of those concerns, the Secretary of State invites the **Applicant** to provide an assessment against the carbon targets contained within the Plan.

6. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

The Secretary of State would like to invite comments from **all Interested Parties** on the responses received in relation to the [first round of consultation](#).

The deadline for any response from NE and ASWL is Friday 1 July 2022 and all other parties Friday 8 July 2022.

Responses to the matters outlined in this letter should be submitted by email to:
A47NorthTuddenhamtoEaston@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.

The responses will be published on the project page for the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Project on the Planning Inspectorate website as soon as possible after the above deadline for response at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton/>

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision whether to grant development consent for the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Project and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

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