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**Our ref:** AN/2018/127067/06-L01  
**Your ref:** TR010039-000007  
**Date:** 07 July 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

**Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A47 Wansford to Sutton project  
Request for further information**

Thank you for your letter in relation to the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG), which was received on 06 July 2022.

We have considered the issues set out in paragraph E, Annex B of your Rule 8 letter, dated 18 January 2022, reference TR010039 and confirm that subject to the inclusion of the Requirement below in the Development Consent Order (DCO), we are satisfied that the information submitted in support of the DCO satisfactorily addresses the issues.

**Requirement**

- (1) Subject to paragraph 1(2) below, no part of the authorised development is to commence until a detailed floodplain compensation scheme for that part has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Secretary of State, following consultation with the relevant planning authority and the Environment Agency.
- (2) No part of the authorised development which will reduce the capacity of the floodplain is to commence until a detailed floodplain compensation scheme design for that part has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Secretary of State, following consultation with the Environment Agency.
- (3) A floodplain compensation scheme prepared under paragraphs (1) and (2) must provide suitable flood storage for any flood waters that would be displaced by the authorised development in the 1 in 100 year plus 35% climate change allowance event.
- (4) Construction of the authorised development must be sequenced so that at no point will the capacity of the floodplain be reduced below preconstruction levels.
- (5) Any floodplain compensation scheme must be constructed as approved under paragraphs (1) and (2) and subsequently maintained.

We met with Highways England on 04 July 2022 and agreed that, subject to the inclusion of the above Requirement in the Development Consent Order (DCO), all matters were resolved and a SoCG was no longer required.

If you require Highways England to prepare a formal SoCG, then we would be willing to

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co-operate with them in respect of its production.

Yours faithfully

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