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Dear Mr Jackson

Response to request for further information - Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A47 Wansford Dualling Project ("the Order")

We act on behalf of Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) PLC ("**WPD**") in relation to the application for the Order.

We write in response to your letter dated 6 July 2022 under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) (the "**Letter**").

The Letter requests information in relation to a Statement of Common Ground between WPD and National Highways. We understand that National Highways considered that a Statement of Common Ground was "*not required*" with WPD given that protective provisions for the benefit of WPD were included within the Order and the parties were close to agreeing commercial terms.

We concur with this position and WPD acknowledge that a commercial agreement (the terms of which are confidential) has been reached with National Highways and that, once the legal formalities securing the commercial agreement between the parties have been completed, WPD will be in a position to withdraw its holding objection to the Order.

We do not foresee that the legalities will be complete prior to the close of examination but we will update the Planning Inspectorate and the Secretary of State accordingly.

Yours sincerely

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