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Dear Ms Rachel Dominey,

Development proposal and location: Application by National Highways Limited (“the Applicant”) Seeking Development Consent for the Proposed A47 Wansford to Sutton Dualling scheme

Further to your consultation, which was received on 28th October 2022, and your further consultation, dated 10th January 2023, I would like to provide an update to Natural England’s previous response as issued on 11th November 2022.

In relation to the section entitled Wildlife and Protected Species, we would like to confirm that Natural England is in receipt of the draft bat European Protected Species Licence application. This was received by Natural England on 24th October 2022.

We continue to work collaboratively with the ecologist to resolve the outstanding concerns on the application provided, and are happy to provide a further summary of these concerns in full, should this be required. These discussions have taken a little longer than we originally anticipated, owing to constraints on both sides, but discussions continue to be positive and in the spirit of resolution. We understand from the ecological team working on the scheme that the DCO decision has been extended to 17th February and continue to work as quickly as possible to resolve these concerns.

We will advise the outcome of our assessment as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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