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To:

The Applicant, Natural England and  
All Interested Parties

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Dear Sir/Madam,

## **Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**

### **Application by National Highways Limited (“the Applicant”) Seeking Development Consent for the Proposed A47 Wansford to Sutton Dualling scheme**

#### **Protected Species**

The Secretary of State notes Natural England’s response dated 16 January 2023 to his consultation letters dated 12 December 2022 and 10 January 2023.

1. The Secretary of State requests **Natural England** to confirm the outcome of its assessment of the draft bat European Protected Species Licence application by no later than **2 February 2023**. If the assessment has not been finalised by 2 February 2023, the Secretary of State requests that Natural England provide a full summary of any outstanding concerns by that date.

#### **Book of Reference**

2. In the light of Anglian Water Services Limited’s representation dated 11 November 2022, the Secretary of State requests the **Applicant** to submit a revised version of the Book of Reference setting out the correct position in respect of Plot 3/2g.
3. The Secretary of State notes that in Part 1 of the Book of Reference (Categories 1 and 2), Plots 5/5a and 5/6i are listed as “Number not used”; however, both plot numbers appear in Part 3 (Names and addresses of those persons whose entitlement to enjoy private easements or rights may be extinguished, suspended or interfered with). For Plot 5/5a, the interests are stated to be in favour of British Gas and Milton (Peterborough) Estates Company and for Plot 5/6i, the interests are stated to be in favour of Milton (Peterborough) Estates Company and National Grid. Neither plot appears to be shown on the Land Plans.

4. The Secretary of State requests the **Applicant** to confirm the correct position in respect of Plots 5/5a and 5/6i and update the Book of Reference accordingly.

### **Request for comments from all Interested Parties**

5. In response to questions in the Secretary of State's consultation letter of 10 January 2023, the Applicant, Natural England and the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities provided responses which have been published on the project page on the Planning Inspectorate website. The Secretary of State invites comments from **all Interested Parties** on the responses provided.

### **Deadline for Response**

The deadline for response is **26 January 2023**.

Responses to the matters outlined in this letter should be submitted by email to [A47WansfordtoSutton@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:A47WansfordtoSutton@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 Planning Inspectorate Case Team.

The responses will be published on the project page for the A47 Wansford to Sutton Project on the Planning Inspectorate website as soon as possible after the 26 January 2023 deadline at:

[A47 Wansford to Sutton | National Infrastructure Planning \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/a47-wansford-to-sutton-national-infrastructure-planning)

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision on the A47 Wansford to Sutton application and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully,

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