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Dear Sir/Madam

**APPLICATION BY HIGHWAYS ENGLAND FOR THE A47 BLOFIELD TO NORTH BURLINGHAM PROJECT
THE EXAMINING AUTHORITY'S FIRST WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (EXQ1)**

Please find below our responses to the questions posed:

7. Cumulative Effects

1.7.1 (to BDC, NCC & EA) - *Are the parties satisfied with the Applicant's cumulative effects assessment and the shortlist of projects considered?*

We can confirm that we have no issues that we wish to raise in respect of the CEA for matters within our remit.

8. Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)

Questions / comments relating to Requirements (R)

1.8.57 (to BDC, NCC, EA, HE & NE) - *(In respect of) R18: Do the parties consider 10 business days sufficient time to respond to consultation on the discharge of requirements?*

We do not consider 10 business days to be a sufficient time for the Environment Agency to respond to a consultation on the discharge of requirements. Consideration of submitted documents may require input from a number of specialist teams within the Environment Agency. Consequently, we would require a minimum of 21 days to enable internal consultation to take place, and to prepare a co-ordinated response.

15. Water Environment

1.15.1 (to EA, NCC) - *Are the parties satisfied with the Applicant's Flood Risk Assessment and drainage proposals, and if not, please provide reasons for this?*

We can confirm that we are satisfied with the submitted flood risk assessment (FRA). The FRA confirms that the site falls within Flood Zone 1 (low risk) for fluvial and tidal flooding, for both the current day and future scenarios (+100 years), including an

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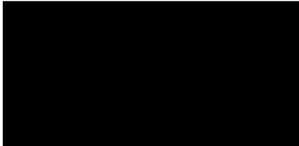
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appropriate allowance for climate change. In light of this, we have no further comments to make in respect of flood risk.

Regarding drainage issues, we can confirm that we are satisfied with the assessment undertaken and general mitigation measures proposed to date for both the construction and operational phases. The detailed drainage design is still to be confirmed. We would wish to review and approve the detailed proposals to ensure that controlled waters, in particular groundwater resources, are appropriately protected.

Yours faithfully



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