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Dear Inspector Hutson

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A47 Blofield to North Burlingham (A47BNB) Examination

I am writing to following the issue of the Agenda for ISH2.

I request to speak under Item 4 on the Agenda “Climate Change”. Thank you for the inclusion of “cumulative effects matters” under the agenda item.

I respectfully request that I am able to make a powerpoint presentation (estimated time 30 minutes) under this item. This would explain my Written Representation material (REP2-018) in the context of whether the A47BNB would lead to a breach to the UK’s obligations under both UK law, the Paris agreement and local Norfolk County Council (NCC) policy, including:

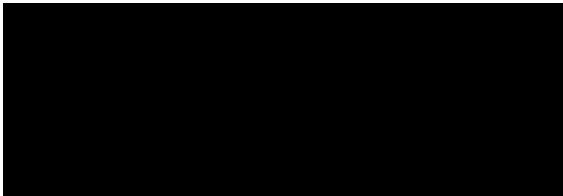
- the UK’s Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under Paris
- science-based carbon budgets from the UK Tyndall Centre
- the new findings from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment report (Working Group 1), released this week
- the legally binding target under the Climate Change Act 2008 to meet net-zero carbon emissions by 2050
- the UK Sixth Carbon Budget (6CB)
- the Governments recent Transport Decarbonisation Plan (TDP)
- NPPF 148 planning requirement to “radical reductions of greenhouse gas emissions”,
- the statutory duty on Highways England under the Infrastructure Act 2015 section 5(2) to have regard for the environment
- NCC Environmental Policy

I note the inclusion on the agenda of “Implications of a recent High Court decision on a legal challenge to the Government’s Road Investment Strategy 2 (RIS2)”. I am happy to speak to this

item. I also note that the claimant in this case, Transport Action Network, released a press statement on the day of the judgement (<https://transportactionnetwork.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Court-protects-stability-of-roads-programme-over-climate-RIS2-decision-press-release.pdf>) stating that they have sought permission to appeal the ruling.

I draw your attention to the quashing of a Development Consent Order approving a major junction improvement scheme on the A38 in Derby by the High Court on 8th July 2021. Following that judgment, the Secretary of State must now re-determine that application, as laid in a letter from the Head of Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit on August 2nd (<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010022/TR010022-001467-210802%20A38%20Derby%20Junctions%20DfT%20Statement%20of%20Reasons%20letter.pdf>). I respectfully request that implications of this case are also included in the ISH2.

Yours sincerely



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