

*Via National Infrastructure Planning  
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**Our refs:** AE/2021/126472/02-L01,  
20028009

**Your ref:** TR010040

**Date:** 18 October 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

**APPLICATION BY HIGHWAYS ENGLAND FOR AN ORDER GRANTING  
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE A47 BLOFIELD TO NORTH BURLINGHAM  
PROJECT**

Please find below the Environment Agency's Deadline 5 submission, which provides comments in response to the dDCO ((Tracked) Rev 3) [REP4-008], and Environmental Management Plan ((Tracked) Rev 4) [REP4-041], both submitted at Deadline 4.

**Requirement 4 Environmental Management Plan** has been amended in the dDCO (Rev 3) [REP4-008]. We note the addition of the Environment Agency as a named consultee for the EMP (Third Iteration) in respect of completion of works. While this was not something that we specifically requested, we can confirm that we would be happy to be consulted on relevant matters at that stage.

The dDCO submitted at Deadline 4 [REP4-008] also includes amendments to **Requirement 8 Surface and foul water drainage**. We welcome the addition of the Environment Agency as a named consultee in respect of part (2). We also note that references to 'foul water' have been removed as there will be no foul water drainage required across the scheme. The Applicant has confirmed through discussions that foul drainage requirements during the construction phase will be managed through the Environmental Management Plan.

We note that Action W12 has been added to Table 3-1 (Record of Environmental Actions and Commitments) in the **Environmental Management Plan** (Rev 4) [REP4-041]. We welcome the inclusion of the action, which concerns the long-term management and maintenance of the drainage system during operation.

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Please also see our response to the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions (Our Reference: AE/2021/126310/02). This confirms we are satisfied that concerns set out in our Deadline 4 submission in respect of Requirement 6 Contaminated land and groundwater, part (2); and the reference to dewatering exemptions in the Consents and Licences Position Statement, have been resolved subject to the Applicant submitting updated documents.

We trust that these comments are useful.

Yours faithfully

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