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Dear Mr Hutson,

APPLICATION BY HIGHWAYS ENGLAND FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE A47 BLOFIELD TO NORTH BURLINGHAM SCHEME (TR010040)

DEADLINE 6

Please find confirmation of the documents submitted by Highways England (“the Applicant”) to the Planning Inspectorate (“PINS”) for Deadline 6 of the Examination for A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Dualling (the “Scheme”). This is in accordance with the request set out by the Examining Authority (the “ExA”) in the Rule 6 letter dated 27 April 2021 and confirmed in the Rule 8 letter dated 22 June 2021.

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

As per the ExA’s advice in the Rule 8 letter the Applicant has enclosed the documents set out below for Deadline 6.

Application Document Reference	Name of Document
4.3	Book of Reference (clean and tracked changes versions)
9.1	Guide to the Application
9.4	Compulsory Acquisition Schedule
9.23	Applicant’s Response to Deadline 5 Submissions

In addition to the above we have also submitted a Request for a Non-material Change to the Application (**TR010040/EXAM/9.24**).

The Examining Authority (ExA) has previously received an application for a change to various plans and the draft Order for the A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Dualling Scheme (DCO Scheme).

The ExA determined on 8 October 2021 to not accept the change to the application having given preliminary comments in his letter of 21 September 2021.

The Applicant has reflected on both of the ExA's letters. It has carried out further title investigations and in consequence believes that the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010, Regulations 5 - 19 (Prescribed Procedure) need not apply.

As a result, the Applicant hopes the ExA remains open to the Applicant's position that this is a non-material change to the proposals before the examination.

The Applicant in this revised application seeks to demonstrate that:

- a) the parties that should be listed in the relevant book of reference are fewer than previously submitted by the Applicant;
- b) each of those parties has consented to the proposed change (these consents are provided to the Examination at Annex B to this document); and
- c) as a result, the ExA may be satisfied that:
 - (i) the change proposed is a non-material change;
 - (ii) section 123 of the Planning Act 2008 is discharged on the ground that all parties required to consent to the proposed compulsory acquisition have so consented (S123(3)); and
 - (iii) the procedure prescribed in the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 are not now in play.

The Applicant has augmented its previous application for a change to provide further clarification principally on the title matters to which it has applied itself following the ExA's decisions.

Although requested for this Deadline the Applicant has not provided the following documents for the reasons provided below:

- Progressed SoCG – due to the timing of meetings with the respective organisations these documents will be updated for the next Deadline.
- Progressed Statement of Commonality for SoCG – no update to report
- An updated version of the dDCO in clean and tracked versions – no changes have been made to the version provided at Deadline 5 (**REP5-002**)
- An updated schedule of changes to the dDCO – no updates have been made.

Should you have any queries then please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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