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To:  
**National Highways Limited**  
**Norfolk County Council**

Date:  
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Dear Sir/ Madam

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

**Application by National Highways Limited ("the Applicant") for an Order granting Development Consent** for the provision of the proposed A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Project ("the Proposed Development") to provide additional road capacity through the de-trunking of an existing single lane section of the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham, and its replacement with a new section of dual carriageway to tie in with the existing A47.

### **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT AND NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ("NCC")**

The Examining Authority submitted on 22 March 2022 a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application to the Secretary of State for Transport ("the Secretary of State"). In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has until 22 June 2022 to make a decision on the application. The Secretary of State invites comments in relation to the following matters which were outstanding at the end of the Examination

#### **NCC protective provisions**

The Secretary of State notes as of 18 March 2022, no agreement had been reached between the applicant and NCC on matters relating to the future maintenance of assets to be transferred to NCC upon the satisfactory completion of the Proposed Development.

NCC have provided the attached protected provisions and have asked that they be included in the DCO if no agreement is reached. Please could the **Applicant** and **NCC** confirm the status of the agreement mentioned above?



If agreement had not been reached, please could the **Applicant** comment on (i) NCC's request that the protective provisions be included in the DCO, (ii) the protective provisions themselves.

### **Land Plans**

Please could the **Applicant** provide an amended version of the Land Plans. Plot 4/7c is annotated on Inset G on Sheet 4 of the Land Plans [\[REP4-002\]](#). This is an error (as Plot 4/7c is correctly shown elsewhere on Sheet 4) which the Inspector requested the Applicant correct. Whilst the Applicant indicated it had done so (Ref 3.2 on page 33 of [\[REP4-051\]](#)), this does not appear to be the case.

### **Badger Survey Report**

Please could the **Applicant** confirm how they propose to secure the recommendation included in the Badger Survey Report (which has not been published as it is confidential) at paragraph 5.1.3.

**The deadline for any response is Wednesday 27 April 2022.**

Responses to the matters outlined in this letter should be submitted by email to [A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlingham@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlingham@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

If you have difficulty in submitting a response by the consultation deadline, or difficulty in submitting a response by email, please inform the Case Team.

The responses will be published on the project page for the A47 Blofield and North Burlingham Project on the Planning Inspectorate website as soon as possible after the above deadline for response at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/>

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision whether to grant development consent for the A47 Blofield and North Burlingham Project and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

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