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Our ref: AC/2022/130897/01-L01
Your ref: TR010044
Date: 14 February 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

A428 BLACK CAT TO CAXTON GIBBET ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME RULE 17 - REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the above mentioned scheme. Our answer to your questions are provided below.

The FRA Technical Note dated February 2022 (ref HE551495-ACM-HDG-FEN-Z_Z_ZZ-RP-CD-0013 v P02) sent to us on 8th February 2022 along with Appendix B sheet 6 (HE551495 ACM HGN P02.1 ZN2_SW_Z_ZZ DR CD 0006 V P02.1) sent 9th February 2022, are acceptable to us. Our agreement to the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) is subject to these being listed as certified documents as part of the FRA within Schedule 10 of the DCO. These must be recognised as part of the full Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) for Requirement 21.

We give our acceptance to the road scheme, subject to the above and Requirements 3, 14 and 21 set out in the draft DCO along with our agreed Protected Provisions being duly placed in the approved DCO. We request a further Requirement below which we have been requesting as part of the DCO process.

We request that along with Requirements 3, 14 and 21 a further Requirement is placed in the DCO:

Within 6 months of the authorised development being open to traffic, all 'as built' hydraulic model files and shapefiles of the maximum levels and inflows, are to be provided for the 1% and 0.1% undefended scenario storm events to allow the Environment Agency to update their Flood Map.

The reason for this requirement is that on the previous A14 DCO no time limit was placed on receiving this crucial information to update the changes to the floodplain within the 'Flood Map for Planning' for planning policy use. We are still awaiting some of this information to make changes to the floodplains of the new A14, 18 months after it was opened to traffic. In order to prevent or delay such a crucial process being implemented on the A428 road scheme, we request this time limiting requirement, which has been put forward by National Highways in the First Iteration

of the EMP TR010044/APP/6.8v3, Table 3-13 FG4 be implemented in the DCO as requested in our letter dated 26th November 2021.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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