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B1 M54 to M6 Reg 8(1)b and Reg 10 letter, 11 January 2019

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Date: 11 January 2019

Dear ██████████

**M54 to M6/ M6 Toll Link Road (“the Development”)
The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 –
Regulation 8(1)(b) Notification and Regulation 10(1) Application for a Scoping Opinion**

I write with reference to the above Development, for which we intend to apply for development consent under the Planning Act 2008.

In accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“EIA Regulations 2017”), I write to notify you that Highways England proposes to provide an environmental statement in respect of the Development.

With reference to Regulation 10(1) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“EIA Regulations 2017”), I write to apply for a scoping opinion from the Secretary of State in respect of the Development.

Please find enclosed 1 USB and 2 hardcopies of the Scoping Report as the information required under Regulation 10(3) of the EIA Regulations 2017.

For the purpose of your duties under Regulation 11(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations 2017, the name and address of the Applicant (Highways England) for the Development are:

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Yours sincerely

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**B2 Letter to Applicant, Scoping Opinion & Reg 11 Notification,
21 February 2019**



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Our Ref: TR010054-000031

Date: 21 February 2019

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) – Regulation 10

Proposed application by Highways England (the Applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the M54-M6/M6 Toll Link Road (the Proposed Development)

Issue of Scoping Opinion and list of the consultation bodies notified by the Secretary of State

Thank you for your letter received on 11 January requesting a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 10 of the EIA Regulations and for the Scoping Report entitled M54-M6/M6 Toll Link Road PCF Stage 3 EIA Scoping Report (December 2018).

In accordance with Regulation 10 of the EIA Regulations the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) has:

- consulted the consultation bodies;
- taken account of the consultation responses received within the prescribed time period; and
- taken account of the specific characteristics of the Proposed Development as described by the Applicant and the environmental features likely to be affected by the Proposed Development .

The attached document entitled 'Scoping Opinion - Proposed M54 to M6/M6 Toll Link Road and dated February 2019 is the SoS's written opinion as to the information to be provided in the Environmental Statement (ES) which must be submitted with an application for development consent. It should be read in conjunction with your EIA Scoping Report.

All consultation responses received up to and including 11 February 2019 from the consultation bodies have been appended to and form part of the Scoping Opinion.

Further consultation responses have been received by the Planning Inspectorate following the end of the statutory deadline. These have also been enclosed for your consideration. Any further late consultation responses the Planning Inspectorate receives will be forwarded to you for your consideration and made available via our website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>.

Under Regulation 11(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations, the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS is required to notify the Applicant of the list of consultation bodies notified in accordance with Regulation 11 of the EIA Regulations. The Planning Inspectorate has notified these consultation bodies that the Applicant intends to provide an ES in respect of the Proposed Development. They have also been informed of their duty under Regulation 11(3) to enter into consultation with the Applicant regarding preparation of the ES, if requested. Please find this list enclosed.

To clarify, the Planning Inspectorate has not identified any persons under Regulation 11(1)(c) of the EIA Regulations, who may be affected by the Proposed Development.

Please be aware that it is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure their consultation fully accords with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended), and associated regulations and guidance. The enclosed list has been compiled by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS in its duty to notify the consultees in accordance with Regulation 11(1)(a) and, whilst it can inform the Applicant's own consultation, it should not be relied upon for that purpose.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

**Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor
on behalf of the Secretary of State**

Enclosed:

- Secretary of State Scoping Opinion - Proposed M54-M6/M6 Toll Link Road (February 2019)
- Regulation 11 Notification List

Late consultation response from:

- Natural England

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