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Dear Sir/Madam

## **INSPECTORS THIRD WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

### **M54-M6 / M6 TOLL LINK ROAD PROJECT, FEATHERSTONE, SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE**

We have the following response to Question **3.11.1 (e)** directed at the Environment Agency in the Inspector's Questions issued on 29 January 2021 (ExQ3).

#### **Proposed Pond to southwest of Junction 11 of M6**

The draft SoCG between the Applicant and SCC indicates that the attenuation pond close to Junction 11 of the M6 (Work 60) is proposed to be split to serve the maintenance authorities. The ExA notes that this is described in the dDCO as "a balancing pond" in the singular.

(a) Could the parties explain why this is necessary, other than convenience for maintenance purposes?

(b) If formally proposed, could the Applicant undertake a full assessment of this, dealing with the effects in landscape, biodiversity and water environment terms?

(c) If necessary, all appropriate drawings, reports and other matters will need to be updated to take account of any changes?

(d) The Applicant should also set out how this is to be examined within the Examination Timetable?

***(e) Both SCC as Local Lead Flood Authority and the Environment Agency are asked for their comments on the effectiveness and efficiency to there being two waterbodies rather than one with respect to their areas of concern.***

**3.11.1 (e)** The Environment Agency has no preference for one attenuation pond or two, as long as it is ensured that the SuDS systems are effective at pollutant removal, and maximise opportunities for marginal wetland habitat creation.

Yours faithfully

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