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Dear Sarah Norris,

**M3 JUNCTION 9 IMPROVEMENT (TR010055)  
POST DCO-APPLICATION SECTION 51 ADVICE AND SECTION 55 CHECKLIST  
RESPONSES**

I am writing on behalf of National Highways in response to the Section 51 advice and Section 55 checklist issued by the Planning Inspectorate on the 15 December 2022 for the above scheme.

The written comments below provide a response to the issues raised in the Planning Inspectorate's Section 51 advice.

**1. Consultees identified on a precautionary basis**

1.1 The Planning Inspectorate's advice to take a precautionary approach to consultation has been noted, and the bodies listed in Box 6 of the section 55 checklist have been served notice of the accepted application under s56.

**2. Minor errors and omissions**

2.2 Schedule 7 of the **Draft Development Consent Order (Doc 3.1)** has been updated to include Plot 5/5a.

2.3 Schedule 3 Part 8 of the **Draft Development Consent Order (Doc 3.1)** has been amended to reflect the correct sheet number of the **Rights of Way and Access Plans (Doc 2.4)**.

2.4 The amendments are shown in 'track changes' within the attached PDF document.

Should you have any further questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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