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Dear Ms McKay,

**M3 Junction 9 Improvement Scheme – The Examining Authority’s First Written Questions and requests for information (ExQ1) Issued on 25 May 2023**

**Planning Inspectorate Ref: TR010055**

**Our Registration ID: 20036735**

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Further to receipt of the first set of written questions (dated 25 May 2023) we hereby offer the following response to those questions directed to Historic England.

**1. General and Cross-topic Questions**

**Question 1.1.7 SoCG**

*“In their Relevant Representation (RR) [RR-041], Historic England stated that they have finalised their comments and discussions and will not continue to be part of the examination. A Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between the Applicant and Historic England has commenced and the ExA requested in the Rule 6 letter that this is finalised. Please confirm if finalising the SoCG is accepted between both parties or if alternative proposals are recommended.”*

**Response:**

We confirm that the Statement of Common Ground has been finalised and signed off.

**11. Historic Environment**



### Question 11.1.1 Mitigation

*“Please confirm that you are satisfied with the contents of the ES - Appendix 6.8: Archaeology and Heritage Outline Mitigation Strategy [APP-096] and the means whereby a programme of archaeological mitigation would be secured by Requirement 9 of the draft DCO [APP-019]. If not, please outline any drafting changes that are sought.”*

#### Response:

Considering the nature and extent of the proposed works, the perceived archeological potential and the results of archaeological evaluation, we confirm we are generally satisfied with the contents of the ES and the wording of Requirement 9 of the draft DCO. We would concur, however, with the Winchester City Archaeologist that certain provisions and contributions associated with interpretation should ideally be secured via a Section 106 Agreement.

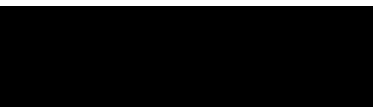
### Question 11.1.2 Mitigation

*“The ES - Appendix 6.8: Archaeology and Heritage Outline Mitigation Strategy [APP-096], paragraph 5.1.1, states that: “In order to make the material publicly available the detailed mitigation package will allow for deposition of the archive, either at a local repository with sufficient space or explore the possibility of contributing to a cultural collecting infrastructure fund”. The draft DCO [APP-019] Requirement 9(6) provides that: “On completion of the authorised development, suitable resources and provisions for long term storage of the archaeological archive will be discussed with the City Archaeologist”. Please comment as to whether that drafting is sufficiently precise to enable this provision to be effectively enforced and indicate the means whereby any suitable resources and provision for long-term storage would be arranged and funded.”*

#### Response:

Regarding the storage of the archaeological archive, we would defer to the Winchester City Archaeologist on this matter. We would, again, concur with them that details of the proposed archiving mitigation provision, including resources and funding arrangements for long term storage in an appropriate repository are required and should be secured by a Section 106 legal agreement.

Yours sincerely,



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