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Dear Ms McKay and Mr Sims,

**Application Ref: TR010055**  
**Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent**  
**for the M3 Junction 9 Improvement.**

### **Applicant's Deadline 6 Submission**

This letter has been prepared by the Applicant to accompany the Applicant's submissions to the Examining Authority (ExA) for Deadline 6 of the Examination for the M3 Junction 9 Improvement Scheme. It has been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out by the Examining Authority in the Rule 8 Letter dated 25 May 2023.

A full list of the documents submitted for Deadline 6 are listed in Section 1 of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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## 1 Deadline 6 Submissions

### 1.1 Documents submitted

1.1.1 The table below sets out documents submitted at Deadline 6.

Table 1.1: Documents submitted at Deadline 6

Reference	Document	Revision
1.3	Introduction to the Application (Appendix A Document Tracker)	<del>REP4-001</del> Rev 6
2.15	Engineering Sections at 20m Intervals – ExA WQ2 1.2.3	<del>REP5-003</del> Rev 1
3.1	Draft Development Consent Order	<del>REP3-004</del> Rev 5
3.5	Table of Amendments to the draft Development Consent Order	<del>REP5-008</del> Rev 3
4.1	Statement of Reasons	<del>REP3-009</del> Rev 5
4.1.2	SoR Annex B – Annex B Status of negotiations Compulsory Acquisition Schedule	<del>REP4-003</del> Rev 2
4.1.3	SoR Annex C – Schedule of Engagement with Statutory Undertakers	<del>REP4-005</del> Rev 2
4.3	Book of Reference	<del>REP3-011</del> Rev 4
4.4	Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference	<del>REP3-013</del> Rev 2
7.3	first iteration Environmental Management Plan	<del>REP5-020</del> Rev 6
7.12.2	SoCG with SNDPA	Rev 0
8.21	Deadline 6 Cover Letter	N/A
8.22	Applicant Response to the Examining Authority's Third Written Questions (ExQ3)	Rev 0

Reference	Document	Revision
8.23	Applicant Comments on Deadline 5 Submissions	Rev 0
8.24	Accompanied Site Inspection 2 (ASI2) Itinerary	Rev 0
8.25	Applicant Response to the Examining Authority's Proposed changes to the draft Development Consent Order	Rev 0
8.26	Applicant Response to Questions from the ExA in the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)	Rev 0

## 1.2 Documents not submitted

1.2.1 The Rule 8 Letter sets out the requirement to submit updated NPS Tracker. The **National Policy Statement for National Networks Accordance Table (7.2, Rev 3)** was submitted at Deadline 5. This document has since been reviewed and no further changes have been identified for Deadline 6. An update has therefore not been undertaken for this deadline.

1.2.2 The Rule 8 Letter sets out the requirement to submit an updated DCO Signposting Document. The **DCO Signposting Document (3.4, Rev 1)** was updated and submitted at Deadline 3. This document has been reviewed and no material changes have been identified for this deadline. It is therefore proposed that this will remain under review and updated when necessary.

## 1.3 Applicant Response to Questions from the ExA in the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) early inclusion

1.3.1 The Rule 8 Letter sets out the requirement for the Applicant to submit comments on the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) at Deadline 7, however the Applicant, in the interest of assisting the Examination, has submitted comments earlier at Deadline 6.

1.3.2 The comments provide context as to the discussions that have been had to date with Natural England on matters relevant to the RIES. These are presented in the **Applicant Response to Questions from the ExA in the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (Document Reference 8.26)**. Should the Applicant have any further comments on the RIES or comments on Natural England's response to ExQ3 5.3.1 of the Examining Authority's third written questions, these will be provided at Deadline 7.

## 1.4 Tracked Changes to the draft Development Consent Order

1.4.1 The Applicant would like to highlight to the ExA that two new parts to Schedule 10 of the **draft Development Consent Order (3.1, Rev 5)** have been inserted into the draft that were not able to be shown in red track changes, as the word document corrupted when doing so.

1.4.2 These are the protective provisions in Schedule 10 Part 3 'for the protection of southern gas networks plc as gas undertaker' and Schedule 10 Part 4 'for the protection of the environment agency'.