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Dear Planning Inspectorate Team,

### M3 Junction 9 Improvements

I am writing with regards to the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between National Highways and Natural England for the above NSIP scheme. In the submitted SoCG dated 10<sup>th</sup> November ([REP8-021](#)), the following points were 'provisionally agreed':

- 2.17 Residual effects and conclusions
- 4.1 Habitats Regulation Assessment

These were provisionally agreed subject to minor amendments, as set out in applicant's cover letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> November ([8.31 Cover letter ahead of the close of Examination](#)).

I am writing to confirm that these minor amendments have since been made, we have no further comment on these aspects. Therefore these items on the statement of common ground can now be considered 'agreed'.

If this raises any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

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