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Our Ref: TR010056

Date: 21 October 2020

Dear Mr Goddard

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008) – Section 46 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 – Regulation 8

Proposed application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A417 Missing Link

Acknowledgement of receipt of information concerning proposed application

Thank you for your letter of 12 October 2020 and the following documentation:

- covering letters sent to consultees under section 42 of the PA2008 as follows:
 - letter sent to consultees prescribed in Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009;
 - letter sent to host local authorities as defined in section 43 of the PA2008;
 - letter sent to neighbouring local authorities as defined in section 43 of the PA2008;
 - letter sent to category 1 and 2 land interests as defined in section 44 of the PA2008;
 - letter sent to category 3 land interests as defined in section 44 of the PA2008;
 - and
 - letter sent to non-statutory consultees.
- section 48 notice;
- consultation booklet;
- consultation response form;
- Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) report, accompanied by a Non-Technical Summary (NTS); and
- consultation plans.

I acknowledge that you have notified the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application for an order granting development consent for the purposes of section 46 of the PA2008 and supplied the information for consultation under section 42. The following reference number has been given to the proposed application, which I would be grateful if you would continue to use in subsequent communications:

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I also acknowledge notification in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that you propose to provide an environmental statement in respect of the proposed development.

I will be your point of contact for this application – my contact details are at the end of this letter.

The role of the Planning Inspectorate in the application process is to provide independent and impartial advice about the procedures involved and to have open discussions with potential applicants, statutory bodies and others about the processes and requirements of the new regime. It is important that you keep us accurately informed of your timetable and any changes that occur.

We will publish advice we give to you or other interested parties on our website and, if relevant, direct parties to you as the applicant. We are happy to meet at key milestones and/or provide advice as the case progresses through the pre-application stage.

Once you have prepared draft documents we are able to provide technical advice, in particular on the draft development consent order, explanatory memorandum, the consultation report and any draft HRA. You may therefore wish to build this into your timetables.

In the meantime, you may wish to have regard to the guidance and legislation material provided on our website including the Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended) and associated guidance, which you will need to observe closely in establishing the correct fee to be submitted at the successive stages of the application process.

When seeking to meet your pre-application obligations you should also be aware of your obligation under the current data protection legislation to process personal data fairly and lawfully.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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