



Response to ExA Questions – Deadline 1 (14th December 2021)

| ExQ1 | Question to: | Question: | National Trust Response: |
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| 1.4.8. | National Trust | Statement of Reasons With reference to paragraph 7.6.6 of the Statement of Reasons [APP-024] and its RR [RR-079] can the National Trust confirm whether it has any objection to the compulsory acquisition of any land it holds inalienably? | <p>The National Trust has no objection to compulsory acquisition of the parcels of land identified on 'LAND PLANS APFP REGULATION 5(2)(i)(I), (II), (III) SHEET 2 OF 6 Drawing Number HE551505 Revision C01' as 2/14, 2/14a, 2/14b and 2/14c. These parcels of inalienable land were dedicated for highways use and are covered by Deeds of Dedication, 1961 and 1963.</p> <p>For further comments in relation to the compulsory acquisition, please refer to our written representation on outstanding matters</p> |
| 1.8.6. | National Trust, CCB | Attenuation Features a) A number of attenuation features are proposed in the Order land. Do you consider the number, design and layout of these to be compatible with the special qualities of the AONB? b) If yes, how and why? c) If not, why not and what are the implications? | <p>The National Trust is responding to the DCO application as a conservation organisation and affected landowner. We understand the need for attenuation basins to be part of the road scheme, but we are not able to comment on the technical requirement for the number (and capacity) of basins being proposed.</p> <p>We would want the design and layout of the basins to be appropriate within the AONB landscape, and to provide ecological benefits where possible. In this regard, we do have some concerns in relation to the size and appearance of the basin proposed to the south of the Ullenwood roundabout – see our written representation (landscape and visual).</p> |

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| 1.8.8. | National Trust, Natural England, GCC, TBC, CDC, CCB | <p>Compliance with NPSNN</p> <p>Notwithstanding any disputes over landscaping and the effectiveness thereof, what are the parties' views of how the Proposed Development complies with the National Policy Statement for National Networks specifically in regard to development within an AONB?</p> | <p>The National Trust is responding to the DCO application as a conservation organisation and affected landowner. We have made various comments in our written representation on landscape matters and the AONB, and on other matters including biodiversity and cultural heritage. We have not however undertaken a detailed assessment of the need and public benefit of the scheme, verses harm and impact, taking into account proposed mitigation and enhancement.</p> <p>We support the scheme's landscape-led vision but do question whether 'landscape led' has underpinned every design decision as suggested by the Applicant. We will continue to review the Applicant's submitted scheme as the examination progresses.</p> |
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