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Your ref: TR010056

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust (GWT) is the largest environmental charity solely focused on Gloucestershire. GWT has a vision where each year there is more wildlife, more wild places, and more people with a connection to the natural world. This is made possible by 40,000 active local supporters, including more than 28,000 members, representing five percent of households in the county.

GWT currently manages 57 nature reserves and is a leading advocate for work to deliver nature's recovery in the county. Two GWT owned nature reserves are wholly or partly within the boundary of the A417 Missing Link scheme. Crickley Hill is jointly managed and owned with the National Trust (NT), whilst Barrow Wake is solely owned by GWT and managed in partnership with the NT. GWT is also a leading provider of ecological evidence for Gloucestershire, including the production and maintenance of Gloucestershire's ecological network maps - the Nature Recovery Network (NRN).

GWT acknowledges the need for the road scheme and that important design improvements have been made. GWT has proactively engaged with the A417 Missing Link Scheme since 2016, including participation in the Strategic Stakeholder Panel and the Technical Working Groups. A solution focused approach has been adopted, balanced alongside the Trust's responsibility to stand up for the county's biodiversity and seek opportunities for nature's recovery. This submission consists of three parts

- **Executive summary**
- **Full written representation**
- **GWT responses to the Examining Authority's Written Questions (ExQ1)**

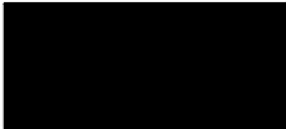




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The Trust reserves the right to amend its position should new evidence become available. If you have any questions regarding the representation or responses to ExO1 please do not hesitate to get in in touch.

Yours faithfully



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