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Our ref: A417-AP048 / A417-AP049  
Registration ID: 20028972

17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

**TR010056: Application by National Highways (formerly Highways England) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A417 Missing Link**

**Attendance of Hearings under Sections 91, 92 and 93**

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the hearings, scheduled week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January. Our position on matters identified at these hearings has been submitted in our written representation REP1-098 and at this stage we have no further items to raise. We will however be observing the hearings and will submit a response at Deadline 3 based on matters raised within the hearings. To confirm:

- **Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1):** we have no matters to raise and will observe the hearing
- **Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) on the draft DCO:** we have raised our points for the Examining Authority's consideration in REP1-098 regarding the following parts (and specific articles and requirements) and ask that these are taken into account;

Part 2: Principal Powers  
Part 3: Streets  
Part 5: Powers of Acquisition  
Part 6: Operations

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- **Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1):** at this time, we wish to reserve our right to attend this hearing as discussions are still to be progressed and a meeting has been set for today, 17<sup>th</sup> January. As stated, we have no objection to the identified inalienable land to be acquired, but agreement still needs to be made in relation to land valuation, covenants, compensation for business impact, access, veteran tree protection, re-instating boundary fence line, grazing management during construction and solutions to the expected increased visitor pressure on our land holding.

We do however, request that the Examining Authority reviews our written representation REP1-098, pages 16 and 17 regarding 5.3.4 Adequacy and security of funding for compensation, 5.3.5 Current position in relation to National Trust land, particularly that held as inalienable, and 5.3.11 Book of Reference where we have identified matters that need to be addressed.

We will update the Examining Authority accordingly as discussions take place and if necessary, will request attendance at the hearings scheduled week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

- **Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) on Environmental Matters:** at this time, we have no further comments to make other than the matters addressed in our written representation and ask the Examining Authority to consider the points raised. To confirm, we will be observing this hearing and will submit any necessary responses required based on matters discussed.

Yours faithfully,

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*South West Landscapes and Infrastructure*

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