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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Sir/Madam,

Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A417 Missing Link Notification of Hearings and Request for Further Information

Attendance of Hearings under Sections 91, 92 and 93

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Thank you for the invitation to attend the first round of Hearings for the A417 Missing Link Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), week beginning 24 January 2024. Natural England's position on this scheme is set out in our Written Representations (our reference: 374696) and our Statement of Common Ground. Natural England has no new matters to raise and therefore will not be speaking at the Hearings. We will observe Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) Environmental Matters and will submit written responses to any further matters raised.

Your sincerely,



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