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To the Applicant and Severn Trent Water Ltd (STW)

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010056

Date: 25 April 2022

Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 – section 89; and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 17

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

Request for Further Information

We write to request further information from Severn Trent Water Ltd (STW) and the Applicant under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

STW submitted a Relevant Representation (RR) [RR-111] following notification of the Examining Authority's acceptance of the Applicant's request to make changes to the Proposed Development. In that RR, STW stated: "It is anticipated that a number of STW's assets, which consist principally of two categories, namely (1) public water mains and (2) public sewers, may require diversion or are otherwise affected by the proposed works." It also registered its objection to any proposed Compulsory Acquisition which might affect its assets or access thereto to safeguard the delivery of its services.

Can SWT please identify the specific asset(s) that it is concerned about, the plot reference number(s) (as shown on the latest Land Plans [REP4-006]) and the works number(s) (as referenced in Schedule 1 of the latest draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) [REP6-007]). Furthermore, can SWT explain the nature of the issue arising and whether there is a resolution to its concern. In this context, can SWT also review the Protective Provisions, set out at Schedule 8 Part 1 of the dDCO, and advise whether these provide sufficient protection for its interests, and if not, please confirm why not, and how they could be amended to address any concerns.

Can SWT and the Applicant update the Examining Authority on the latest position with regard to any ongoing discussions between the parties and the likelihood of these



matters being resolved prior to the close of the Examination on the 16 May 2022 and whether it is anticipated SWT will be in a position to withdraw its objection.

Detailed responses should be provided at **Deadline 8 (Friday 6 May 2022)**.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Case Team using the email address above.

Yours faithfully

Ken Stone

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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