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To: National Highways and Severn Trent
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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by National Highways (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting development consent for the proposed A417 Missing Link.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT AND SEVERN TRENT WATER

1. Request for an update on outstanding Protective Provisions

The Secretary of State notes at the close of the examination Severn Trent Water (“STW”) expected the Applicant to continue to engage with STW to reach a final agreed position to cover the on-going approvals process for protection and diversion of STW’s assets and to provide acceptable cover for STW’s liabilities. Could the Applicant and STW provide an update on the current position?

The deadline for any response is 16 September 2022.

Responses to the matters outlined in this letter should therefore be submitted by email to: A417MissingLink@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the consultation deadline, or difficulty in submitting a response by email, please inform the Case Team on 0303 444 5000.

The responses will be published on the project page for the A417 Missing Link DCO on the Planning Inspectorate’s website as soon as possible after the above deadline at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a417-missing-link/>

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision whether or not to grant development consent for the A417 Missing Link, and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

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