

National Infrastructure Planning
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Our Ref: BTC00
Your Ref:
Date: 12th February 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

**DEADLINE 3 – APPLICATION BY HIGHWAYS ENGLAND FOR A DCO FOR THE A1 IN
NORTHUMBERLAND – MORPETH – ELLINGHAM
COMMENTS ON RESPONSES SUBMITTED FOR DEADLINE 2**

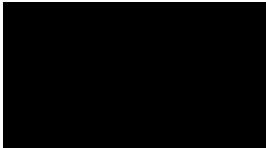
I write in regards to the above and Deadline 3 and on behalf of the landowners and occupiers that we have previously notified you that we act on behalf of.

Our comments are as follows:

1. Vegetation Clearance –we note submission of Document TR010059 – 001182 6.6 ED Part B Figure 7.11. The document states that vegetation in front of West Linkhall Farm and West Lodge at Charlton Hall is to be removed. We have had verbal confirmation that this is not the case and that whilst some maybe removed, not all of it will be. We are concerned that the DCO is assuming the full removal and we would contest that this is not necessary following conversations with HE and their representatives.
2. Topsoil Bunds – we note submission of Document TR010059 – 001100 6.1 ES Part B Fig 2.6 Temporary Construction Works. The document notes the proposed location of temporary topsoil bunds. We do not agree that Topsoil Location 5 is necessary. HE are proposing to acquire a large parcel of land to the west of Location 5, where Location 4 is noted. It would seem sensible to use part of this land for Topsoil Location 5 to avoid taking additional temporary land when it is not necessary. Location 5 has not been well thought out given it is located on a field boundary and blocking up access between fields and is also in a very low-lying area of land that floods during wet weather and winter months. This would not be a suitable location and it does not seem necessary to take additional temporary rights when there is a large area of unused land on the west side of the carriageway at Location 4 that would be more suitable.
3. 66 kVA cable relocation – We note submission of document TR010059 – 001229 7.6G Northern Powergrid Statement of Common Ground. We note that there have been various discussions with NPG and HE over specifications, requirements on design, construction and on temporary diversions. We require full disclosure on these discussions and agreements. We have submitted representations in regard to the need for additional land take for this relocation and consider that the discussions held with NPG may provide information that could be important to consider as part of the DCO process. We therefore request disclosure.

4. New Link Roads to Charlton Hall, East Linkhall, West Linkhall and Rock South Farm – we note various submissions regarding new access roads but cannot see confirmation from Northumberland County Council that they will adopt these new access roads. The current public highway access is being stopped up by the proposed DCO and we have received verbal confirmation from HE and their representatives that the new access roads will form part of the highways maintainable by the local authority (Northumberland County Council) but cannot see if this has been formally consent and agreed by the local authority.

Yours faithfully



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