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**Our ref:** NA/2020/115279/07-L02  
**Your ref:** A1 in Morpeth  
**Date:** 15 June 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

**A1 IN NORTHUMBERLAND: MORPETH TO ELLINGHAM: DEADLINE 8a and 8a SUBMISSIONS. MORPETH TO ELLINGHAM**

Please find enclosed our written representations to Deadline 8 and 8a submissions for this Development Consent Order (DCO) on behalf of the Environment Agency (EA).

If you have any questions or require any clarification on the points below, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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**A1 IN Northumberland: Morpeth to Ellingham Development Consent Order  
Application Planning Inspectorate Reference: TR010059**

**Deadline 8 Submission - 2.12 Riparian Planting Plan [REP8-003]**

We are pleased that the Applicant has maximised the planting and seeding schemes on land available within the DCO. The production of the Riparian Planting Plan provides a useful visual representation of the riparian woodland proposed as part of the Culvert Mitigation Strategy [REP8-023].

**Deadline 8 Submission - 7.9.1.1 Culvert Mitigation Strategy - Rev 2 [REP8-023] and Deadline 8 Submission - 7.3 Updated Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Clean) - Rev 7 [REP8-011]**

The Culvert Mitigation Strategy, 2.12 Riparian Planting Plan [REP8-003] and the Outline CEMP show that the Applicant, despite their best endeavours, have not provided sufficient compensation within the DCO boundary for the impacts of the scheme, specifically the impacts on and losses of watercourses and riparian habitat through culverting and associated infrastructure. However, we are pleased that the Applicant has agreed to fund a compensation scheme outside of the DCO boundary to include improvements to the River Lyne catchment.

**Deadline 8 Submission - 7.28.1 Applicant's Responses to Deadline 7 Submissions - Appendix A - River Coquet Fluvial Geomorphology Assessment - Valley Side-Channel Connectivity [REP8-025]**

We are satisfied with this assessment. It addresses the concerns we previously raised regarding the role the surrounding valley slopes play in influencing sediment supply, in-channel features and planform.

**Deadline 8 Submission - 3.1 draft Development Consent Order (Clean) - Rev 9 [REP8-004]**

We are content with the requirements set out in the draft DCO.

**Deadline 8 Submission - 7.6C Statement of Common Ground with The Environment Agency - Rev 6 [REP8-018]**

We have reached an agreement with the Applicant regarding compensation and we are currently finalising the mechanics of the legal agreement.

