

Application by Highways England (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent to authorise the widening of an approximately 20.6km stretch of the existing A1 between Morpeth to Ellingham, with approximately 14.5km of online widening and approximately 6.1km of new offline highway (“the Proposed Development”).

COMMENTS FROM NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL IN RESPONSE TO LETTER DATED 29 OCTOBER 2021

Paragraph 4

Northumberland County Council can confirm that the agreement was signed and completed on 28 July 2021.

Paragraph 5

Northumberland County Council have nothing further to add.

Paragraph 6

Northumberland County Council are happy with the proposed amendments.

Paragraph 7

Since the close of the examination there have been no discussions or agreements between the Applicant and Northumberland County Council which change the position in relation to provision for NMU's.

Two meetings have been held since that time between the Applicant and Northumberland County Council to discuss the potential for the Applicant to make applications to National Highways Designated Funds for feasibility study work into potential NMU provision from Morpeth to Felton, but as yet we do not believe applications have been made . No agreements have been reached regarding this proposal.

For completeness, there has also been recent contact from the Applicant to our Rights of Way officers regarding the proposed diversion of the footpath to the south of the River Coquet bridge.