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To: All Interested Parties

Date: 4 February 2022

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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 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.**

### **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

#### **Update to the Environmental Information**

The Secretary of State invites Interested Parties to provide any comments on the Applicant’s [response of 26 January 2022](#) to the Secretary of State’s [consultation letter of 22 December 2021](#), which has been published on the project page on the Planning Inspectorate website.

**The deadline for any response is 4 March 2022.**

Responses to the matters outlined in this letter should be submitted by email to [A1inNorthumberland@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:A1inNorthumberland@planninginspectorate.gov.uk). If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the consultation deadline, or difficulty submitting a response by email, please inform the Case Team.

The responses will be published on the project webpage for the A1 in Northumberland DCO on the Planning Inspectorate's website as soon as possible after the above deadline at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/a1-in-northumberland-morpeth-to-ellingham/>

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision whether or not to grant development consent for the A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Ellingham and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

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