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To: The Applicant and all other
relevant Interested Parties
(Northern PowerGrid,
Northumberland County
Council)

Date: 11 October 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

PLANNING ACT 2008 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 from Morpeth to Ellingham, with approximately 14.5km of online widening and approximately 6.1km of new offline highway (“the Proposed Development”).

CONSULTATION SEEKING COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT

REQUEST FOR UPDATED APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. Given the length of time since the close of the Examination (on 5 October 2021) the Secretary of State would like to invite the **Applicant** in the first instance to clearly set out if any updates are necessary to any of the application documentation or other documentation provided during the Examination (or in response to previous consultations by the Secretary of State) including the following:
 - If there are any changes in whether the Proposed Development would be consistent with the requirements and provisions of relevant local or national policies.
 - If there are any updates to the assessment of the impact of the scheme on the carbon budgets set out in the Applicant’s response [of January 2022](#), in particular to account for any revision in construction timetables and the Prime

Minister's announcement on 20 September postponing the ban on the sales of petrol and diesel cars to 2035.

- Any other updates to the environmental information produced in support of the application for the Development.
- Any other matters arising since 4 February 2022, which the Applicant consider are material for the Secretary of State to consider in his determination of the application.

NORTHERN POWERGRID

Please could the **Applicant** and **Northern PowerGrid** confirm the position as regards the protective provisions. If an agreement has now been reached on the drafting of the protective provisions, please could the parties provide the agreed set of protective provisions and indicate if there are any differences between it and the protective provisions contained in the final draft development consent order [REP-003].

SCHEDULE 1 WORK NO 5B

Noting the responses from [the Applicant](#) and Mr Hawes ([here](#) and [here](#)) to the [Secretary of State's letter of 29 October 2021](#), regarding replacement access that would be provided to Northgate Farm and Capri Lodge, please could the **Applicant and relevant interested parties** (including Mr Hawes on behalf of residents of Northgate Farm and Mr Davidson) provide an update on the status of any further discussions about the location of the access track, and in particular on whether any agreement has been reached as to its location.

PROVISION FOR NON-MOTORISED USERS (NMUS)

The Secretary of State notes the [Applicant's response](#) and [Northumberland County Council's response](#) to the [Secretary of State's consultation of 29 October 2021](#) on this issue and invites the **Applicant and Northumberland County Council** to comment on whether there has been any further agreement or in relation to the provision for NMUs.

DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES

2. Responses should be submitted by email only to A1inNorthumberland@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by 23.59 on 25 October 2023.
3. Responses will be published on the A1 in Northumberland – Morpeth to Ellingham project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as possible after 25 October 2023:
 - [A1 in Northumberland – Morpeth to Ellingham | National Infrastructure Planning \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#)
4. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold the development consent for the proposed A1 in Northumberland – Morpeth to Ellingham project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully,

Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit