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To: The Applicant

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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

The Secretary of State notes the [Applicant’s response](#) of 25 October 2023 to the above question and that they require further consideration to be given as to whether additional work is required to update the air quality and biodiversity information submitted as part of the application for the Proposed Development.

The Secretary of State requests to the **Applicant** that this information be provided by 21 November 2023, or that he is provided with an indication of the time required to complete this work.

Following the submission of this information, all interested parties will be invited to provide comments.

DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES

1. Responses should be submitted by email only to A1inNorthumberland@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by 23.59 on 21 November 2023.
2. 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 21 November 2023:
 - [A1 in Northumberland – Morpeth to Ellingham | National Infrastructure Planning \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/a1-in-northumberland-morpeth-to-ellingham)
3. 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