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To: **National Highways, Northern  
Gas Networks and Historic  
England**

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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 FOR THE PROPOSED A1 IN NORTHUMBERLAND – MORPETH TO ELLINGHAM**

### **CONSULTATION SEEKING COMMENTS FROM NATIONAL HIGHWAYS, HISTORIC ENGLAND AND NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS**

The Secretary of State notes the responses from Northern Gas Networks regarding the safety and integrity of the Intermediate Pressure Gas Pipeline from 29 April 2024 to his consultation letter of [26 April 2024](#).

The Secretary of State requests that the **Applicant** and **Northern Gas Networks** should seek to agree a position on this and, if an agreed position is possible, to set out what, if any, amendments they agree should be made to the Development Consent Order. Where an agreed position cannot be reached, the Secretary of State invites both parties to set out their respective views on what is needed to resolve the concerns. The deadline for response is **17 May 2024**.

The Secretary of State also notes the response from Historic England regarding the absence of Appendix A (construction working areas around North Charlton Scheduled Monuments) from the revised Outline Construction Environment Management Plan (“Outline CEMP”) provided by the Applicant on [24 April 2024](#).

The Secretary of State requests that the **Applicant** confirms by **14 May 2024** whether the version of Appendix A included in the Outline CEMP Rev 10 at [REP11](#) remains correct and, if it does not, to provide a revised version. The Secretary of State requests that **Historic England** provides any comments on Appendix A by **17 May**.

Submissions sent by post may be subject to delay therefore your response on the information requested above should be submitted to the Case Team, if possible, 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 in submitting a response by email, please inform the Case Team.

Responses will be published as soon as possible after the deadline on the A1 project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at: [A1 in Northumberland - Morpeth to Ellingham - Project information \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/a1-in-northumberland-morpeth-to-ellingham)

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision on the A1 Morpeth to Ellingham DCO, and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully,

Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit