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Dear Mr Hunter

**A12 Chelmsford – A120 Widening Project – Application for Development
Consent
Notification of Applicant's Intention to Submit Request for Proposed Changes
to the DCO Application**

This letter sets out:

- a. National Highways Limited's (**NH**) intention to submit revised documentation to change parts of the A12 scheme currently before examination; and
- b. the suggested procedure for the change to be considered by the Examining Authority.
- c.

It forms the Applicant's change notification as required by paragraph 3.2 of Advice Note 16, version 3 (March 2023).

The proposed changes are described in section 13 of this letter.

The proposed timetable for consultation and formal submission are set out in sections 6 – 8.

1 Background to application

- 1.1.1 As part of NH's reflection on the matters discussed at the first set of issue specific hearings and documents received at deadline 3, as well as continuing engagement with interested parties, it is considered that some

changes to the scheme before the examination can be made in order to deal with some issues raised at those hearings.

- 1.1.2 Whilst NH is content that it has sought powers for a scheme that is implementable and can be built, it is possible to make some refinements that deal with some of the points that other parties have raised.
- 1.1.3 In addition, there is a design change proposed at junction 19 of the A12 which would provide for an improved connection to the A12 from junction 19.
- 1.1.4 The proposals outlined below do not represent changes to the scheme so significant that in effect a new scheme is being applied for, either when considered individually or collectively. They reflect both that NH is listening to what is being said by affected and interested parties, and also reflect outcomes of design evolution, as a result of detailed design progressing in parallel with the application. No additional compulsory acquisition powers over land are required.
- 1.1.5 Because there are in effect six changes being proposed, NH believes it is appropriate to carry out targeted consultation before formally applying for the changes.
- 1.1.6 NH believes that the changes can be subject to consultation, then put to the Examining Authority formally, with sufficient time for the Examining Authority to consider the proposals and hear additional representations, if required, prior to the close of the examination.
- 1.1.7 NH believes that none of the changes are essential for the scheme to be consented but are improvements to the submitted scheme, developed following representations from relevant parties and reflecting outcomes from more detailed design. If the changes are not accepted by the Examining Authority, then NH would continue to pursue the scheme as originally submitted.
- 1.1.8 It should be further noted that no additional changes are anticipated.
- 1.1.9 In preparing this letter and its proposals for changes, NH has had full regard to the relevant guidance issued by the then Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in 2015 and the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 16.

2 Statement regarding the rationale for the proposed changes

- 2.1.1 This change notification has arisen from a variety of factors, but principally requests from affected parties or interested parties. The changes reflect ongoing engagement as well as the identification of opportunities to further reduce land acquisition and impacts to the highway network.
- 2.1.2 The changes represent opportunities to reduce the area of land required for the A12 scheme and providing for further safety benefits, as well as

building on further design work being carried out in parallel to the application for development consent.

- 2.1.3 Each proposed change represents one or more of NH:
- a. Investigating practical ways to reduce the concerns of affected parties and stakeholders;
 - b. Reflecting on the additional knowledge from detailed design and additional surveys to reduce land assembly;
 - c. Further reducing impacts on the existing highway network;
 - d. Improving safety; and
 - e. Reducing ecological impacts.

3 Materiality or non-materiality of the proposed changes

- 3.1.1 NH submits that individually each of the changes would not be considered so material as to require extensive consultation but appreciates this is a matter of planning judgement for the Examining Authority.
- 3.1.2 Given the time available now in examination, it is felt appropriate to consult in any event so that the question of materiality is largely irrelevant.
- 3.1.3 Because there is potential for disagreement regarding the materiality of the changes, it is felt better to engage in consultation prior to the formal change application being made so that the question of materiality is not left for later debate and potential disruption to the examination timetable.
- 3.1.4 In short, the position taken by NH is that the consultation will take place and the results be provided to the Examining Authority so that, if the Examining Authority considers the changes are individually or collectively material, then it has the information it requires in any event.

4 Environmental Considerations – Statement regarding the potential for the proposed changes to give rise to any new likely significant effects beyond those reported in the environmental statement

- 4.1.1 NH considers none of the proposed changes, either individually or cumulatively would have the potential to give rise to any new likely

significant effects beyond those reported in the environmental statement.

- 4.1.2 Despite this, NH intends to publicise (in accordance with the spirit of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ("EIA Regulations") any further environmental information arising in connection with the proposed changes in parallel with the carrying out its consultation. Any representations received in relation to that publicity would then be reported on.
- 4.1.3 At this time, the only materially different impact identified is that, in relation to the proposed change at junction 25 in Marks Tey, (Work No. 104) the change would lead to removal of seven significant adverse noise effects along London Road, through Copford and close to junction 25.
- 4.1.4 There will in addition (and also at junction 25 but not identified as a significant effect) be a reduction in the number of trees that would be required to be removed for the A12 scheme to progress in its current form. No other significant environmental effects have been identified as being materially different. It is very much the NH's case that there is no material worsening of environmental effects as a result of the proposed changes.

5 No Additional land – Statement that the CA Regulations are not engaged

- 5.1.1 NH is not seeking to acquire additional land and the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 ("**CA Regulations**") are not engaged.
- 5.1.2 NH can confirm, however, that no land outside the current order limits is now required for the proposed A12 scheme.
- 5.1.3 NH believes that, whilst the purposes for which compulsory acquisition is proposed may change as a result of some of the proposed changes, there will be no "ratcheting up" of the nature of proposed compulsory acquisition. There are no instances of plots previously required for new rights and/or temporary powers that are now required on a freehold acquisition basis.

6 Consultation and engagement

- 6.1.1 A consultation brochure will shortly be issued on 13 April which is shortly after Deadline 4) and principal Application documents requiring amendment will be made available with the consultation brochure.
- 6.1.2 NH is following Advice Note 16, paragraph 3.3 and will consult all persons affected by the proposed changes who would be consulted in pre-application under S42 (1) (a)-(d) of the Planning Act 2008. In addition, where appropriate NH intends to consult more widely – see Section 13

below for further detail. A minimum of 30 days will be allowed for consultation responses. No additional parties are required to be consulted who were not consulted during pre-application.

- 6.1.3 NH is proposing to consult with those persons it envisages might wish to comment on the proposed changes on the basis that they should not be deprived of an opportunity to make representations on the proposed change. The changes have largely already been articulated in hearings and written submissions to the panel by other parties, and NH is largely reacting to comment rather than itself proposing change for its own benefit. Despite this, NH is content to consult on a relatively broad basis, albeit targeted rather than pursuing a scheme wide consultation.
- 6.1.4 NH will consider any representations received following advertisement if submitted in accordance with the consultation timetable and all interested parties will be aware of the proposed changes as a result of publication of consultation letter and/or notice on the planning inspectorate's A12 website. There will be no limitation on who can respond to the consultation therefore.
- 6.1.5 The consultation will be directly notified to:
- a. All host local authorities (including Parish Councils);
 - f. All relevant "statutory bodies" being those identified for consultation;
 - g. All interested parties and affected parties who have made representations on the relevant proposed changes, where NH has the party's contact details. (The publication of notices and availability of consultation details on the Inspectorate's website will inform interested parties which we do not have contact details); and
 - h. All parties with an interest in land affected by the proposed changes.
- 6.1.6 NH's proposed consultation is considered proportionate, given the nature and scale of the proposed changes and their materiality, whilst also in accordance with the EIA Regulations and reflecting the principles of relevant case law and guidance.

7 The consultation process and formal submission of application for change

- 7.1.1 NH's proposed approach is summarised below, but the inspectorate's views are, of course, welcome.
- 7.1.2 The proposed process is:
- a. *Commencement of consultation period* – this will commence with
 - i. the publication of newspaper notices and

- ii. notification provided to the inspectorate for publication on its website, as well as
- iii. direct communication with those parties identified above.

This would be aimed to commence on or around Deadline 4 (11 April 2023) and would run for a period exceeding 30 days from the last local newspaper notice being published.

It is currently anticipated that the conclusion of the consultation period would be **11:59 pm on Sunday 14 May 2023**.

- i. *Formal Submission* - NH anticipate needing approximately two weeks following the close of the consultation period to fully review and consider the submitted material and to apply formally to the examination for the proposed changes. It is hoped an application will be with the Examining Authority by **Tuesday 30 May 2023**.
- j. Given the nature of the proposed changes and the amount of material that will be available to the Examining Authority and/or relevant parties, it is hoped that, if the Examining Authority is minded to accept the changes, this would not significantly impact on the examination timetable. Questions can be raised by the Examining Authority in its third written questions on the consultation material if required, whilst none of the documentation required around deadline 6 should be materially impacted by the proposed changes.
- k. On the assumption that the Examining Authority is able to make its decision on or around Deadline 6, there remains an opportunity for hearings on the proposed changes on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 June, with the final DCO being provided at Deadline 7 on 3 July 2023.

8 Publicity

- 8.1.1 NH proposes to comply with the publicity requirements of the EIA Regulations regarding the proposed changes. This will entail:
 - a. Notices in local newspapers for two successive weeks and also a notice in the national press and London Gazette;
 - b. Notices affixed on site, close to the relevant locations and kept in place throughout the consultation period;
 - c. Proportionate neighbour notification – this is outlined further in Part M below.

- d. Notices served on the following:
- i. Relevant Affected Persons that would receive notice under section 42(1)(d) of the Planning Act 2008;
 - ii. Relevant interested parties (as defined in section 102 of the Planning Act 2008) relevant for the locations of the land affected by the proposed changes (where we have the relevant contact details);
 - iii. Prescribed persons (section 42(1)(a) of the Planning Act 2008);
and
 - iv. All relevant local authorities (section 42(1)(b)).

9 Documentation

- 9.1.1 Consultation would principally comprise of a consultation brochure outlining the proposed changes. It is not envisaged that there will be consultation events held in person but a facility for web-based consultation events is likely to be provided.
- 9.1.2 The consultation brochure would be provided with the notice of the proposed changes application and served directly on the consultees outlined above. The brochure will describe the proposed changes.
- 9.1.3 The consultation brochure and proposed changes application will be placed on NH's scheme website and be available for the duration of the consultation period. Hard copies would be made available on request. It is not anticipated that hard copies will be placed on deposit. Electronic copies of the documents will be accessible via the examination website also.
- 9.1.4 Engagement – meetings will be offered to the persons directly affected by changes to the proposals for land acquisition and meetings will be held with any other party that requests a meeting.
- 9.1.5 In the time available, it may not be possible for all relevant application documents to be updated immediately for the proposed changes to be fully reflected in them. NH is currently concentrating on preparing a revised version of the general arrangement drawings, land plans, development consent order, explanatory memorandum and a schedule setting out the required changes to the statement of reasons and book of reference.
- 9.1.6 NH would appreciate discussion with the inspectorate on the proposals outlined above and welcome comments as soon as possible to allow it fully to prepare for the proposed changes application.

10 The Proposed Changes application

10.1.1 In the proposed changes application NH will set out the application material listed below, by reference to Figure 3 of AN16, to assist the Examining Authority in making its decision on whether or not to accept the proposed changes for examination. It is intended the documentation will also provide clarity for parties engaged in the examination and more widely.

10.1.2 39. NH will provide:

- A. Clear descriptions of the proposed changes including updated plans and drawings to demonstrate any altered works and ancillary impacts.
- l. A statement, based on the consultation documentation, explaining the rationale for the changes by reference to Examination Guidance and any relevant submissions previously made in the examination.
- m. A full schedule of all application documents and plans to be amended, listing consequential revisions to each document (or a no change annotation where a document is unaffected by the proposals) together with the consideration of any impact on the proposed consents and licences that are required for the change to be made or for the scheme to be taken forward for the change decision.
- n. An updated land plan and book of reference, together with a statement of reasons, and clean and track changed versions, showing the changes required and confirmation that the CA Regulations are not engaged.
- o. Provision of updated environmental information where required. NH will have provided with its consultation documentation notes indicating the likely changes to the relevant parts of the environment statement as a result of the proposed changes. It is anticipated that there will be no new likely significant effects recorded – but there are different effects arising from the reduction in noise impacts resulting from the proposed change to Junction 25 at Marks Tey.
- p. A consultation brochure outlining the outcomes of the consultation and confirmation of who was consulted and who has responded. The document will in addition report on any procedural guidance or other relevant comments provided by the inspectorate and/or the Examining Authority.

- q. An updated development consent order and explanatory memorandum will also be provided (in clean and tracked versions).
- r. All relevant plans requiring updates as a result of the proposed changes will be provided.

10.1.3 In relation to plans, it is to be noted that NH does not propose to change the outline order limits on any of the proposed plans, but, in relation to sheets where plans do require change, if land is to be excluded from the powers in the order (including powers of compulsory acquisition) then this will be identified on the relevant plan.

11 Timescales for accommodating the proposed changes

11.1.1 NH has indicated above its proposed timetable for changes and how these can be accommodated within the examination timeframe. Because of the pre-submission consultation processes and information that will be provided in advance of the actual application for the proposed change, it is anticipated that it will be possible for the Examining Authority to issue its decision fairly swiftly after receipt of the documentation. This will allow over one month of examination time for Rule 17 requests or other additional information required, and also allows for two hearing days to be utilised if required.

11.1.2 It is important to bear in mind that none of the changes proposed by NH are considered to be controversial in nature and in almost every case are reacting to changes proposed or requested by the relevant parties. The proposals for change have arisen principally because of the additional information and clarity of positions provided in the earlier stages of the examination. Of themselves they do not provide for any new issues being raised or additional land acquisition and it is hoped therefore that each of the proposed changes will be uncontroversial, even if it is considered the proposals are "material" in planning terms.

11.1.3 At this stage, therefore, NH anticipates it will formally apply for the changes on **Tuesday 30 May 2023**.

12 Reasons for change - general

12.1.1 A degree of limited change is contemplated by adopting a limits of deviation approach for the principal works and also through the drafting of requirement 10 in the current draft DCO. Despite this, it is felt that each of the changes proposed are sufficiently impacting on the submitted design documentation that they are best dealt with during the examination, rather than by way of a material or non-material change application post

decision; or because they could be accommodated within the changes envisaged by the current DCO drafting as being accepted.

- 12.1.2 It is largely because of the engagement with parties through the examination and parallel to it, that the changes are being proposed. Whilst the changes are ones that NH would wish to make to the application, they are not so essential or significant in terms of their nature, that the changes must be made for the A12 scheme to proceed.
- 12.1.3 The currently applied for scheme is implementable but it is felt that the refinements proposed in the changes make the scheme better reflective of continuing stakeholder engagement and reflect what has been discussed in examination. No additional works are proposed – only alterations to, or removal of, works currently detailed in Schedule 1 of the draft DCO. More detail on the individual changes proposed can be found in part M below.
- 12.1.4 A number of additional changes have been suggested by interested parties during the examination. NH has no intention of making such proposed changes and believes that no further changes to the current submitted application will be necessary.

13 The proposed changes

- 13.1.1 The changes NH anticipates it will apply for are as follows:

13.2 ***Junction 19 – redesign of north bound on slip road (Work No. 1(g), sheet 2 of the Permanent Works Plans, Works U10 and U10B on the Utilities Works Plans will also require changes)***

- 13.2.1 The current general arrangement drawings and other relevant plans show that the junction 19 north bound on slip road would meet the existing A130 link which connects to the existing A12.
- 13.2.2 With further detailed design and in particular considerations regarding the most suitable route, it is now proposed that the new north bound on slip road will meet the main line of the A12 rather than converge with the existing north bound on slip connection. The proposed changes will improve the safety at this junction in accordance with the requirements of the National Networks National Planning Policy (NPSNN).
- 13.2.3 The change is all within order limits and all within existing freehold acquisition land as shown in the land plan and book of reference. The freehold owner of part of the land is Countryside Zest (Beaulieu Park) LLP. The majority of the land affected is held by NH. This change is to be found on sheet 2 of the relevant plans. The relevant plot numbers on the land plans are 2/1b, 2/1e, 2/1g, 2/2b, 2/2k, 2/5a, 2/5b, 2/8c, 2/14a, 2/14b, 2/21d, 2/21e.

- 13.2.4 In terms of consultation, (a) affected landowners and (b) interested parties in the vicinity of junction 19 will be notified, subject in the case of (b) to NH having the party's contact details available to it.
- 13.2.5 The description of Work No. 1(g) and U10 as set out in the draft DCO will be amended to reflect this change. Utility Work No. U10B will be deleted from the draft DCO as this work is no longer required.

13.3 *Exclusion of Anglian Water pumping station from land proposed for compulsory acquisition at Hatfield Peverel*

- 13.3.1 A small area that has been identified for acquisition for ecological mitigation purposes comprises land that has been allocated for a small pumping station to be operated by Anglian Water Limited. After submission of the DCO application, the existing landowner has requested that the land be excluded from order powers and NH is happy to make this change. This change will ensure that a planning permission on the neighbouring land would not be affected by the scheme in this regard.
- 13.3.2 This change will be on sheet 5 of the relevant plans. The relevant plot numbers on the land plans are 5/12c.
- 13.3.3 No changes to Works Plans or to the description of the Works in the draft DCO are required.
- 13.3.4 In terms of consultation, (a) affected landowners and (b) interested parties in the vicinity of the removed plot will be notified, subject in the case of (b) to NH having the party's contact details available to it.

13.4 *Changes to the provision of replacement land at Whetmead and additional consequential changes reflecting change of ownership for open space in the Witham area*

- 13.4.1 NH has been made aware of a transfer of the freehold of parts of the open space land identified as being in Braintree District Council's freehold ownership, with the land being transferred to Witham Town Council. The transfer has not been registered at HM Land Registry as yet. NH proposes to reflect the change in its replacement land statement, special category land plan, lands plan and book of reference, together with any additional consequential changes to other documentation. The request for certification therefore needs to change to reflect the changed land ownership.
- 13.4.2 NH has also taken the opportunity to slightly alter the replacement land proposed to be provided to Witham Town Council. The land now proposed is near to the existing Whetmead Local Nature Reserve. The owner of the land being provided as replacement land will be consulted on

this change. Again, no additional land is required, simply the purposes for which the land is being used has changed.

- 13.4.3 No changes to Works Plans or the description of the Works in the draft DCO are required. The Environmental Masterplan and Special Category Land Plans will require updating on sheets 8 and 9.
- 13.4.4 Whilst all limits and nature of proposed acquisitions would not change either in relation to the open space land or its replacement, the nature of the proposed replacement land will change in that of the land previously identified as being proposed for replacement land for Braintree District Council will be now land that will be transferred to Witham Town Council.
- 13.4.5 These changes will be found on sheets 8 and 9 of the relevant plans. The relevant plot numbers on the land plans are 8/45b, 9/1h.
- 13.4.6 In terms of consultation, (a) affected landowners and (b) interested parties in the vicinity of Whetmead will be notified, subject in the case of (b) to NH having the party's contact details available to it.

13.5 *Junction 24/Inworth Road, B1023 (Work No. 74(c), sheet 14 of the Permanent Works Plans)*

- 13.5.1 Discussion took place at Issue Specific Hearing 1 regarding the changed design to the roundabout on the B1023 linking to the approach to the newly proposed junction 24. This design previously consisted of a separate left turn lane (SLTL) for traffic approaching from the south along the B1023 and turning left to reach junction 24.
- 13.5.2 Through refinement of the design and validation against the strategic traffic model presented as part of the DCO Application, its inclusion is not required for the roundabout to perform acceptably in the proposed scheme's design year of 2042. Further to this, the proposed removal of the SLTL helps reinforce the local nature of the existing B1023 in this area, reduces the area of impermeable pavement and therefore the drainage burden in the immediate vicinity.
- 13.5.3 There are no significant impacts on land acquisition as a result – there may be a slight decrease in the final footprint of the road but, when current limits of deviation are taken into account, together with adjacent drainage works there is no proposal at this stage to alter the proposed area for land assembly.
- 13.5.4 This change is to be found on sheet 14 of the relevant plans. The relevant plot numbers on the land plans are 14/3c, 14/19a. The description of Work No. 74(c) as set out in the draft DCO will be amended to reflect this change.
- 13.5.5 In terms of consultation, (a) affected landowners and (b) interested parties in the vicinity of the proposed Inworth Road Roundabout will be notified, subject in the case of (b) to NH having the party's contact details available to it. In addition, owners of properties fronting on to the B1023 between

Hinds Bridge and the southern boundary of Order limits on the B1023 will be notified.

13.6 Drainage works associated with B1023 Kelvedon Road at Inworth (Work Nos. 114, 115, 118, 120 and 121, sheets 14 and 20 of the permanent works plans)

13.6.1 As a result of representations received from affected parties and also further surveys carried out on the B1023 to investigate the causes for the existing flooding impacts along the B1023, it is now proposed to reduce the amount of flood compensation and attenuation pond works proposed on either side of the B1023.

13.6.2 There will be alterations to the Works plans and descriptions as follows:

a. Changed descriptions and areas of works:

- i. Work No. 114 - flood mitigation area removed, ditch retained
- i. Work No. 120 will only comprise one flood mitigation area, rather than two

b. Works removed:

- i. The following works will be deleted from Schedule 1 and the permanent works plans, with other plans being updated accordingly:

(i). Work No. 115

(ii). Work No.118

(iii). Work No. 121

13.6.3 These changes will be on sheets 14 and 20 of the relevant plans. A number of works for attenuation pond and/or flood compensation areas will be removed or reduced.

13.6.4 The relevant plot numbers on the land plans are 14/1g (as described at Deadline 4, previously 14/20c), 20/4a, 20/4b, 20/4e, 20/9a, 20/10a.

13.6.5 There are no significant adverse environmental effects as a result of the reduced area of land to be required (or where land may now only be required temporarily or in relation to new rights, rather than freehold acquisition). There will be a reduction in the area of land required permanently and fewer physical works on either side of the B1023.

13.6.6 There will be minor scale benefits arising from the changes, but these are not sufficient to change the significance of effect reported in the Environmental Statement. For example:

- More vegetation will be retained due to the reduced number of attenuation ponds, so less impact on biodiversity.
- While there is less change to the landscape, this will not affect the impact magnitude of change on landscape which is assessed at a larger geographical scale.
- There are few viewpoints in this location and views will change less.
- There will be less land taken from agricultural land and removal of soils, but again this is not significant in the overall scale of the scheme.

13.6.7 In terms of consultation, (a) affected landowners and (b) interested parties in the vicinity of the proposed changes will be notified, subject in the case of (b) to NH having the party's contact details available to it. In addition, owners of properties fronting on to the B1023 between Hinds Bridge and the southern boundary of Order limits on the B1023 will be notified.

13.7 *A120/junction 25 (Work No. 104, sheets 18 and 19 of the permanent works plans; Utility Works U185, U186 and U186A need to be realigned on the Utilities works plans.)*

13.7.1 In Marks Tey, NH has received representations from the Parish Council to request that the existing roundabout remain rather than it being replaced by a signalised all movements crossroads. Further investigation of traffic data indicates that a signalised roundabout will be capable of accommodating the traffic predicted at this location.

13.7.2 The retention of the roundabout, albeit with its signalisation, requires less land acquisition and has small impacts on the proposals for replacement land in this location. The replacement land located along Old London Road will be extended to accommodate this change. The principal landowners are the County Council and National Highways.

13.7.3 Materially different effects arise for the proposed change at junction 25, as the proposed will mean 7 properties would no longer be predicted to be subject to significant adverse noise effects along London Road, through Copford. The change also has the positive impact of reducing the amount of tree felling required for the scheme to proceed.

13.7.4 No changes to the description of Work No. 104 in the draft DCO would be needed but as a result of the change there would only be minor works to the existing roundabout to provide for its signalisation, rather than it being replaced by an all-movements signalised crossroads. Utility Works U185,

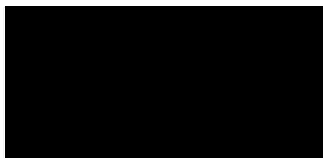
U186 and 186A need to be realigned on the Utility works plans however there would be no need to change the current descriptions of these works as contained in the draft DCO.

- 13.7.5 This change would be to sheets 18 and 19 of the relevant plans. The relevant plot numbers on the land plans are 18/1n, 18/1p, 18/1r, 18/1v, 18/2b, 18/3c, 18/3d, 19/1b, 19/1h, 19/1i, 19/2a, 19/2h, 19/4a.
- 13.7.6 In terms of consultation, (a) affected landowners and (b) interested parties in the vicinity of the proposed Inworth Road Roundabout will be notified, subject in the case of (b) to NH having the party's contact details available to it. In addition, owners of properties fronting on to the location of the roundabout to be retained will be notified.

14 Conclusions

- 14.1.1 I would be grateful if you could acknowledge safe receipt of this letter and for us to discuss next steps, as well as any thoughts the Examining Authority or the Inspectorate may have regarding the proposals outlined above. In the interim, we will continue to prepare our request for the proposed changes and anticipate that the consultation process will commence in line with Deadline 4 and proceed in accordance with the timetable outlined above.

Yours sincerely,



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- Hardcopy of the Provisional Order Limits Plan

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National Highways is committed to protecting your personal information. Whenever you provide such information, we are legally obliged to use it in line with all applicable laws concerning the protection of personal data, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which came into effect on 25 May 2018.

How will National Highways use the information it collects about you?

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- To analyse the feedback that you provide in response to our consultation
- To produce a summary report, based on our analysis of responses (individuals will not be identified in that report)
- To write to you with updates about the outcomes of this consultation and other proposed scheme developments
- To keep up-to-date records of our interactions with individuals and organisations

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- National Highways
- National Highways' Suppliers (delivering this scheme)
- An analysis company (who have been contracted by National Highways to analyse feedback to the consultation)
- The Planning Inspectorate (who will consider our application for permission to build the proposed scheme)
- The Secretary of State (who will decide whether consent should be granted)

It is also possible that trusted third party providers, for example construction companies, may later use contact details provided in your response to communicate with you about the development of the proposed scheme.

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