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Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening scheme

Deadline 4

This cover letter has been prepared by the Applicant to accompany the Applicant’s submission to the Planning Inspectorate for Deadline 4 of the Examination for the A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening scheme. This is in accordance with the requirements set out by the Examining Authority in the written questions and requests for information (ExQ2) issued on the 20th of March 2023.

You will find with this letter:

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Volume 2. Plans		
TR010060/APP/2.5	Special Category Land Plans	2
TR010060/APP/2.6	Streets, rights of way and access plans (Part 1)	3
TR010060/APP/2.6	Streets, rights of way and access plans (Part 2)	3
TR010060/APP/2.7	Land Plans	3
TR010060/APP/2.8	Crown Land Plans	2
TR010060/APP/2.14	Retained & Removed Vegetation Plans (Part 2)	2

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Volume 3. Draft Development Consent Order		
TR010060/APP/3.1	Draft DCO (clean)	4
TR010060/APP/3.1	Draft DCO (tracked)	n/a
TR010060/APP/3.2	Explanatory Memorandum (clean)	3
TR010060/APP/3.2	Explanatory Memorandum (tracked)	n/a
Volume 4. Compulsory Acquisition Information		
TR010060/APP/4.3	Book of Reference	2
Volume 6. Environmental Statement		
TR010060/APP/6.2	Environmental Statement - Figure 2.1: Environmental Masterplan (Part 3)	2
TR010060/APP/6.2	Figure 7.1 - Cultural Heritage Archaeological Remains	2
TR010060/APP/6.2	Figure 7.2 - Cultural Heritage Built Heritage and Historic Landscape	2
TR010060/APP/6.3	Appendix 7.9 - Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment Summary Tables (clean)	2
TR010060/APP/6.3	Appendix 7.9 - Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment Summary Tables (tracked)	n/a
TR010060/APP/6.3	Appendix 10.2 - Agricultural Land Classification Survey Report (clean) – Part 1 and Part 2	2
TR010060/APP/6.3	Appendix 10.2 - Agricultural Land Classification Survey Report (tracked) – Part 1 and Part 2	n/a
TR010060/APP/6.5	First Iteration Environmental Management Plan (clean)	2
TR010060/APP/6.5	First Iteration Environmental Management Plan (tracked)	n/a
TR010060/APP/6.5	Appendix A: Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC) (clean)	2
TR010060/APP/6.5	Appendix A: Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC) (tracked)	n/a
TR010060/APP/6.5	Appendix C: Construction Compound Management Plan (clean)	2
TR010060/APP/6.5	Appendix C: Construction Compound Management Plan (tracked)	n/a
TR010060/APP/6.5	Appendix M: Soil Handling Management Plan (clean)	2
TR010060/APP/6.5	Appendix M: Soil Handling Management Plan (tracked)	n/a

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TR010060/APP/6.5	Appendix N: Water Management Plan (clean)	2
TR010060/APP/6.5	Appendix N: Water Management Plan (tracked)	n/a
Volume 7. Other Reports and Statements		
TR010060/APP/7.6	Interrelationship Document (clean)	2
TR010060/APP/7.6	Interrelationship Document (tracked)	n/a
TR010060/APP/7.7	Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (clean)	3
TR010060/APP/7.7	Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (tracked)	n/a
Volume 8.		
TR010060/EXAM/8.1	Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Natural England	2
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TR010060/EXAM/8.4	Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Essex Waterways Limited	2
TR010060/EXAM/8.5	Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Network Rail	2
TR010060/EXAM/8.7	Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Crown Estate	2
TR010060/EXAM/8.8	Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Brice Aggregates Limited	2
TR010060/EXAM/8.9	Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Colchester City Council	2
TR010060/EXAM/8.10	Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Chelmsford City Council	2
TR010060/EXAM/8.12	Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Essex County Council	2
TR010060/EXAM/8.13	Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Cadent Gas	2
TR010060/EXAM/8.14	Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Braintree District Council	2
TR010060/EXAM/8.17	Statement of Commonality	2
TR010060/EXAM/8.18	Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Anglian Water	2
TR010060/EXAM/8.19	Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Hatfield Peverel	1

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TR010060/EXAM/8.20	Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Essex Police	1
TR010060/EXAM/8.21	Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) – National Farmers Union (NFU)	1
Volume 9. Additional Submissions		
TR010060/EXAM/9.6	Application Document Tracker	2
TR010060/EXAM/9.8	Status of negotiations CA schedule (clean)	2
TR010060/EXAM/9.9	Status of negotiations with Statutory Undertakers (clean)	2
TR010060/EXAM/9.9	Status of negotiations with Statutory Undertakers (tracked)	n/a
TR010060/EXAM/9.40	Schedule of changes to dDCO at Deadline 4 (clean)	2
TR010060/EXAM/9.40	Schedule of changes to dDCO at Deadline 4 (tracked)	n/a
TR010060/EXAM/9.41	Applicant's Responses to ExQ2	1
TR010060/EXAM/9.42	Applicant's Comments on information received at Deadline 3	1
TR010060/EXAM/9.43	Technical Note on Detrunking Proposals	1
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TR010060/EXAM/9.47	First Iteration Environmental Management Plan – Appendix O: Haul Road Management Plan	1
TR010060/EXAM/9.48	Case for the Scheme - Appendix G: Draft NNNPS Accordance Table	1
TR010060/EXAM/9.49	Attenuation Ponds Technical Note	1
TR010060/EXAM/9.50	Additional Hedgerow Surveys	1
N/A	Deadline 4: Cover Letter	1

The Draft DCO provided at Deadline 4 has been cleared through the validation process, you will find the Validation report as part of the Draft DCO.

In terms of those documents submitted in Volume 9. Additional Submissions, which the Applicant considers require further explanation, these are explained below:

- TR010060/EXAM/9.8 - Status of negotiations CA schedule – Provides an updated way of presenting the status of negotiations with affected Interested Party's using a RAG status as requested by the ExA.
- TR010060/EXAM/9.43 – Technical Note on Detrunking Proposals – presents the chronology of engagement with ECC, the nature of the de-trunking proposed by National Highways and how this differs from the requests of ECC, the implications for the proposed scheme in terms of delivering an enhanced de-trunked asset and how the enhancement of these assets requested by ECC could be achieved outside of the Development Consent Order (DCO) process.
- TR010060/EXAM/9.46 – Supplementary Consultation: Environmental Report – documents the potential environmental effects from design changes made as a result of feedback received at Statutory Consultation, as well as any mitigation that would be required.
- TR010060/EXAM/9.47 - First Iteration Environmental Management Plan – Appendix O: Haul Road Management Plan - details the practical measures to be implemented by the Principal Contractor (PC) in relation to the management of the proposed scheme's haul roads, such that the environmental effects which may occur as a result of activities can be appropriately mitigated and controlled.
- TR010060/EXAM/9.48 - Case for the Scheme - Appendix G: Draft NNNPS Accordance Table - supplementary to 7.1 Appendix A: National Networks National Policy Statement Accordance Table [APP-250] as a result of the draft NNNPS being released for consultation in March 2023.
- TR010060/EXAM/9.49 - Attenuation Ponds Technical Note - addresses the Environment Agency's (EA) concerns regarding the location of the proposed scheme's highway drainage attenuation ponds within the floodplain.
- TR010060/EXAM/9.50 - Additional Hedgerow Surveys - presents the results of additional hedgerow surveys and assessment of whether the results affect the evaluation of hedgerows along the proposed scheme. It also presents the policy

and legislative context within which the environmental impact assessment has been carried out.

Yours sincerely,



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