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Planning Inspectorate
Online submission

Our ref: A12/ISH5/Submission

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Scheme

Issue Specific Hearing 5 – Anglian Water written submission in lieu of attendance

Thank you for the invitation from the Examining Authority (ExA) to speak at Issue Specific Hearing 5 (ISH5). It is noted that Anglian Water is listed as a party that the ExA would find helpful to attend the hearing. Unfortunately, Anglian Water representatives are unable to contribute to the hearing in person, however, we have reviewed the agenda and would like to offer our comments in writing on the agenda items we consider to be of relevance. Anglian Water is happy to address any further points in writing at Deadlines 7 and 8.

Agenda Item 3: Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)

Whilst it is for the Applicant to update the ExA on updates to discussions with Anglian Water on the progress on protective provisions, Anglian Water can confirm that the matter raised at ISH4 regarding updating the stand-off distances in Schedule 11 Part 3 Paragraph 27 (7), for the protection of our piped assets is remains unresolved at the point of making this submission. This issue is identified as a matter under discussion in the Statement of Common Ground between National Highways and Anglian Water [REP6-074].

It is understood that the Applicant has sought feedback from their contractor on the proposed distances outlined in our Deadline 5 submission [REP5-023], which outlines our reasoning for the requested change to the draft DCO. As highlighted in our submission, the revised distances do not prevent any works taking place within these limits, but they do provide us with increased oversight when the project is being delivered.

Agenda Item 4: Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)

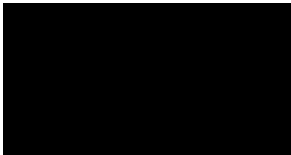
Anglian Water recognise this matter is for the Applicant to update the ExA. However, we can confirm that Anglian Water has, and continues to proactively liaise with National Highways to resolve the remaining items under discussion in the SoCG [REP6-074] between the two parties. It is acknowledged that the majority of items raised through

the consultation process have been resolved through the examination period following regular engagement with the Applicants representatives.

Anglian Water remains optimistic that the items remaining under discussion, which include the requested change to the protective provisions for Anglian Water, can be resolved by the submission of the final SoCG at Deadline 7. However, if these cannot be agreed, Anglian Water will submit a representation on these matters for the ExA's consideration.

I trust this information is helpful to the Examining Authority.

Yours sincerely,



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