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Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010061

By email only

Date: 14 October 2021

Dear Ms Liddington

Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) – Section 46 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 – Regulation 8

Proposed application by National Highways (formerly known as Highways England) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A358 Taunton to Southfields

Acknowledgement of receipt of information concerning proposed application

Thank you for your letter of 11 October 2021 and the following documentation:

- Covering letter templates sent to consultees under section 42 of the 2008 Act as:
 - prescribed consultees
 - host parish councils
 - neighbouring parish councils
 - host local authorities
 - neighbouring local authorities
 - category 1 and 2 land interests
 - category 3 land interests
 - non-statutory consultees
- Section 48 Notice
- Consultation Booklet
- Public consultation feedback questionnaire
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and a Non-Technical Summary
- Consultation plans
 - General arrangement plans
 - Walking, cycling, horse-riding including disabled user plans
 - Plan and profile drawings
 - Scheme boundary
- Technical Traffic Note

I acknowledge that you have notified the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application for an order granting development consent for the purposes of section 46 of the PA2008 and supplied the information for consultation under section 42. The following reference number has been given to the proposed application: **TR010061**.

I also acknowledge your notification in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that you propose to provide an Environmental Statement in respect of the proposed development.

The role of the Planning Inspectorate in the application process is to provide independent and impartial advice about the procedures involved and to have open discussions with potential applicants, statutory bodies and others about the processes and requirements of the new regime. It is important that you keep us accurately informed of your timetable and any changes that occur.

We will publish advice we give to you or other parties on our website and, if relevant, direct parties to you as the Applicant. We are happy to meet you at key milestones and provide advice as the case progresses through the Pre-application stage.

Once you have prepared draft documents, we can provide technical advice, in particular the draft Consultation Report, draft Habitats Regulations Assessment, or on complex or novel issues arising in the draft Development Consent Order and draft Explanatory Memorandum. You may wish to build this review into your timetables.

In the meantime, you may wish to have regard to the guidance and legislation material provided on our website including The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended) and associated guidance, which you will need to establish the correct fee to be submitted at the successive stages of the application process.

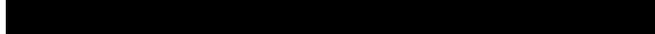
When seeking to meet your Pre-application obligations you should also be aware of your obligation under the current data protection legislation to process personal data fairly and lawfully.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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