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Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010062

By email only

Date: 28 September 2021

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Dear Monica,

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

### **Proposed application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A66 Northern Trans Pennine project**

#### **Acknowledgement of receipt of information concerning proposed application**

Thank you for your letter of 22 September 2021 and the following documentation:

- Copy of letter sent to consultees prescribed in Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 as required by section 42(1)(a) of the 2008 Act
- Copy of letter sent to host local authorities and to neighbouring local authorities as defined in Section 43 of the 2008 Act as required by section 42(1)(b) of the 2008 Act
- Copy of letter sent to Category 1 and 2 land interests as defined in Section 44 of the 2008 Act as required by section 42(1)d of the 2008 Act
- Copy of letter sent to Category 3 land interests as defined in Section 44 of the 2008 Act as required by section 42(1)(d) of the 2008 Act
- Section 48 Notice
- Consultation brochure
- Consultation feedback form
- Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), accompanied by a Non-Technical Summary and an Outline of the Environmental Management Plan
- Consultation plans and drawings as set out in the map book
- Technical Reports: Local Traffic Report, Project Design Report, Route Development Report and Construction Method and Management Statement

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, which I would be grateful if you would use in subsequent communications:

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I also acknowledge 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.

I will be your point of contact for this application – my contact details are at the end of this letter.

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 at key milestones and/or provide advice as the case progresses through the Pre-application stage.

Once you have prepared draft documents we are able to provide technical advice, in particular on the draft Development Consent Order, draft Explanatory Memorandum, the draft Consultation Report and any draft Habitats Regulations Assessment. You may therefore wish to build this 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 observe closely in establishing 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 faithfully,

*Susannah Guest*

**Susannah Guest**  
**Operations Lead - National Infrastructure and Project Speed**

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