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FAO: Mr Richard Allen, Lead Member of the Examining Authority

A66 NORTHERN TRANS PENNINE (NTP) PROJECT
JOINT LOCAL AUTHORITIES' RESPONSE TO RULE 6 LETTER

Dear Mr Allen

Thank you for your letter dated 17th October 2022 (reference TRO10062) inviting submissions on how the application by National Highways for the A66 NTP should be examined.

I am writing on behalf of the Joint Local Authorities Group (JLAG), which comprises Cumbria County Council, Eden District Council, Durham County Council, North Yorkshire County Council and Richmondshire District Council. The JLAG would like to make the following observations in respect of the examination timetable:

1. Deadline 1: Wednesday 14th December 2022 – request moving to Wednesday 21st December to provide more time to prepare Local Impact Reports and Written Representations.
2. Deadline 2: Wednesday 11th January 2023 – request combining with Deadline 3 on 24th January to allow more time following the Christmas holidays.
3. Deadline 3: Tuesday 24th January – unchanged, but also incorporating Deadline 2.
4. Deadline 7: Tuesday 9th May – need to consider whether the impact of the additional bank holiday on Monday 8th May for the king's coronation could have a bearing on the deadline.

In relation to the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues, the JLAG seek assurance that the following matters will be covered during consideration of the three phases of construction, operation and decommissioning:

- Detrunking
- HGV driver facilities
- Construction impacts and mitigation
- Accommodation strategy
- Skills, workforce and supply chain/procurement
- Diversions - impact on local roads during construction and post-construction
- Technology solutions to planned and unplanned events
- Other concurrent roads works e.g. M6 Lune Gorge, and potential cumulative impacts including diversions

- Walking cycling and horse-riding provision
- Post construction phase (Temporary weather closures)
- Compulsory Acquisition - what happens to any land no longer required after construction (e.g. temporary compounds)
- Environmental impacts – open space, biodiversity, landscape and climate/carbon emissions

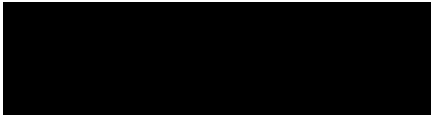
The JLAG will be pleased to discuss these points at the preliminary meeting and answer any questions. Whilst the JLAG are making this joint representation regarding the examination timetable, they will be making individual submissions regarding their proposed participation at the preliminary meeting and first round of hearings, and in respect of requests for accompanied site visits.

Yours sincerely



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Kind regards



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