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Dear Bart

**APPLICATION BY NATIONAL HIGHWAYS FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT
CONSENT FOR THE A66 TRANS-PENNINE DUALLING PROJECT**

PARTICIPATION AT THE PRELIMINARY MEETING AND ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARINGS

In relation to the above, it was the original intention of the Environment Agency to observe the proceedings of the Preliminary Meeting and Hearings via the livestream available on the PINS A66 project webpage.

Following the publication of the detailed agendas for the Hearings and Issue Specific Hearings on the PINS website on 22 November 2022, we are aware that in relation to Issue Specific Hearing 2, the Examining Authority has raised two questions for the Environment Agency. We also understand that in relation to Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1, the Examining Authority intends to ask the applicant questions about Protective Provisions within the Development Consent Order, a topic which may be of relevance to the Environment Agency.

Given the above, we respectfully request that in relation to Issue Specific Hearing 2 on 1 December and Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 on the 2 December, the Environment Agency is allowed to participate in these events by virtual means.

We will continue to observe the proceedings of the Preliminary Meeting and Issue Specific Hearing 1 via livestream as we do not consider that we need to directly contribute to these events.

Yours sincerely

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