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Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) - Section 88 and 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 - Rules 6 and 8**

**Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A66 Trans-Pennine Dualling Project**

**Deadline 2 – 15 January 2023**

**Durham County Council Reference No. 20032071**

I write in response to the 'Rule 6' letter dated 17 October 2022 and the 'Rule 8' letter dated 8 December 2022 which, amongst other matters, sets out information which is required to be submitted to the Examining Authority (ExA) by Deadline 2.

**Comments on Written Representations (WR)**

Durham County Council (DCC) notes the comments of the Statutory Environmental Bodies and shares the concerns raised regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP). DCC has commented upon this in Section 7 of its Local Impact Report (REP1-021).

**Comments on the Local Impact Reports (LIRs)**

DCC has no comments to make.

**The Applicant's revised draft DCO**

Not applicable to DCC.

**Compulsory Acquisition Status of Negotiations Schedule**

Not applicable to DCC.

**Statutory Undertakers Status of Negotiations Schedule**

Not applicable to DCC.

**Applicant's draft itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) (if required)**

Not applicable to DCC.

**Regeneration, Economy and Growth**

Durham County Council, Planning Development (Strategic), Room 4/123-128, County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL Main Telephone: 03000 262 830

**Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**

Not applicable to DCC.

**Comments on any further information/submissions received by Deadline 1**

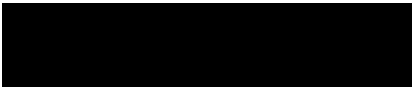
DCC's Deadline 1 submission included 'Appendix 1 – DCC Response to Examination Document PDL-013 (Response to Relevant Representations)'.

DCC notes the submission of the revised modelling contained in REP1-005 '7.2 Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) Post Hearing Submissions (including written submissions of oral case) Appendix 1 – Traffic Technical Note which was produced by National Highways in response to a request from the ExA during ISH1 held on 30 November 2022.

In general terms DCC supports the principle of dualling the remaining single carriageway sections of the A66 between Penrith and Scotch Corner as well as the proposed improvements to key junctions along the route. With regard to Schemes 7 and 8 within County Durham, DCC's relevant representation to PINS dated 31 August 2022 (Application Document RR-073) sets out the Council's position. As set out in Section 7 of DCC's Local Impact Report (REP1-021) the Council there is there is a need for the Applicant to continue liaising with DCC regarding the ongoing and final highway design of the scheme in relation matters such as, new or amended local highways, departures from standard, detrunking, stopping-up, construction works, traffic signing on DCC's highway network and legacy matters to include diversion routes, abnormal load routes and winter maintenance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Principal Planning Officer