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Dear Sirs

A66 Dualling
Response to Deadline 5

Please accept this response on behalf of North Yorkshire County Council and Richmondshire District Council.

The Authorities submit as part of our deadline 5 submissions.

Updated Principle Areas of Disagreement Statement.

The Authorities are pleased to show progress in key areas, particularly in regard to the De-trunking work stream and elements of the environmental management plan.

Responses to the Applicants Responses to written Questions

Please see responses attached.

Post Hearing Submissions

Following the hearing the Authorities arrange specific meetings with the applicant on

The Environmental Management Plan

The Authorities have a better understanding of the process between the first and second iteration of the EMP and that has begun to flesh out further in conversations with the DIPs. The Authorities also have a better understanding of the purpose of the 3rd iteration of the EMP which is helpful.

There are still concerns with regard to 20 working days to turn around consultations which under normal circumstances would not be considered satisfactory. The Authorities understand that there is a process by which this could be extended but have been offered some comfort that the consultation on the second iteration of the EMP will staggered, beginning before the final consultation period begins.

Landscape Issues

The Landscape architects for the project on both sides met following the hearing. The authorities concerns and what we would expect to see in order to have some comfort that the good design principles would be brought forward as part of final design. The meeting was productive and we hope to be able to remove landscape form the PADS fully by the end of the examination.

Flood Risk Assessment - LLFA

Following on from the haring a meeting was arranged to discuss the outstanding drainage points. Again we are happy to report that in the main, the drainage aspects are largely agreed. There are some details concerning the de trunking aspect and its impact upon the overall drainage assessment and again we hope to remove drainage as an issue by the next examination deadline.

Yours faithfully

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