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Good morning

Further to our recent consultation on the proposed changes to our A66 NTP DCO application, we wanted to update you on which changes we are taking forward in our change application.

Since the close of the consultation period, we have been carefully considering the feedback we have received and considering this alongside other project objectives, for example around safety, environment and land take. The table below summarises the proposed changes which are now no longer progressing into our proposed changes application. All other changes outlined in our change consultation brochure will be progressing into the application.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact us and we can arrange a call or meeting with you/your client.

Changes not proceeding:
DC-02 – Realignment of walking and cycling route at Skirsgill
DC-07 – Retention of Lightwater Cottages
DC-10 – Removal of Priest Lane underpass
DC-12 – Green Lane bridge realignment
DC-16 – Removal of Roger Head Farm overbridge
DC-18 – Revision to access for New Hall Farm and Far Bank End
DC-29 – Realignment of A66 mainline and Collier Lane
DC-32 – Lower the A66 mainline levels east of Carkin Moor and change an underpass to an overbridge

Next steps

Our change application is to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on Friday 24 March. When submitted, PINS will upload it to their A66NTP examination webpage - <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a66-northern-trans-pennine-project/> as soon as possible. It will be for the Examining Authority (who are leading the wider DCO examination) to make the final decision on whether to accept the application and, if so, which of the changes will be accepted into the examination.


If the Examining Authority accepts the changes into the DCO examination, they will amend the examination timetable accordingly and there will be an opportunity to make formal representations to them on the changes. Accepting the changes into the examination does not mean that the Examining Authority approve those changes; the changes will become part of National Highways' application and will be considered accordingly taking into account all submissions and representations made in respect of the same.

If you have any questions on the above or would like to arrange a call or meeting, please do not hesitate to contact the team on A66NTP@nationalhighways.co.uk or 0333 090 1192.

Kind regards

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A66 – Development Consent Order (DCO) examination, Deadline 5

Dear Sir/Madam,

United Utilities Water Limited ('United Utilities') wishes to provide the following comments for the attention of the inspector associated to the above examination.

National Highways consulted United Utilities earlier this year on 28th January 2023 regarding changes to the proposed scheme. Referring to the consultation page on National Highways website, this was following on from the conclusions of the environmental impact assessment undertaken for the DCO design to determine the risks of a change in significant environmental effects.

The consultation contained a number of proposed changes to the design proposals for the application for the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project. This consultation included a consultation brochure. Section DC-05 of the consultation brochure outlined proposed changes to the access to a United Utilities facility at Penrith Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW). United Utilities responded via the National Highways consultation page online on 27th February 2023 raising concerns regarding the changes to the access.

We outlined in the response that little consideration was given to how the changes will impact United Utilities operations at Penrith. It is important to explain that as a 24 hour operational waste management facility, Penrith WwTW is subject to:

- Over 20 large tanker movements to and from the site per day;
- Access for large cranes as part of current and ongoing site maintenance; and
- Regular by other forms of vehicles throughout each day.

United Utilities have since had discussions regarding the changes to the access with National Highways and their representatives. The issues outlined in the consultation response are still

outstanding as information from National Highways has yet to be received. United Utilities are awaiting confirmation from National Highways to why alternatives changes to the access are not possible at this stage. This includes the possibility of proposing traffic lights or a roundabout. National Highways are to provide United Utilities with a design and consultation history to why such methods to access our facility have been discounted. In addition, further information was to be provided to how the new access design will accommodate the vehicles required as part of our operations.

On review of recent consultation from National Highways regarding changes they are taking forward as part of application and also from the Deadline 5 Submissions online, United Utilities note that our concerns from our consultation response may not have been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration.

We would be grateful if the Planning Inspectorate can confirm whether they are in receipt of our concerns made to National Highways. We would also like to use this opportunity to formally outline United Utilities concerns with the proposed changes given the position in the DCO examination process.

United Utilities position to the A66 scheme must be reviewed in the light of some significant late changes to the access at Penrith WwTW and we wish to highlight this to the Planning Inspectorate to ensure our concerns put to National Highways are considered as part of the DCO examination process.

Yours faithfully

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A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project: DCO design change consultation

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DC 05 - Access to Penrith Wastewater Treatment Works

8 Are you in favour of this change?

No

If you have additional comments on a different change reference, please provide them separately below but please state the change reference number you are referring to and whether you are in favour or not.:

On review of the consultation, United Utilities has significant concerns regarding the changes to the access of our facility at Penrith Wastewater Treatment Works. We request agreed amendments before any formal changes to the A66 scheme are finalised. It is important to explain that as a 24 hour operational waste management facility, Penrith Wastewater Treatment Works is subject to:

- Over 20 large tanker movements to and from the site per day;
- Access for large cranes as part of current and ongoing site maintenance; and
- Regular by other forms of vehicles throughout each day.

There is little consideration to how the changes will impact United Utilities operations at Penrith. As a minimum, we must request:

- Access to from the site from both directions; and
- An assessment of the access route to ensure adequate areas to passing vehicles/tankers/cranes.

The consultation contains proposals that would detriment the existing arrangements enjoyed by United Utilities at Penrith Wastewater Treatment Works.

Without resolution before agreed access arrangements are formalised, United Utilities position to the A66 scheme must be reviewed.

9 Further comments.

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