

The Planning Inspectorate
National Infrastructure Planning
Temple Quay House
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Date 9th May 2023

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

Dear Mr Allen,

**NATIONAL HIGHWAYS' (the Applicant) A66 NORTHERN TRANS PENNINE (NTP)
PROJECT (the Project)**

**SUBMISSION OF WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL (the Council) FOR
EXAMINATION DEADLINE 7 (9TH MAY 2023)**

In further response to your ('Rule 8') letter dated 8th December 2022 (reference TRO10062) setting out the Examination timetable, I am writing to set out the Council's response to Examination Deadline 7.

The Council's submission for Deadline 7 has been uploaded to the project website and comprises this letter, plus the following:

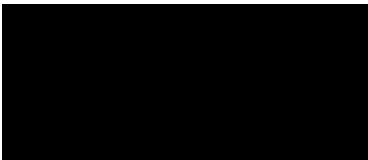
- Final updated Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statement (PADSS) and the following appendices relating to traffic modelling:
 - 1. A66 Traffic Modelling Review Technical Note - Response from the Applicant 27.04.23
 - 2. A66 Traffic Modelling – the Council's Review of the Applicant's Responses Technical Note 04.05.23;
- Technical Note 1, Subject: A66 NTP Noise and Vibration Queries – Deadline 7, as referred to in the final row of the PADSS.
- Response to the Examining Authority's Schedule of recommended amendments to the Applicant's draft DCO submitted at Deadline 5
- Response to the Applicant's response to the Examining Authority's Further Written Questions submitted at Deadline 6
- Response to the Applicant's Response to Deadline 5 Submissions – submitted at Deadline 6

- Comments on the Accepted Changes to the DCO application

In relation to the side agreement between the Council and the Applicant, limited progress has been made to date and significant progress needs to be made in the next few weeks to ensure the side agreement is in an agreed form before the close of the Examination. The Council will provide an update to the Examining Authority as to progress at both Deadline 8 and Deadline 9.

The Council is working collaboratively with the Applicant to resolve remaining issues through the Statement of Common Ground and through side agreements.

Your sincerely,



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