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26 May 2023

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 9 – 26 May 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 9.

Any further information requested by ExA - Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.
This is not applicable to Durham County Council (DCC).

General
DCC would reiterate that it does not object to the proposed junction at Rokeby; however, given the lesser impact of the "Blue" route, referred to in the Statutory Consultation, in relation to increased traffic on the B6277 The Sills, the strong preference of the Council remains for the "Blue" route. The reasons for this are set out in Appendix 1 of the Council's Relevant Representation to PNS dated 31 August 2022 (Application Document RR-073) and in subsequent documents submitted to the ExA by the Council.

DCC considers that there continues to be a need for the Applicant to liaise with DCC regarding the ongoing and final highway design of the scheme as well as other related matters.

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Finally, DCC would like to thank the ExA for considering the representations made by the Council during the Examination and throughout the DCO process.

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

Yours sincerely

Principal Planning Officer