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25 August 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

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

SECRETARY OF STATE CONSULTATION

Deadline 25 August 2023

Durham County Council Reference No. 20032071

I write in response to the letter dated 11 August 2023 from the Secretary of State for Transport regarding the above in which he seeks comments from Durham County Council regarding progress in concluding a side agreement with National Highways.

I can confirm that Durham County Council has not yet reached agreement with National Highways regarding the side agreements. Discussions are ongoing, and the Council is confident that agreement can be reached. The Council is intending to finalise the agreements by Friday 15 September 2023. Any delays to this date will be communicated to the Secretary of State.

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

Yours sincerely

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