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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Sir/Madam

**NSIP Reference Name / Code: M60/M62/M66 Simister Island Interchange TR010064**

Examining Authority's submission deadline with a date of 24 September 2024

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Our position regarding key areas that fall within our remit including impacts on internationally designated sites, nationally designated sites, protected species, biodiversity net gain, soils and best and most versatile agricultural land and ancient woodland and ancient/veteran trees is as set out in our Relevant Representations (RR – 476886, dated 4 July 2024). We consider all these issues to be successfully resolved (subject always to the appropriate requirements being adequately secured).

Natural England has agreed and signed a Statement of Common ground with the applicant. The applicant will be copying you in on the signed version. This confirms that we have no remaining issues resulting from this Project.

Natural England therefore will not be submitting a full written Written Representation or commenting further on the documents submitted after the acceptance of the application for examination. As all our remaining issues have been successfully resolved, Natural England do not consider that we are required to attend, make representations or attend subsequent hearings or site inspections. However, we would be happy to assist with further matters, if required.

For any further advice on this consultation please contact the case officer Alice Watson at [atuarlengalnd.org.uk](mailto:atuarlengalnd.org.uk) and copy to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours faithfully

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