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Our ref: SO/2024/124453/01-L01

Your ref: Deadline 1 (D1) - 24/09/2024

Date: 24 September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

APPLICATION BY NATIONAL HIGHWAYS FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR M60/M62/M66 SIMISTER ISLAND PROJECT:

DEADLINE 1 (D1) (24TH SEPTEMBER 2024) ENVIRONMENT AGENCY COMMENTARY & WRITTEN RESPONSE TO:

- **Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) – Supplementary Agenda Additional Questions**

Thank you for the opportunity for the Environment Agency (EA) to provide the Examining Authority (ExA) with written representation in relation to the further submissions made under deadline 1 (D1).

For the purposes of this response, we have focused on the questions which specifically relate to the Environment Agency and noted within the attached Appendix.

We trust the ExA will find the contents of this letter beneficial. However, should you have any queries or questions then please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours faithfully

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**Appendix 1: - EA Commentary against Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) –
Supplementary Agenda Additional Questions**

Number	Subject	Response by	Questions / Clarification	Environment Agency response
ISH1. A.34	Drafting	1. Applicant 2. Environment Agency and Bury Council	<p>Article 18(5) – Discharge of water</p> <p>1. Paragraph 5 refers to ‘main river’ although no definition is provided as to what this includes. Should the following definition highlighted in bold be added to paragraph (8) after sub-paragraph (b) to improve precision: ““main river” means watercourses as defined under section 113(1) of the Water Resources Act 1991 and shown as such on the statutory main river maps held by the Environment Agency and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.’? If so, please amend accordingly or explain why this is not necessary.</p> <p>2. Can the Environment Agency and Bury Council provide any comments on this suggestion?</p>	<p>We concur with the ExA recommendation and have no further comments.</p>

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