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Dear Planning Inspectorate Case Team

TR010064 - M60/M62/M66 Simister Island Interchange EXAMINATION DEADLINE 1 SUBMISSIONS

This submission is made by National Highways (the “Applicant”) in accordance with the examination timetable set out in the Rule 8 letter [PD-009] published by the Examining Authority (ExA) on 17 September 2024. The Applicant has prepared a number of documents requested by the ExA at Deadline 1, 24 September 2024. A short summary of each document is provided under the sub headings below.

The Applicant’s updates (Rule 6 letter Annex E)

The ExA made a request within Annex E of the Rule 6 letter dated 7 August 2024 [PD-008], that the Applicant provides an update on a range of matters to be submitted in the form of new documents and updates to existing application documents. The Applicant has submitted a new application document at Deadline 1 entitled “Applicant’s Updates (Rule 6 letter Annex E)” (TR010064/APP/7.14) which accompanies the documents listed below and together this material provide an update on all matters requested by the ExA. The new document, ‘Applicant’s Updates’, comprises a schedule of negotiation of compulsory acquisition, a summary of other updated documents and status of negotiation with Statutory Undertakers and an update on progress securing other consents. In addition, the following documents have been submitted as standalone documents:

- Statement of Common Ground between the Applicant and Natural England (TR010064/APP/7.10);
- Statement of Common Ground between the Applicant and the Environment Agency (TR010064/APP/7.11);
- Statement of Common Ground between the Applicant and Historic England (TR010064/APP/7.12);
- Statement of Commonality (TR010064/APP/7.15);
- Updated application document tracker [PD1-003];
- draft Development Consent Order [PD1-005], and updated schedule of changes [PD1-008]
- Explanatory Memorandum [APP-015];
- Updated Consents and Agreements Position Statement [APP-016]

Applicant’s responses to Relevant Representations

The Applicant has provided a full schedule of responses (TR010064/APP/7.13) to the Relevant Representations [RR-001 to RR-058]. The Applicant has included in this document responses for the additional submissions which were accepted by the ExA [AS-014] and [AS-015].

Applicant's response to ISH1 supplementary agenda

The Applicant has provided responses to all supplementary agenda items (TR010064/APP/7.16).

Written submissions following September hearings and responses to Action Points for Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) [EV7-005]

To reflect the commonality between the Applicant's written submissions and action points arising from ISH1, the Applicant has prepared a combined document comprehensively providing responses to all actions assigned to the Applicant (TR010064/APP/7.17).

Update to environmental statement and first iteration environmental management plan

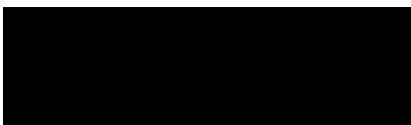
The Applicant has updated Chapter 8: Biodiversity of the Environmental Statement [APP-047], Appendix 8.14: Draft Badger Licence of the Environmental Statement Appendices [APP-104], and Appendix D: Outline General Ecology Management Plan [APP-131] of the First Iteration Environmental Management Plan [APP-127], to reflect the previously reported progress made with Natural England in respect of the updated draft badger licence and Letter of No Impediment (LONI). The LONI is provided in Appendix A of the Statement of Common Ground with Natural England (TR010064/APP/7.10). The Consents and Agreements Position Statement [APP-016] has been updated to include reference to the LONI.

The Applicant has updated Chapter 13: Road Drainage and the Water Environmental of the Environmental Statement [APP-052] to reflect agreements between the Applicant and the Environment Agency. The updates include additional wording added to commitment W9 within the Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments of the First Iteration Environmental Management Plan [APP-27], which relates to prevention of pollution incidents to surface waters arising from construction works, to require the seeding of material stockpiles within 10m of a watercourse. The detail of the agreements between the Applicant and Environment Agency are presented within the Statement of Common Ground with the Environment Agency [TR0064/APP/7.11].

The Applicant has updated Appendix F: Outline Soil Management Plan of the First Iteration Environmental Management Plan [APP-133] to reflect agreements between the Applicant and Natural England. The updates include additional wording to address recommendations made by Natural England to enhance the measures to manage the excavation and handling of any peat during the construction phase of the Scheme. The detail of the agreements between the Applicant and Natural England are presented within the Statement of Common Ground with Natural England [TR0064/APP/7.10].

Please confirm safe receipt and arrange for the Applicant's Deadline 1 submissions to be passed to the ExA and uploaded to the Planning Inspectorate website at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



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