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Dear Planning Inspectorate Case Team

TR010064 - M60/M62/M66 Simister Island Interchange EXAMINATION DEADLINE 3 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 for Deadline 3 of the Examination. A short summary of each document is provided under the subheadings below.

Applicant’s responses to the ExA’s First Written Questions and requests for further information

The Applicant has provided a full schedule of responses to the ExA’s First Written Questions published on 23 October 2024 in 7.21 Applicant’s Responses to the ExA’s First Written Questions (TR010064/APP/7.21), and where appropriate updates have been made to application documents or further information provided as set out below:

Lands Plans [AS-005]

In response to ExA question *CA.1.4* revised Lands Plans [AS-005] has been provided to correctly label Plot 3/3. A further correction was identified and made to move the references for plot 2/1ax into Insets 2G and 2H.

Classification of Roads Plans [APP-010]

The Applicant has made minor revisions to the Classification of Roads Plans [APP-010] which seek to clarify the plans including the following:

- removal of the Scheme Maintenance Accesses from the Key, the plan and the corresponding start/end point labels from sheets 2, 3 and 4; and
- the removal of unused line types in the key (Scheme (A) Road, Scheme Classified Unnumbered Road, Scheme, Scheme Unclassified Road)

Draft Development Consent Order and Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO [PD1-008]

The Applicant has made changes and updated the draft Development Consent Order [REP1-004] in response to the ExA’s following questions *DCO.1.2*, *DCO.1.3*, *DCO.1.7*, *DCO.1.11*, *DCO.1.12*, *DCO.1.15*. These changes are highlighted and detailed in the Schedule of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order [PD1-008].

Book of Reference [AS-011] and the 7.22 Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference (TR010064/APP/7.22)

The Book of Reference [AS-011] and document 7.22 Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference (TR010064/APP/7.22) details the changes in landownership arising from the transfer of property identified from an update provided by the ExA.

Environmental Statement – Chapter 8 Biodiversity [REP1-025]

Chapter 8: Biodiversity of the Environmental Statement [REP1-025] has been amended to reflect the changes to the wording of Commitment B15 of the Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments within the First Iteration Environmental Management Plan [REP1-010] in response to ExA question *BIO.1.7*. The Applicant confirms Commitment B15 has been amended to add the criteria listed in the Applicant's response at issue reference 23 on page 43 of the Statement of Common Ground with the Environment Agency [REP1-018].

Environmental Statement Figures – Chapter 7 Landscape and Visual – Figure 7.7 Photomontages [APP-067]

Figure 7.7 Photomontages of the Environmental Statement Figures [APP-067] have been updated in response to ExA question LV.1.9. Updates have been made to viewpoints PM01, PM02 and PM04 following a review of individual trees against the modelling.

Environmental Statement Figures – Chapter 10 Material Assets and Waste - Figure 10.1 Mineral Safeguarding Areas, Mineral Areas of Search and Peat Deposits [APP-070]

In response to ExA *MAW.1.1* the Applicant has updated Figure 10.1: Mineral Safeguarding Areas, Mineral Areas of Search and Peat Deposits of the Environmental Statement Figures [APP-070] to reduce the line thickness of some of the layers for clarity.

First Iteration Environmental Management Plan [REP1-010]

The wording of Commitment B15 of the Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments within the First Iteration Environmental Management Plan [REP1-010] has been amended in response to ExA question *BIO.1.7*. The Applicant confirms Commitment B15 has been amended to add the criteria listed in the Applicant's response at issue reference 23 on page 43 of the Statement of Common Ground with the Environment Agency [REP1-018].

Appendix H Outline Surface Water and Ground Water Management Plan [APP-135]

In response to ExA question *RDWE.1.*, the Applicant has added the consideration of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDs) to the list of good practice procedures in H.9.2 within Appendix H: Outline Surface and Ground Water Management Plan [APP-135] of the First Iteration Environmental Management Plan [REP1-010].

The Case for the Scheme

In response to ExA question *BCG.1.4* an updated Case for the Scheme [APP-146] has been provided that addresses the changes relating to The Development Plan following the adoption of Places for Everyone (PfE) on March 21, 2024, including changes to the Bury Unitary Development Plan and the inclusion of The Greater Manchester Joint Mineral Plan.

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. The Applicant has provided an update in relation to the Statement of Common Ground with Bury Metropolitan Borough Council [REP2-006], Updates to Application Documents, and the Status of Negotiations with Statutory Undertakers.

Please note that the Application Document Tracker [REP2-002] has been updated to reflect all the specified document revisions.

Please confirm safe receipt and arrange for the Applicant's Deadline 3 submissions to be passed to the ExA and uploaded to the Planning Inspectorate website at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



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