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Dear Planning Inspectorate Case Team

### **TR010064 - M60/M62/M66 Simister Island Interchange EXAMINATION DEADLINE 5 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 5 of the Examination. A short summary of each document is provided under the subheadings below.

#### **Applicant’s responses to action points from the CAH1 and ISH2 Action Points for Deadline 5 (TR010064/APP/7.25)**

The Applicant’s responses to action points from CAH1 and ISH2 Action Points for Deadline 5 (TR010064/APP/7.25) provides a full schedule of responses to the action points from CAH1 and ISH2 Action Points for Deadline 5. Annex A includes the Applicant Responses to Action Points raised at CAH1 held on 26 November 2024 for Deadline 5. Annex B includes the Applicant Responses to Action Points raised at ISH2 held on 27 and 28 November 2024 for Deadline 5. Where appropriate updates have been made to application documents or further information provided as set out below.

#### **Works Plans [AS-006]**

In response to CAH1.08 the Applicant has made an amendment to Note 5 to include reference to Figure 2.4: Temporary Works Environmental Statement Figures [APP-057].

#### **Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA)**

In response to ISH2 Action 3 the Applicant has updated the inter-project cumulative effects assessment (CEA) and provides updated versions of the following documents:

- **Environmental Statement - Chapter 15 Assessment of Cumulative Effects [APP-054]**
- **Environmental Statement Figures – Chapter 15 Assessment of Cumulative Effects [APP-075]**
- **Environmental Statement Appendices - Appendix 15.1 Inter-project Cumulative Effects of the [APP-125],**
- **Environmental Statement - Chapter 16 Summary [REP4-006]**
- **Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary [REP4-022]**

### **First Iteration Environmental Management Plan [REP4-024]**

In response to CAH1 Action 6 the Applicant has added a new commitment, reference G10 in Table 3.2 Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments.

### **Applicant's responses to Examining Authority's Second Written Questions**

The Applicant has provided a full schedule of responses to the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions (TR010064/APP/7.27) published on 17 December 2024 [PD-013], and where appropriate updates have been made to application documents or further information provided as set out below.

### **Applicants Responses to the Examining Authority's Written Questions on Recent Legal Judgements (TR010064/APP/7.28)**

The Applicant's Responses to the Examining Authority's Written Questions on Recent Legal Judgments (TR010064/APP/7.28) has been prepared in response to question CC.1.5 in the Examining Authority's first written questions, ExQ1 [PD-011] and question CC.2.3 in the Examining Authority's second written questions, ExQ2 [PD-013].

### **Environmental Statement Figures – Chapter 2 The Scheme - Figure 2.3 Environmental Masterplan of the [APP-057]**

In responding to ExQ2 BIO.2.2 relating to Habitat Loss and Habitat Gain the Applicant has reviewed Figure 2.3 Environmental Masterplan of the Environmental Statement Figures [APP-057]. To assist with the interpretation of the Environmental Masterplan a table has been inserted to clarify which habitat type relates to which landscape description.

In undertaking this review the Applicant identified that the extent of the noise barriers and that of Public Right of Way 9WHI was not fully in alignment with the existing and so has been amended to the correct extent.

### **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 for examination deadline 5. 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 including the **Book of Reference** [REP4-004] and the **Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference** [REP4-026], **draft Development Consent Order** [REP3-006] ) including **Schedule of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order** [REP3-020], **Explanatory Memorandum** [REP3-007], and the Status of Negotiations with Statutory Undertakers.

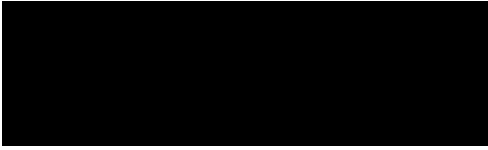
### **Comments on any further information/submission received by Deadline 4**

The Applicant's Responses to Deadline 4 Submissions (TR010064/APP/7.26) provides a schedule of responses to the submissions made at Deadline 4 of the Examination published 12 December 2024, from Bury Metropolitan Borough Council [REP4-029], Friends of Carrington Moss's [REP4-030] and The Hillary Family [REP4-031].

Please note that the **Application Document Tracker [REP4-002]** has been updated to reflect all the specified document revisions to those documents set out above.

Please confirm safe receipt and arrange for the Applicant's Deadline 5 submissions to be passed to the ExA and uploaded to the Planning Inspectorate website at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



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