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Dear Ms Sully,

**A46 Newark Bypass Application Reference TR010065
POST DCO APPLICATION SECTION 51 ADVICE AND SECTION 55 CHECKLIST**

Thank you for your letter dated 23 May 2024, please find below National Highways (the Applicant) response to your advice following issue of the decision to accept the application for examination.

The order of this letter reflects that set out in the letter dated 23 May 2024 and our response to each issue raised.

Construction Traffic and Air Quality

During the acceptance period, the Planning Inspectorate reviewed the Transport Assessment (TA) (TR010065/APP/7.4) and identified that there was a variance between forecast construction traffic volumes in Chapter 8 of the TA and the discussion of construction traffic volumes in Chapter 5 Air Quality of the Environmental Statement (ES) (TR010065/APP/ 6.1). The variance between the two application documents was not clearly explained nor was it clear that the relevant provisions of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) LA105 had been addressed in Chapter 5 Air Quality of the ES.

The Applicant is asked to provide the Planning Inspectorate with a revised version of Chapter 5 Air Quality of the ES (TR010065/APP/6.1) in which the relationship between construction traffic volumes forecast in the TA (TR010065/APP/7.4) and the conclusions drawn about construction traffic air quality effects is made explicit. The relationship between the TA construction traffic conclusions and DMRB LA105 should also be made explicit in the revised document.

Applicant's response: Chapter 5 Air Quality of the ES (TR010065/APP/6.1) has been updated with text to clarify the relationship between the construction traffic numbers in the TA (TR010065/APP/7.4) and Chapter 5 Air Quality of the ES. The Chapter has also

made clear the relationship between the TA construction traffic conclusions and DMRB LA 105.

Certified Documents

The Tree Protection Plans are listed as a certified document in Schedule 10 of the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) (TR010065/APP/3.1) but currently these do not exist as a self-contained document. All certified documents should be provided to the Examination as separate documents and not appended to, or enclosed within other documents. The Applicant is asked to provide the Planning Inspectorate with the Tree Protection Plans as a separate document.

Applicant's response: The Tree Protection Plans are now supplied as separate application document 'Complete Tree Protection Plans - Part 1' and 'Complete Tree Protection Plans - Part 2' (TR010065/APP/2.13). Please note that Schedule 10 of the draft DCO (TR010065/APP/3.1) will be updated to reflect this new document number in due course and submitted to the Examination.

NPSNN Accordance Tables

The NPSNN Accordance Tables (TR010065/APP/7.2) does not make it fully clear that it relates to the NPSNN designated in 2015. That can be inferred because there is a draft NPSNN Accordance Tables document (TR010065/APP/7.3), but the Applicant is requested to update the NPSNN Accordance Tables to make it clearer which version of the NPS it addresses.

Applicant's response: The NPSNN Accordance Tables (TR010065/APP/7.2) has been updated to make clear that the assessment has been undertaken against NPSNN (2015).

Plans

In its review the Planning Inspectorate has identified that plans are inconsistent in searchability and readability, and some plans were very slow to load. The Applicant is asked to provide fully searchable plans, which must include labels, references and numbers. The Applicant is asked to check all plans within the application, including the ES (TR010065/APP/6.1) and provide corrected and searchable plans.

Applicant's response: The Applicant has rationalised the base mapping information and produced new PDF plans, including those in the ES (TR010065/APP/6.1) which has resolved the slow loading and non-searchable issues previously experienced.

Consultees identified on a precautionary basis

Given the individual circumstances of the Scheme, the Planning Inspectorate advises taking a precautionary approach to consultation under s42(1)(a) of the Planning Act 2008 to ensure that all persons potentially affected by, or potentially likely to have an interest in the application are given the opportunity to participate fully in the Examination of the application. On this basis, the Applicant may wish to serve notice on the bodies listed in Box 6 of the section 55 checklist when it serves notice of the accepted

application under s56(2)(a) of the Planning Act 2008; unless there is a specific justification why this is not necessary.

Applicant's response: Thank you for bringing this to the Applicant's attention. The s56 distribution list has been updated to include the parties listed in Box 6 of the section 55 acceptance checklist.

Minor errors and omissions

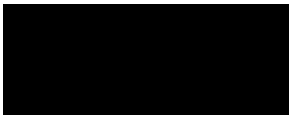
The Applicant is advised to ensure that all documents are provided with a cover page. There are minor errors and omissions, as reflected in Box 30 of the section 55 acceptance checklist.

Applicant's response: The Works Plans (TR010065/APP/2.4) have been reviewed and the Applicant is content that boundary lines between Works numbers are clear. In addition the Environmental Statement Figures (TR010065/APP/6.2) now have cover pages included.

The Applicant has also updated the Introduction to the Application (TR010065/APP/1.3) and the Application Document Tracker at Annex A of this document to reflect the updated versions as set out above.

If you have any queries on any of these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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