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Dear Mr Kalupahana

Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A46 Newark Bypass

Planning Act 2008 – Section 89(3)

Procedural Decision following issue of Acceptance decision

Following the recent appointment of the Examining Authority (ExA) Panel, of which I have been appointed as the lead member, we have reviewed the submitted application documents received on 26 April 2024 and we have concluded that there are matters which require resolution at the outset of this pre-examination period. We have therefore made a Procedural Decision to request the Applicant is requested to review all footnote/ endnote references in its submissions having regard to the following:

- Please refer to the advice at Section 8 of NSIP Advice Note Six in relation to the use of hyperlinks in application documents (Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects - Advice Note six: preparation and submission of application documents).
- Where hyperlinks to verifiable websites are provided, the link should take the reader directly to the referenced document or webpage and not to any other page such as a home page.
- All verifiable website links should be enabled (ie capable of being clicked on to open the document or webpage).
- Where a hyperlink would direct the reader to documents / evidence hosted on a third-party website and/ or information that can only be obtained by logging in to or paying for access to a website, the hyperlink should not be included. Instead, copies of the relevant information/ documents should be provided.
- If a footnote refers to a website where the reader would need to perform a search or to filter information (such as the MAGIC mapping website) a copy of the Applicant's search output should be provided (for example a 'screengrab'). Where relevant a key to the map and a scale bar should also be included.

- In respect of documents where hyperlinks are not provided, if the reference is given solely for the purposes of citation the Applicant should explain why the ExA does not need to consult/ be provided with that document.
- Where hyperlinks are not provided and where the document supports or enables the verification of the Applicant's analysis/ conclusions, a copy of that document should be provided. If the document has already been submitted, the document reference should be given.
- In all cases extracts of large documents may be submitted provided that the extracts include all necessary context.

Any documents, updated hyperlinks or citation explanations that are submitted in response to the above should be compiled into a single file and clearly labelled with the footnote to which they relate.

The documents should be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for publication on the National Infrastructure Planning website fourteen days from the date of this letter.

Where the requested updates are not submitted by the deadline provided there may be implications for the date upon which the Preliminary Meeting can be held.

If you have any queries on these matters, please do not hesitate to contact our office using the contact details at the head of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Stone

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Lead Panel Member for the Examining Authority

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