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Dear Planning Inspectorate Case Team

Applicant's submission Deadline 3 – A46 Newark Bypass (TR010065)

This submission is made by National Highways (the “Applicant”) in accordance with the examination timetable set out in the Rule 8 letter [PD-006] published by the Examining Authority (ExA) on 15 October 2024. The Applicant has prepared a number of documents requested by the ExA at Deadline 3, 26 November 2024. These are as follows:

- Updated BoR (full land registry refresh Clean and Tracked)
- BOR schedule of Changes
- Updated Land Rights Tracker
- Comments on WR
- Comments on Responses to ExQ1

In addition to these updates the Applicant has also submitted to the ExA:

- 7.40 Hydraulic Modelling Technical Note - The Hydraulic Modelling Technical note provides additional details on the fluvial hydraulic modelling undertaken to support the Flood Risk Assessment. This Technical Note was prepared to provide evidence to respond to Environment Agency written representations on the Flood Risk Assessment.
- 7.41 Floodplain Compensation Areas Technical Note - The Floodplain Compensation Area (FCA) Technical Note provides additional detail on the design of the FCA's. This Technical Note was prepared to provide evidence to respond to Environment Agency written representations on the Flood Risk Assessment.
- Updated HRA - The HRA has been updated in response to the Relevant Representations submitted by Natural England and the Environment Agency as part of the DCO examination. This update includes amendments to the HRA text to provide further clarity (noting that there are no changes to the conclusions of the assessment) as well as the inclusion of an Appendix covering the fish escape passage design refinements and consultation with the Environment Agency and Natural England).
- Outline Traffic Management Plan - The OTMP has been updated for Deadline 3 to reflect comments raised by Interested Parties in Deadline 2.
Updates include:

Table 2-3. Farndon Road added as a prohibited traffic route.

Table 2-11. Footpath at the end of Newark BW 6 added.

Section 2.22. Reference made for the need for signage for PRow diversions.

- First Iteration EMP - The Biodiversity and Geology & Soils commitments have been updated in Table 3.2 Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments in response to Natural England's comments in their Written Representation. The Outline Construction Communication Plan and Outline Air Quality and Dust Management Plan have been appended following a request from Newark & Sherwood District Council.
- A46 Cattle Market / Kelham Road Microsim Modelling – An updated version of a technical note previously shared with NSDC/NCC that has been revised in response to NCC LIR [REP1-038] – Table 2.11 – Reference – A46 Cattle Market / Kelham Road Microsim Modelling report. The updated note is expanded to include results for 2043 (as well as 2028) and is accompanied by a series of videos from the microsimulation model.
- Developments included in Core scenario forecasts – A technical note setting out a schedule of the developments included within the Core scenario forecasts. The technical note has been prepared in response to Q14.0.10 (d) of the Examining Authority's (ExA) First Written Questions issued on 15 October 2024 [PD 011].
- Additional Junction Assessment for NCC – A technical note setting out further junction assessment modelling that has been undertaken, as requested by NCC in their LIR [REP1-038] - Table 2.11 – Reference – APP-193_Transport Assessment.

Geology and Soils - In producing the lands plans showing areas of each ALC grade per farm holding (submitted at deadline 2 following a request by the ExA - part C of the ExAs written question Q7.0.6), it was noted that ALC data was missing from some of the land plots and thus had not been taken account of within the ES geology and soils assessment.

This was predominantly in relation to areas associated with the FCAs which were originally identified for temporary acquisition (and thus had not been surveyed) but were subsequently classified for permanent acquisition. In order to fill this gap, desk study data plus extrapolated survey data has been used to inform the ALC grading for the missing plots.

It is noted that these updates do not result in any changes to the significance of effects. These updates have already been reported on the new ALC Grade Survey and Agricultural Land Impact Plans submitted at deadline 2 (within Appendix C of the Applicant's Responses to Examining Authority's First Written Questions [REP2-037]). In order to make the ES consistent with the new plans produced at deadline 2 the following deliverables have been updated:

- Chapter 9 Geology and Soils
- Appendix 9.3 Agricultural Land Classification Report; including Appendix B: Agricultural Land Classification Grade and Boreholes and Appendix C: Agricultural Land Classification Grade

Population and Human Health - The Applicant looked back at the agricultural drawings in the ALC Report as well as Figure 12.6 Agricultural Land Impact Plans and noticed inconsistencies in the data reported within the ES Population and Human Health Chapter 12 and those on the lands plans due to late changes in the order limits and the classification of whether the land is permanently or temporarily required which were not reflected in the ES application documents.

Please note that whilst there were some inconsistencies within the DCO application documents the information presented in the original ES assessments were a worst case and the updates have actually resulted in a reduction in significant effects.

The following deliverables have been updated to reflect these changes:

- Chapter 12 Population and Human Health
- Figure 12.6 Agricultural Land Impact Plan
- Appendix 12.2 Population and Human Health Supplementary Information
- The Applicant has also taken the opportunity to update Chapter 12 Population and Human Health with the amendments noted in the Table of Errata submitted at deadline 2.
- The Non-Technical Summary and Summary Chapter 16 have also been updated to reflect these amendments.
- The applicant confirms that no other updates to ES chapters or associated figures and appendices are needed.
- Errata (Clean and Tracked) The document has been updated to capture one amendment in relation to an error noted in Chapter 8 Biodiversity of the Environmental Statement
- Updated Land Negotiation Tracker in preparation for ISH
- Updated Work Plan Sheet 6 to separate two partially overlapping labels (issued as complete set)

The Applicant has taken the opportunity to submit a revised draft DCO, Explanatory Memorandum and Schedule of Changes at Deadline 3 so that it is available to the Examining Authority in advance of the DCO Issue Specific Hearing on 3 December 2024.

The amendments to the draft DCO reflected in the deadline 3 version have been made to:

- correct an omission identified in question 6.1.17 of NSDC's Responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions [REP2-050] concerning Article 49 of the draft DCO and to reflect the matters set out in the Statement Relating to Statutory Nuisances [APP-186]; and
- include consultation with the Local Highway Authority under Requirement 18 (Highway Lighting), as requested by NCC in question 6.2.21 of NCC's Responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions [REP2-052].

Should you require additional information please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours sincerely,



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