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**Your ref:** TRO40011  
**Date:** 21 December 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

**METROWEST PHASE 1 DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER (DCO) APPLICATION  
EXAMINATION DEADLINE 3  
ENVIRONMENT AGENCY REFERENCE 20025331**

Please find hereunder the Environment Agency's responses in respect of relevant issues raised for Deadline 3.

The Agency has maintained direct liaison with the applicant's representatives, particularly regarding the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG). It is understood the applicant's representatives will provide the Examining Authority with an update in respect of this matter.

The Agency can confirm the changes to the draft DCO proposed by the Applicant, as set out below, are acceptable:

- Work 16 D removed from Schedule 1;
- All references to Work 16D removed from the draft Order;
- Requirement 30 deleted, and the definition of Easton in Gordano flood mitigation plan in Schedule 2 removed.

The applicant's representatives have been informed of the above.

With regard to Action 18 arising from ISH1 on the draft Development Consent Order (progress with obtaining the relevant consents/ permits from the EA) the Agency would advise as follows:

The applicant must secure formal approval of the proposed scheme, prior to applying for the relevant Agency consents/permits. This will ensure full details, including the exact nature and location of the works are determined, prior to the submission of any consent/permit application. All authorisations must be approved, prior to any pertinent works commencing. For information, permit applications can take up to 60 days to determine.

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