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Good afternoon Sir / Madam

Please find attached National Highways response to the Rule 6 letter confirming our attendance at the Preliminary Meeting and Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1) for the Hinckley Strategic Rail Freight Examination on the 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

If you have any questions or comments then please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague Sima Odedra ([\[REDACTED\]](#) [@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@nationalhighways.co.uk))

Many thanks

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Please be advised that I will be unavailable on the following dates:

**Annual Leave:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Planning Examination:** 12<sup>th</sup> September / 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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Dear Sir,

**TR050007: Hinckley SRFI – National Highways (20040073) – Attendance at Preliminary Meeting and Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1)**

National Highways welcomes the invitation to attend the Preliminary Meeting on Tuesday 12 September 2023 and the Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1) on the Wednesday 13 September 2023.

National Highways has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). It is our role to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the SRN whilst acting as a delivery partner to national economic growth.

The following text sets out who will attend to represent us and the matters which we propose to discuss.

**Preliminary Meeting:**

National Highways will be represented by the following at the preliminary meeting.

- Ben Simm, Spatial Planning Manager, National Highways
- Sima Odedra, Senior Lawyer, National Highways

We would like to make representations on the following matters as identified in the proposed agenda provided in Annex A of the Rule 6 Letter.

- Item 3 – Initial Assessment of Principle Issues
  - o National Highways notes there are significant matters relating to the Transport Assessment that have not been agreed with the Transport Authorities which have implications as to the identification and agreement of locations where impacts are identified across the SRN. These concerns have been set out in our letter dated the 31 August 2023.
- Item 4 – Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) – g) National Highways
  - o National Highways would like to add additional items to the Statement of Common Ground to include.
    - Sustainable Transport Strategy’
    - HGV Routing Strategy;
    - Potential impacts on landscape, biodiversity, air quality, emissions and contamination;
    - Various Environmental Management Plans, both during construction and operation; and
    - The draft Development Consent Order (DCO), including requirements and protective provisions.
- Item 5 – Draft Examination Timetable
  - o National Highways has raised concerns in its letter dated 31 August 2023 relating to the proposed programme as not all of the transport evidence base has been agreed nor provided for National Highways to fully consider and ascertain the impact on the SRN.

### **Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1):**

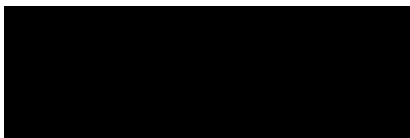
National Highways will be represented by the following at the Issue Specific Hearing.

- Ben Simm, Spatial Planning Manager, National Highways
- Sima Odedra, Senior Lawyer, National Highways

We would like to make representations to set out National Highways position regarding the Project Definition and the draft DCO.

National Highways looks forward to attending the hearings to support the examination for the development proposals. In the meantime, if you have any questions or matters of clarification then please do not hesitate to contact me on the details provided.

Yours Sincerely



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