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Dear Sirs

**TR050007 Hinckley SRFI – Warwickshire County Council (20040686)
Comments on Documents Requested to be Submitted by Deadline 5**

Further to the most recent Rule 8 Letter dated 23rd November 2023 Warwickshire County Council would like to submit comments as set out in the attached documents:

- WCC responses to the ExAQ2 – at question 2.11.1 Furnessing, this also relates to information submitted at Deadline 4 within Doc Ref 18.13.2 Rev 01.
- WCC update on discussions and drafting of the dDCO – copy of the most recent tracked change version for that part of the dDCO relating to Warwickshire County Council as local highway authority is submitted. Agreement has not been reached over Approvals in respect of the 42 days response time else a deemed consent. This is not considered reasonable as Warwickshire County Council are a public body and would not act unreasonably, and would provide regular updates/hold meetings in order to progress a technical approval for what would be the equivalent of a section 278 scheme.

WCC have been in discussion with BWB over the design proposals and Interim Road Safety Audit for the mitigation that was shown for the Cross-in-Hands junction within Document reference: 2.29A rev 02 Geometric Design Strategy Record and the Interim Stage 1 Road Safety Audit Response Report issued by BWB. Notwithstanding the items raised in our response to the furnessing relating to the derivation of the turning flows at this junction, it is understood that a revised mitigation scheme and updated RSA Designers Response will be issued at Deadline 5 (BWB have helpfully forwarded the information so that we can consult with our internal colleagues), and WCC will comment on that information at Deadline 6.

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It is understood that the applicant has been in discussions with Leicestershire County Council, Blaby District Council and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council over the draft wording for a Section 106 agreement should the DCO be approved. We understand that to date there is no agreement as to the mechanism and obligation for securing any contributions towards mitigation at the Gibbet Hill junction. Warwickshire County Council have confirmed that whilst the Authority would be prepared to hold the contributions on behalf of National Highways until such time as they require the contributions to be forwarded, Warwickshire County Council should not be a signatory to the Section 106 agreement because the Authority would not be in a position to carry out any enforcement on the development site. Therefore this matter remains unresolved at this time. However, should a way forward be identified, Warwickshire County Council would recommend that any contributions should be payable on commencement of development (not as proposed on occupation) to enable National Highways to progress the design and delivery of their scheme as quickly as possible.

As requested at the ISH6 we have also submitted a copy of the Stratford District Council's Decision Notice in respect of 17/01847/OUT for the Redditch Gateway development. Conditions 19 and 20 are pertinent to securing the HGV routing strategy and monitoring provisions.

Warwickshire County Council made comments at Deadline 4 in respect of the applicants HGV Route Management Strategy, Sustainable Transport Strategy and Travel Plan – we will provide comments at Deadline 6 on any revised submissions made to these documents at Deadline 5 to avoid the cross over of comments.

Yours faithfully

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