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Dear Sir,

**TR050007: HinckleyRFI – National Highways (20040073) – Request for an Extension to answer identified written questions from the Examining Authority (ExQ2).**

National Highways has been considering the information which has been submitted formally to support the application of the Development Consent Order (DCO) for consideration by the Examining Authority and determination by the Secretary of State for Transport.

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.

National Highways proactively pulling together our responses to provide informative advice and guidance in response to the Examining Authority's Written Questions (ExQ2). However, we seek to obtain an extension and will endeavour to respond at Deadline 6 to enable us to provide full responses to the following part question, as identified below.

*ExQ2.3.4: Plots 39, 54, 67, 71, 84, 101, 101a, 102, 103 and 104*

*In its D3 submission [REP3-137], NH indicates that it objects to the interference, suspension or extinguishment of rights upon CA where NH benefits from rights of access and maintenance rights.*

*a) Could NH indicate the rights it holds in relation to each plot individually and set out how the CA of each plot would affect its undertaking.*

National Highways is seeking clarification from across the Company to ascertain how our ability to operate and maintain the SRN may be affected should these parcels be

compulsorily acquired and National Highways private rights extinguished. As a nationally critical infrastructure asset, the ability to operate and maintain are of the utmost importance. However, we also note that should these private rights not be necessary for us to undertake our duties as a Highway Authority then we would not wish to resist their extinguishment. The extension will enable us to undertake a full and thorough review of the land and access requirements for our activities to inform our position on how the Compulsory Acquisition and extinguishment of each of National Highways' private rights would affect our undertaking.

As part of our Deadline 5 response, we have set out the private rights we currently enjoy over plots 39, 54, 67, 71, 84, 101, 101a, 102, 103 and 104 as requested.

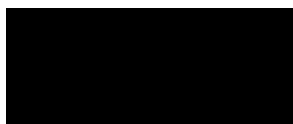
Our response to part b of this questions is also provided in our Deadline 5 response to ExQ2.

In addition, a further extension is requested until Deadline 6 for Ex Q1.11.8(b) and 1.11.10(b). The requested information has been obtained; however owing to the volume of information available, the extension will enable us to provide an informative response for the examining authority.

We will also endeavour to supply any further comments on the Applicant's dDCO at this time.

National Highways looks forward to your response to this request, and in meantime if you have any questions or comments then please do not hesitate to contact me on the details provided.

Yours Sincerely



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