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Dear [REDACTED]

NSIP Reference Names / Codes:

Application by SEGRO Properties Limited, for an order granting development consent for a scheme comprising the East Midlands Gateway Phase 2 (EMG2) / BC0410001

Application by SEGRO (EMG) Limited, for an order making material changes to the previously approved East Midlands Gateway Rail Freight Interchange and Highway Order 2016 / TR0510002

Interested Party references: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Examining Authority's submission deadline: 16 June 2026

Natural England (NE) is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

In Annex A NE have provided our responses to the Examining Panel's (ExP) Second Written Questions. We have also submitted an updated Risk & Issues Log alongside this letter.

For any further advice on this consultation please contact the case officer Lucy Collins and copy to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A Natural England's Response to the Examining Panel's Second Written Questions

Table 1 Natural England's Response to the Examining Panel's Second Written Questions

| ExQ1 Ref | Question to: | Question: | Response from Natural England: |
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| Q5.0.4 | Natural England The applicants | <p>Yellow items</p> <p>The Statement of Common Ground [REP2-039] and the Risk and Issues Log [REP1-234] include a number of yellow items requiring further information. For example, NE25 requires details and justification of the SuDS in relation to any badger setts. However, it is not clear whether this information must be submitted during the examination and then incorporated into the subsequent license application, or, whether this information is a matter for the license application alone. The ExP presumes the former, on the basis that the effect of the SuDS on the badgers etc. would need to be assessed pursuant to the EIA Regulations as a likely significant effect and any other relevant legislation and policy requirements engaged as part of a DCO application decision making process under the PA2008.</p> <p>Consequently, unless Natural England provide targeted reasons to the contrary, please can the applicants review the issues where further information has been identified as being necessary and update the Environmental Statement, and any other relevant application documents, accordingly.</p> | <p>Yellow Items within the Statement of Common Ground</p> <p>Outstanding yellow items in the Statement of Common Ground refer to the below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soils (NE 14 and 22) – should be resolved upon follow up discussion with the Applicant. NE have suggested to the Applicant this is done w/c 22/06/26 ahead of Deadline 5. This should be reviewed within the Examination. • Badger (NE25, 26 and 27) – The Applicant are required to resubmit an application for a LONI to Natural England. This should include the information requested and updated maps and figures. This is related solely to the need for a license, but as the Examining Authority notes, the EIA should take account of the impacts to species. The review of impacts to species and the decision as to whether a license is required sits with the Applicant¹. |

¹ [Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects \(NSIP\): Advice on working with public bodies in the infrastructure planning process, Annex C: Natural England and the Planning Inspectorate - GOV.UK](#)

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| | | <p>Additionally, can both parties review the Statement of Common Ground [REP2-039] to ensure it accurately reflects the Risk and Issues Log [REP1-234] and that there are no gaps in coverage.</p> | <p>Statement of Common Ground and Risk & Issues Log</p> <p>Natural England has reviewed the updated Statement of Common Ground the Applicant have prepared for Deadline 4 and provided comments to ensure there are no gaps with the Risk & Issues Log (submitted with this response).</p> |