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Dear Sir or Madam

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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]

Examining Authority's submission deadline: 28 July 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.

NE have no comments to make on the Examining Panel's published Schedule of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order.

In Annex A NE have provided our responses to the Examining Panel's (ExP) Third 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 [REDACTED] and copy to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

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Sustainable Development Senior Officer

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

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

ExQ3 Ref	Question to:	Question:	Response from Natural England:
Q3.0.1	The applicants Natural England	Soil Management Plan – cumulative effects Please can the applicants and NE confirm whether agreement has been reached relating to the contents of the updated Soil Management Plan to reflect the assessment of cumulative effects on the soil resource.	NE is satisfied with the cumulative assessment provided. The draft Soil Management Plan for the DCO submission has some outstanding points for further review, summarised below: • Include a commitment for BMV agricultural land temporality required for the development to be returned to its original ALC grade in the Soil Management Plan. This has been agreed and can be resolved once updated in the draft SMP (Risk & Issues Log, NE20). • Strengthened commitment to avoidance of winter working and giving clarity to contractors on the approach of avoidance of soil compaction through construction during the winter months and wet weather. This is under review and can be resolved once updated in the draft SMP (Risk & Issues Log, NE21). • Outline of approach, in line with guidance, where working on soils in a plastic state cannot be avoided. This is under review and can be resolved once updated in the draft SMP (Risk & Issues Log, NE21). • It should be noted that soils should be dry and friable for works to commence and reference the Institute of

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			Quarrying Part One (Explanatory Note 4 – Table 4.2) for the field test to give a robust and best practice field test method. This is under review and can be resolved once updated in the draft SMP (Risk & Issues Log, NE21). Ensuring the details NE have requested be outlined in the draft SMP for inclusion in the final SMP post consent. This is under review and can be resolved once updated in the draft SMP (Risk & Issues Log, NE23).
Q5.0.5	The applicants Natural England	SoCG with Natural England Notwithstanding any overlapping questions elsewhere within ExQ3, please can Natural England and the applicants provide a detailed up to date position clarifying what is preventing 4.9, 4.26, 4.27 and 5.8 within the SoCG [REP4-054] from being agreed?	NE and the Applicant have worked through the outstanding issues and have the below updates: 4.9 – This has now been agreed and moved to “Green” status. NE are satisfied that Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) are secured for the lifetime of the development within requirement 10(2) and that the SuDS statements must be adhered to and maintained for the lifetime of the development in requirement 17(1) and 17(2). NE are satisfied that the SSSIs will be included within the relevant Management Plans as sensitive ecological receptors for contractors. This can be reviewed within the detailed and phased Management Plans post consent. Reference to the CIRIA SuDS Manual is welcomed within the Management Plans for the

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			implementation, monitoring and maintenance of the SuDS. • 4.26 – This has now been agreed and moved to “Green” status. NE are satisfied that monitoring is secured and will feedback into the management of the SuDS, with reference to the CIRIA SuDS Manual. • 4.27 – This has now been agreed and moved to “Green” status. NE are satisfied that the CEMP has appended a Silt Management Plan. The phased CEMPS are included in the DCO and although the Silt Management Plan is not named, it is covered in draft DCO 11, 12 and 17. • 5.8 – This has now been agreed and moved to “Green” status. NE have reviewed document 6.10 Construction Management Framework Plan from the East Midlands Gateway 1 DCO. We are satisfied that adequate reference to the CIRIA guidance is included and that all works affecting a watercourse shall be carried out in accordance with a method statement to be prepared and included in a phased CEMP. NE are satisfied that the mitigation for impacts to sensitive water courses are adequate and secured by requirement. Final details of mitigation can be reviewed in the phased CEMPs post consent.

