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Dear Ms Holmes,

**SOUTH EAST ANGLIA LINK (SEA LINK) PROJECT (EN020026) –  
PROCEDURAL DEADLINE A LATE SUBMISSION**

With apologies for this late submission after the deadline, National Highways wishes to ensure that the Strategic Road Network (SRN) is considered, as well as the Local Road Network, as part of the Examination under the issue of “Construction Impacts” (Annex C to the Examining Authority’s letter dated 19 September 2025), specifically;

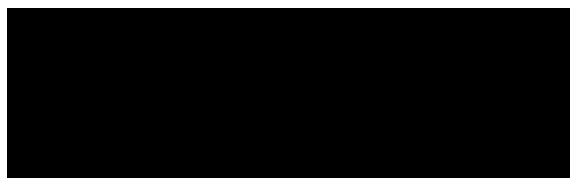
“Construction traffic effects including the cumulative effects from other projects and the implications of the proposed construction route incorporating Benhall Bridge in Suffolk.”

This is due to the completion of our review of the application documentation, which has highlighted some concerns regarding the potential safe operation of the Seven Hills Roundabout at the junction of the A12 and the A14, which is part of the SRN, during the construction phase.



Whilst we seek further assurances from the Applicant in respect of this matter, National Highways wishes to ensure that the Examining Authority is aware of our concerns in its planning of the Examination.

Yours sincerely,



Spatial Planning Manager (East)