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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Environment Agency's response in respect of the above.

Regards

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**Our ref:** WX/2018/132154/01-L04  
**Your ref:** TR010036  
**Date:** 08 February 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

**APPLICATION BY HIGHWAYS ENGLAND FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT  
FOR THE A303 SPARKFORD TO ILCHESTER DUALLING PROPOSAL  
EXAMINATION DEADLINE 3**

Environment Agency Registration ID – 20015250.

Please find hereunder the Environment Agency's response in respect of relevant issues detailed under item 7 (Deadline 3) of the examination timetable:

The Environment Agency is in receipt of the latest iteration of the applicant's Statement of Common Ground with the Agency, together with a letter from the applicant dated 28 January 2019, responding to the Agency's relevant representations dated 18 October 2018 (RR-034).

The aforementioned letter dated 28 January 2019 has been submitted further to the applicant's *Comments on Relevant Representations* document (RR1-001) and provides, inter alia, suggested amendments to the draft DCO. The letter also provides further text comparing the applicant's submitted Protective Provisions (For the Protection of Drainage Authorities), with the Agency's national Protective Provisions. As previously advised, the submitted draft Protective Provisions are not specific to the Agency's interests and do not accord with its requirements. Accordingly, the Agency has advised that it is currently unable to agree to the proposed disapplication of legislative provisions pertinent to its interests, as detailed in Part 1 (3) of the draft DCO.

Firstly, the Agency can confirm that, pending minor points of clarification, it is essentially satisfied with the applicant's proposed amendments to the draft DCO, as detailed in its letter dated 28 January 2019.

Secondly, the applicant's response to the Agency's concerns regarding Protective Provisions is currently being reviewed by the Agency's legal team. Therefore, until this matter has been resolved, the Agency's position in respect of the Protective Provisions, remains as detailed in its relevant representations dated 18 October 2018 (RR-034).

Full details of agreed amendments to the draft DCO and the outcome of current correspondence regarding Protective Provisions will be provided in the final Statement of Common Ground between the Agency and the applicant.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further please contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

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