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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Steven

**Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A47 Wansford to Sutton Dualling: Adequacy of Consultation Response**

Thank you for your letter dated requesting views on the adequacy of the pre-application consultation in respect to the Application by Highways England (hereafter "the Applicant") for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A47 Wansford to Sutton dualling project. This letter represents the response from Cambridgeshire County Council.

The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) has invited the Council to advise whether the Applicant has complied, in relation to the application, with the following duties under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended):

**Duty to consult - PA2008 – section 42**

Section 42 requires consultation with certain persons specified in the Act and prescribed in regulations.

**Duty to consult the local community - PA2008 – section 47**

Section 47 requires applicants to prepare a "Statement of Community Consultation" (SoCC) in consultation with relevant Local Authorities which sets out how the Applicant intends to consult the local community on its proposals. The Applicant must then publish the SoCC and undertake statutory consultation in accordance with it.

**Duty to publicise - PA2008 – section 48**

Section 48 requires that details of the statutory consultation be publicised via a series of notices in the local and national press.

The Council is aware that the Applicant has consulted on a non-statutory basis in 2017, and then carried out a Statutory Consultation from September 2018 to November 2018.

The Council believes it has had an appropriate level of technical involvement in the pre-application process across the disciplines, and looks forward to further engagement as required.

We consider the consultation to have met the requirements of ss. 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008. The Council supports the proposal coming forwards as a key element of

the overall upgrade of the A47 in Cambridgeshire, and as an improvement to the Strategic Road Network.

Yours sincerely

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