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To:

**All Interested Parties, the
Applicant, Norfolk County
Council and Anglian Water
Services Limited**

Date: 5 May 2022

Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by National Highways Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Project.

1. Request for comments from all interested parties

In response to questions, to the Applicant in the Secretary of State’s letter of [14 April 2022](#) the Applicant provided a response dated [27 April 2022](#) and this has been published on the project page on the Planning Inspectorate website.

The Secretary of State would like to invite comments from **all interested parties** on the information provided by the Applicant.

2. Request for comments from the Applicant and Norfolk County Council (“NCC”)

NCC protective provisions

The Secretary of States notes the Applicant’s and NCC’s responses to his question on NCC’s proposed protective provisions in his consultation letter dated 14 April 2022.

If development consent is granted and, in the absence of any agreement entered into by the Applicant and NCC in respect of the transfer of assets, the Secretary of State decides to include protective provisions in the Development Consent Order, the Secretary of State would welcome protective provisions which have been agreed by the Applicant and NCC.



The Secretary of State therefore invites the **Applicant** and **NCC** to submit agreed protective provisions by **19 May 2022**.

If protective provisions cannot be agreed, and assuming the outstanding agreement is not agreed, please can the Applicant and NCC provide agreed wording that could be included in the DCO to ensure an agreement concerning the transfer and maintenance of assets is put in place.

3. Requests for confirmation and information from the Applicant

Article 16 (temporary alteration, diversion, prohibition and restriction of use of streets)

The Secretary of State notes that article 16(3) of the draft Order [[Rev 9, dated April 2022](#)] requires the undertaker to provide reasonable access for pedestrians going to or from premises abutting a street affected by, amongst other things, temporary stopping up. The Secretary of State further notes there is no power to temporarily stop-up in article 16(1) and, similarly, there is no reference to it in article 16(4).

The Secretary of State also notes the references to the power to temporarily stop-up in the Protective Provisions in Parts 1 and 3, respectively, of Schedule 9 to the draft DCO.

The Secretary of State requests that the **Applicant** confirms the position in respect of whether it seeks a power to temporarily stop-up under article 16.

Part 4 (speed limits) of Schedule 3 (classification of roads, etc.)

Please provide copies of the following orders: (i) 70 miles per hour, 60 miles per hour and 50 miles per hour (Temporary Speed Limit) Order 1977 and (ii) 70 miles per hour, 60 miles per hour and 50 miles per hour (Temporary Speed Limit) (Variation) Order 1978, which are referred to in Part 4 of Schedule 3 to the draft DCO.

4. Request for comments from the Applicant and Anglian Water Services Limited ("AWSL")

AWSL protective provisions

The Secretary of State notes at the close of the examination no agreement had been reached between the Applicant and AWSL on matters relating to water and wastewater services during construction and operation. Please could the **Applicant** and **AWSL** confirm the status of the agreement mentioned above?

The deadline for any response is Thursday 19 May 2022.

Responses to the matters outlined in this letter should be submitted by email to A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlingham@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the consultation deadline, or difficulty in submitting a response by email, please inform the Planning Inspectorate Case Team.

The responses will be published on the project page for the A47 Blofield and North Burlingham Project on the Planning Inspectorate website as soon as possible after the **19 May 2022** deadline:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/>

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision whether to grant development consent for the A47 Blofield and North Burlingham Project and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

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