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Sir or Madam

On behalf of our client, South Staffordshire Water plc (SSW) (reference : 20025357), please find attached the following:

- SSW Response to Examining Authority's Further Written Questions EXQ2

If you have any queries regarding these representations please contact Philippa Kreuser on telephone no. 01543 418779 or email : apps@ctplanning.co.uk.

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Application By : **Highways England for M54 to M6 Link Road**

Responses : **South Staffordshire Water plc (SSW)**

SSW's Reference : **20025357**

Responses on behalf of South Staffordshire Water plc to Examining Authority's Further Written Questions (ExQ2)

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
2.4.5	The Applicant	Statutory Undertakers (a) Can the latest position of the Utilities be updated and in particular with regard to the protective provisions? (b) Could the Applicant also set out the current progress on Statements of Common Ground?
		<i>SSW RESPONSE TO 2.4.5 (b)</i> <i>SSW have not made any specific comments on the Statement of Common Ground with the Applicant as they feel they need to make more substantial progress regarding the Protective Provisions and any agreement that may come out of those negotiations and which will influence the Statement of Common Ground going forward.</i>

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
2.5.9	The Applicant Statutory Undertakers	Schedule 9 Could the Applicant and all Statutory Undertakers who would have apparatus covered by the Protective Provisions set out their latest understandings of negotiations on any necessary text.
		<i>SSW RESPONSE to 2.5.9:</i> <i>SSW have previously suggested amendments to the draft protective provisions to the applicant's solicitor, these were largely deemed unacceptable and on the 3 December SSW provided further comments and explanations as to the rational for these amendments. The amendments SSW sought aim to protect their position as a statutory undertaker, their assets and their obligation to supply fresh water to vast numbers of people in the area. SSW are disappointed that they are yet to receive a substantive response to these comments from the applicant's solicitor, however from their recent email SSW are told that the applicant awaits a response from another statutory undertaker before negotiations can continue and further responses are provided to the points SSW have raised with them.</i> <i>Overall SSW are disappointed with the progress of these negotiations as they would have hoped to be further forward with given the last communication on the 3 December 2020.</i>