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Dear Hannah,

A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Development Consent Order 2024 (SI 2024 No. 360) – Proposed Non-Material Change Application

Regulation 7(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 – Written consent from the Secretary of State for not consulting a person or authority

Thank you for your correspondence dated 28 August 2025 requesting consent to reduce the number of parties to be consulted on the proposed non-material change application for the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Development Consent Order 2024 (“the Order”).

The Secretary of State has considered this request under regulation 7(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (“the 2011 Regulations”). The Secretary of State agrees that the consultation approach set out in your submission, focusing on parties likely to have an interest in or be directly affected by the proposed changes, is proportionate and reasonable. The Secretary of State accepts that those parties identified for exclusion are either geographically too remote, not materially affected, or otherwise outside the scope of the proposed amendments.

Accordingly, the Secretary of State gives written consent, to the extent set out above, under regulation 7(3) of the 2011 Regulations. In reaching this decision, the Secretary of State notes that while those persons not proposed to be consulted will not be contacted directly, the application will be publicised in accordance with regulation 20 of the 2011 Regulations and will be available on the Planning Inspectorate’s National Infrastructure Planning website. The Secretary of State also notes your confirmation that all relevant statutory authorities will still be consulted.

Please note that this consent should not be taken as indicating approval of any aspects of the proposed changes to the Order, which will fall to the Secretary of State for consideration

and determination, or whether the proposed changes will ultimately be regarded as material or not.

Yours sincerely,

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