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Dear [REDACTED],

**A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Development Consent Order 2024 Consultation - Section 153
Regulation 7**

**CONSULTATION SEEKING NATURAL ENGLAND's COMMENTS ON NON-MATERIAL
CHANGE APPLICATIONS**

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England (NE) is also the statutory nature conservation advisory body for England. Its role includes the provision of advice, assistance and representations to competent authorities discharging their functions in accordance with the requirements of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 as amended ('the Habitats Regulations').

Natural England welcomes the Habitats Regulations Assessment Comparative Assessment in Table 5.2 and agree that the proposed changes will not result in additional impacts to the River Eden SAC.

Natural England note that the need for Red Squirrel mitigation for Change 6 Kemplay Bank. We encourage National Highways to continue working with Natural England's Wildlife Licencing team for this scheme, submitting draft licences and mitigation reports as early as possible.

Natural England have no further comments to make on these Non-Material Change Application documents.

For any queries relating to specific advice in this letter only, please contact [REDACTED] at [\[REDACTED\]@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@naturalengland.org.uk). For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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