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To:  
The Applicant  
United Utilities (Water) Limited  
Environment Agency

30 January 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

## **Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Changes To, and Revocation Of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011**

### **Application for a Non-Material Change to the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Development Consent Order 2024 (SI 2024/360), as corrected by the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Development Consent (Correction) Order 2025 (SI 2025/1084)**

#### **Request for comments from the parties listed above**

I refer to the application made by National Highways ("the Applicant"), seeking non-material changes to the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Development Consent Order 2024 (SI 2024/360), as corrected by the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Development Consent (Correction) Order 2025 (SI 2025/1084) ("the Application"). The deadline for representations on the Application was 19 January 2026 and the [responses](#) have now been published.

#### **CHANGE 7 B6262 PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AND PRIVATE MEANS OF ACCESS (SCHEME 03)**

1. It is noted that [United Utilities Water Limited](#) require further information from the Applicant regarding any impact of this change on the protective provisions authorised under the Development Consent Order and the subsequent private agreement made between it and the Applicant in relation to the means of access to Penrith Wastewater Treatment Works. **The Applicant** and **United Utilities** are invited to agree a position on any impacts regarding the previously agreed access arrangements and where necessary, set out any additional wording they consider would be required in the protective provisions.

#### **CHANGES 7 & 8: B6262 PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AND PRIVATE MEANS OF ACCESS (SCHEME 03) & POWIS HOUSE PRIVATE MEANS OF ACCESS (SCHEME 0405)**

2. The Environment Agency's [response](#) notes the increased zone of fluvial flood risk as a result of these changes. **The Applicant** and **the Environment Agency** are invited to agree a position in relation to the fluvial flood risk, including on the Environment Agency's suggested

mitigation measures in respect of the access to Powis House. Where an agreed position cannot be reached, both parties are invited to set out their respective views on what is needed to resolve any outstanding concerns.

### **Deadline for Response**

The deadline for response is **13 February 2026**.

Submissions sent by post may be subject to delay therefore your response on the information requested above should be submitted to the Case Team, if possible, by email to [A66Dualling@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:A66Dualling@planninginspectorate.gov.uk).

Responses will be published as soon as possible after the deadline on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at: [A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project - Project information](#)

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision on the Application, and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully,

Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit