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Dear Transport Planning Infrastructure Unit,

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)

Applicant's response to the Department for Transport's Request for Comments dated 30 January 2026 (the RfC)

I am writing in response to the RfC issued by the Department for Transport to National Highways ("the Applicant") on 30 January 2026 in relation to the Application above.

The RfC invites the Applicant to respond to two representations raised by United Utilities Water Limited and the Environment Agency. The Applicant has provided the position to these representations, setting each one out under its own sub-heading below:

United Utilities Water Limited

The Department for Transport invited the Applicant and United Utilities Water Limited 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. This was in relation to Proposed Change 7 B6262 Public Right of Way and Private Means of Access.

The Applicant wrote to United Utilities Water Limited on 10 February 2026 following a meeting on 2 February 2026 to set out our position and share an additional cross section drawing. United Utilities Water Limited responded to the Department for Transport on 13 February 2026 by email and have confirmed that United Utilities Water Limited has no objection to the non-material change amendment and requires no amendment to the protective provisions within the separate side agreement. The letter the Applicant submitted to United Utilities Water Limited has also been submitted to the Department for Transport.



Environment Agency

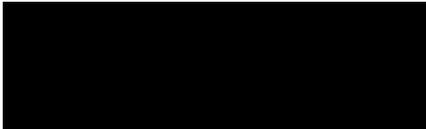
The Department for Transport invited the Applicant and the Environment Agency to agree a position in relation to the fluvial flood risk, including on the Environment Agency's suggested mitigation measures in respect of the access to Powis House, set out in their representation submitted during the consultation period for the Application. The Applicant notes that the Environment Agency had no comments on Proposed Changes 1 to 6 and only responded substantively to two of the Proposed Changes:

- Proposed Change 7 B6262 Combined Public Rights of Way and Private Means of Access; and
- Proposed Change 8 Powis House Private Means of Access.

The Applicant wrote to the Environment Agency on 11 February 2026 with additional information in relation to the flood risk associated with the above proposed changes. The Environment Agency wrote to the Applicant on 12 February 2026 and expressed that they are satisfied that the fluvial flood risks associated with Proposed Change 7 and Proposed Change 8 have been considered and addressed. Additionally, the Environment Agency considers Proposed Changes 7 and 8 to be acceptable to them. The letters from the Applicant and the Environment Agency have also been submitted to the Department for Transport.

If you have any further queries or comments, I can be contacted by email at A66NTP@nationalhighways.co.uk.

Yours sincerely




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