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To:
The Applicant
Sport England

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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”). [Responses](#) to the Secretary of State’s [consultation letter](#) of 30 January 2026 have now been published.

IMPACT ON SPORTS FACILITIES

It is noted that [Sport England](#) requires further information, by way of detailed plans, from the Applicant to allow consideration of any potential impacts of the Application on the playing field sites identified in its response, as well as potential new impacts on other playing field sites. On the provision of the further information to Sport England, the **Applicant** and **Sport England** are thereafter invited to agree a position on any such impacts on playing fields or other sport facilities, including adjacent areas at risk of ball strike, and where necessary, set out any agreed additional mitigation measures that would be required.

Deadline for Response

The deadline for response is **10 March 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.

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