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Regulation 7(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent; Orders) Regulations 2011 (as amended)

Proposed non-material change to The A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Development Consent Order 2024 as amended by The A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Development Consent (Amendment) Order 2026 - written consent from the Secretary of State for not consulting a person or authority

1. Thank you for your letter of 21 August 2026, providing details of the proposed application to amend the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Development Consent Order 2024 as previously amended by the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Development Consent (Amendment) Order 2026 ("the Order") and about your intended approach to consultation. The Secretary of State notes that the amendments that will be sought through the proposed application include:

    - the replacement of a junction at Collier Lane, with a roundabout and the subsequent re-alignment of the centreline for Work Nos. 09-3B and 09-6; and
    - the repositioning of the bridleway at Mains Gill Junction to the southern side, outside of the current limits of deviation. The proposed change would remove one road crossing as bridleway users would no longer need to cross

the A66 westbound connector road and it would also simplify the bridleway route to the east of the junction by combining the eastern and western routes at the same point.

2. The Secretary of State has considered your request under regulation 7(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent; Orders) Regulations 2011 (as amended) ("the 2011 Regulations") and, with the following exception, is content that the proposed consultees accurately represent those which should be consulted. The Secretary of State considers that in addition to the parties listed at appendices A and B of your letter of 21 August, that Transport for the North (TfN) should also be consulted on the proposed amendments to the Order. The Secretary of State has noted the explanation for exclusion provided at Annex A but takes the view that as the A66 is a strategic road corridor, TfN as a result of its statutory transport responsibilities should be included as a consultee to ensure it is sufficiently informed of any proposed changes.
3. The Secretary of State agrees that you have demonstrated that no other consultees would be directly affected, either because the proposed amendments will not affect their interests or because their interests lie outside the geographical boundaries of the proposed changes.
4. Accordingly, the Secretary of State gives written consent for the consultation to proceed in accordance with the details 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 6 of the 2011 Regulations and will be available on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website. It would therefore be open to members of the public to submit representations by this route.
5. Finally, the Secretary of State's written consent in this matter should not be taken as indicating approval for any aspects of the proposed changes to the Order which fall to her for consideration and determination, or whether the proposed changes will be regarded as material or not.

Yours sincerely,

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