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Dear Planning Inspectorate Case Team

## **TR010064 - M60/M62/M66 Simister Island Interchange EXAMINATION DEADLINE 6 SUBMISSIONS**

This submission is made by National Highways (the “Applicant”) in accordance with the examination timetable set out in the Rule 8 letter [PD-009] published by the Examining Authority (ExA) on 17 September 2024. The Applicant has prepared a number of documents requested by the ExA for Deadline 6 of the Examination. A short summary of each document is provided under the subheadings below.

### **Design Principles Report**

The Design Principles Report (TR010064/APP/7.29) has been prepared in response to Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) Action Point 11, identified in the ExAs Action Points arising from ISH2 on environmental matters held on Wednesday and Thursday 28 November 2024. The Design Principles Report (TR010064/APP/7.29) sets out how the Scheme’s Design Principles will be secured and delivered through the detailed design of the Scheme. Bury Metropolitan Borough Council has had sight of the structure and content of the Design Principles Report through its development.

### **Comments on any further information/submission received by Deadline 5**

The Applicant’s Responses to Deadline 5 Submissions (TR010064/APP/7.30) provides a schedule of responses to the submissions made at Deadline 5 of the Examination published 14 January 2025, from Bury Metropolitan Borough Council [REP5-035, REP5-036, REP5-037 and REP4-041], the Environment Agency [REP5-038], Maro Developments [REP5-039] and United Utilities [REP5-040].

### **Applicant’s responses to Rule 17 letter dated 28 January 2025**

The Applicant’s responses to the ExA’s Request for Information Letter – Rule 17 [PD-015] published on the 28 January 2025 is provided in the Applicant’s Responses to Rule 17 Letter dated 28 January 2025 (TR010064/APP/7.31), and where appropriate updates have been made to application documents or further information provided as set out below.

### **First Iteration Environmental Management Plan [REP5-023]**

In responding to the request for further information (our reference R.19) relating to securing of joint inspection of work locations with Bury Metropolitan Borough Council and any remedial works, the Applicant has updated the Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments within the First

Iteration Environmental Management Plan [REP5-023] to include an additional commitment, reference G11.

### **Outline Traffic Management Plan [APP-150]**

In responding to the request for further information (our reference R.19) relating to securing of joint inspection of work locations with Bury Metropolitan Borough Council and any remedial works, the Applicant has updated the Outline Traffic Management Plan [APP-150] to include an additional paragraph (5.6.6) clarifying the responsibilities of the Principal Contractor in this regard.

### **The Applicant's updates (Rule 6 letter Annex E) [REP5-026]**

In responding to the request for further information relating to Individual Objections to Compulsory Acquisition (our reference R.7) and Protective Provisions for Statutory Undertakers (our reference R.14 and R.17) the Applicant has provided corresponding updates to 'The Applicant's updates (Rule 6 letter Annex E)' [REP5-026]. The Applicant draws the ExA's attention to the response received from the Department for Education (enclosed at internal Appendix C) confirming that it does not hold a Crown Interest in land within the Order Limits. The Applicant will make corresponding updates to the application documentation to remove references to Crown Land and provide those updates at Deadline 7.

### **Report on the Implications for European Sites**

The Applicant notes the ExA's Report on the Implications for European Sites [PD-014] dated 14 January 2025. The Applicant has no further comments.

### **Environmental Statement Appendix 7.5 Arboricultural Impact Assessment [APP-086]**

The Applicant has submitted a revision of the Appendix 7.5 Arboricultural Impact Assessment of the Environmental Statement Appendices [APP-086] to make a correction to the site clearance data used to ensure it is in alignment with the assessment undertaken and related documents in the Environmental Statement. These revisions have not affected the overall assessment conclusions.

Please note that the **Application Document Tracker [REP5-002]** has been updated to reflect the specified document revisions to those documents set out above.

Please confirm safe receipt and arrange for the Applicant's Deadline 6 submissions to be passed to the ExA and uploaded to the Planning Inspectorate website at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



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