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Dear Planning Inspectorate Case Team

**TR010064 - M60/M62/M66 Simister Island Interchange
EXAMINATION DEADLINE 7 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 7 of the Examination. A short summary of each document is provided under the subheadings below.

**Comments on any further information/submission received by Deadline 6
(TR010064/APP/7.32)**

The Applicant’s Responses to Deadline 6 Submissions (TR010064/APP/7.32) provides a schedule of responses to the submissions made at Deadline 6 of the Examination published 13 February 2025.

**7.33 Applicant's response to the ExA Schedule of Changes to the dDCO
(TR010064/APP/7.33)**

The Examining Authority published their ExA Schedule of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) on the 14 February [PD-016]. The Applicant’s responses are provided in document reference TR010064/APP/7.33 and corresponding revisions have been made to the draft Development Consent Order [REP5-005] together with correlating updates to the Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order [REP5-025] and the Explanatory Memorandum [REP5-007].

The revised version of the dDCO submitted at this deadline is considered to be the final version of the dDCO to be submitted by the Applicant as part of this examination. The Applicant has also provided evidence of the validation report in respect of the proposed statutory instrument in Appendix A to this letter. A word version of the dDCO has been provided separately for the ExA’s ease of use.

Applicant's responses to Examining Authority’s Rule 17 letter dated 28 January 2025 [REP6-012]

The Applicant’s responses to the Examining Authority’s Rule 17 letter dated 28 January 2025 [REP6-012] was submitted at Deadline 6 of the examination and where appropriate updates have been made to application documents or further information provided as set out below:

Request Reference R.6 relating to Plot 1/1a

As part of the Applicant's response to the ExA's request for information in relation to Plot 1/1a (the Applicant's reference R.6), the Applicant has split Plot 1/1a into 3 plots. The Applicant remains satisfied that all of the land within Plot 1/1a forms part of the motorway and is required to deliver the works. However, insofar as the plot has been divided into 3 sub-plots, the Applicant has submitted revised Lands Plans [REP3-004] and made corresponding changes to the Book of Reference [REP5-009], Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference [REP5-030] and the Statement of Reasons [APP-018].

Request Reference R.8.2 relating to environmental function codes

In responding to the request for information (the Applicant's reference R.8.2) relating to the environmental function code for broadleaf woodland for plot 2/16b, an updated Figure 2.3, Environmental Masterplan of the Environmental Statement Figures [REP5-017], has been submitted at Deadline 7.

The Applicant's updates (Rule 6 letter Annex E) [REP6-008]

The ExA made a request within Annex E of the Rule 6 letter dated 7 August 2024 [PD-008] that the Applicant provides a **final** update on a range of matters for examination Deadline 7. The Applicant has provided an update in relation to the updates to application documents including the Book of Reference [REP5-009] and the Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference [REP5-030], Statement of Reasons [APP-018], Lands Plans [REP3-004], draft Development Consent Order [REP5-005] including Schedule of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order [REP5-025], Explanatory Memorandum [REP5-007], and the status of negotiations with Statutory Undertakers.

Amendments to removed reference to Crown Land in the application documents

As set out in The Applicant's updates (Rule 6 letter Annex E) [REP6-008] the Department for Education has confirmed that it does not hold a Crown Interest in land within the Order Limits. The Applicant has updated the Statement of Reasons [APP-018], Book of Reference [REP5-009] and the Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference [REP5-030] to update the references to Crown Land.

As a result of the confirmation from the Department of Education the Crown Lands Plans [APP-013] are now no longer required. The list of certified documents within the draft Development Consent Order [REP5-005] and Schedule of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order [REP5-025] has also been amended to reflect this updated position.

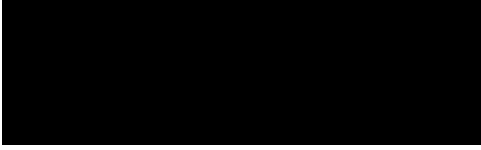
7.34 The Applicant's Closing Statement (TR010064/APP/7.34)

The ExA made a request within the Rule 6 letter dates 7 August 2024 [PD-008] that the Applicant provides a closing summary statement. The Applicant has provided this within the Applicant's Closing Statement (TR010064/APP/7.34).

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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APPENDIX A: Draft Development Consent Order P06 Validation Report



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