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The Applicant, Bury Metropolitan
Borough Council, National Grid
Electricity Transmission Plc, Cadent
Gas Limited and United Utilities Water
Limited.

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010064

Date: 28 February 2025

Dear Sir or Madam

Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for the M60/M62/M66 Simister Island Interchange Project

Planning Act 2008 – Section 89

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 17

The Examining Authority (ExA) writes to the parties listed above, under rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, following deadline (DL) 7 on Thursday 27 February 2025. The ExA requests the following further information and clarifications.

Protective Provisions

National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (NGET)

NGET: Your DL6 and DL7 submissions [REP6-016] and [REP7-023] requested two additional sub-paragraphs to Schedule 9, Part 4 paragraph 44 to provide for insuring provisions. Explain further why these provisions are necessary and required specifically for a highways project and the implications if these provisions were not included.

Applicant: The draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) submitted at DL7 [REP7-005] did not include the sub-paragraphs requested by NGET. Your response to DL6 submissions [REP7-018] stated this was because “*The Applicant has previously agreed with NGET on multiple projects that it is a self-indemnifying body such that the insuring provisions now being requested are not applicable*”. Explain further how this satisfies the concerns raised by NGET and particularly whether National Highways holds the necessary insurance provisions that NGET are seeking.

Cadent Gas Limited

Cadent Gas: The applicant’s updated dDCO at DL7 [REP7-005] included amendments to Schedule 9 Part 3 – For the Protection of Cadent Gas Limited. Confirm whether the final

wording in the dDCO is sufficient to address the matters raised in your Relevant Representation [RR-002]. If not, explain why not.

United Utilities Water Limited (UU)

Applicant: The ExA notes from your responses to DL6 submissions [REP7-018] that you are continuing to liaise with UU to finalise the form of side agreement before the close of the examination. The ExA requests that every endeavour is made to ensure this is agreed before the close of the examination and requests an update on the position at DL8. If no agreement is made, the ExA requests that the reasons for this and the outstanding areas of disagreement are explained in your response.

Hilary Family submission [REP7-024]

Applicant: Respond to the Hilary Family summary statement [REP7-024]. The ExA notes the statement within [REP7-024] which states “...the Hilary Family repeats and maintains its comments regarding attenuation pond 1 and its outfall drain, in that it considers these features could either be located inside the Northern Loop or drawn much tighter to the footprint of the Northern Loop so as to reduce the land take from the Hilary Family.” In relation to the comment that attenuation pond 1 could be positioned tighter to the northern loop, provide further clarification and information of how the proposed minimum pond capacity has been determined and how this relates to the proposed size, shape, position and amount of land take requested.

Consultation Draft Northern Gateway Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Bury Metropolitan Borough Council: Further to your response to the ExA’s second written question BCG.2.4 [REP5-036] and [REP5-037], advise whether there has been any further updates to the status of the consultation draft SPD. If so, provide a copy of any updated document and explain whether this would have any implications for the examination.

The ExA requires responses by **Deadline 8, Friday 7 March 2025**.

If you have any queries on these matters, please do not hesitate to contact our office using the contact details at the head of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Holmes

Lead Panel Member for the Examining Authority