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To:
National Highways

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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by National Highways (“the Applicant”) seeking Development Consent for the proposed M60/M62/M66 Simister Island Interchange Project

Request for comments from the Applicant

Environment Agency New Data

1. On 25 March 2025, the Environment Agency published new data which included updated flood zones and river flood risk extents. The Secretary of State notes that this data was published following the close of the examination and has not been considered by the ExA or the Applicant.
2. The Secretary of State requests an update from **the Applicant** on any implications the new Environment Agency data would have on the Proposed Development.

Haweswater Underpass

3. The Secretary of State is aware that, during the examination, the Applicant indicated that it was exploring designated funding to support some improvements to the Haweswater underpass.
4. The Secretary of State requests an update from **the Applicant** on whether a bid has been made for that designated funding, and if so, any update as to whether that bid has been successful.
5. The Secretary of State is also aware that United Utilities Water Limited (“UU”) possess apparatus in the area in which the Haweswater underpass is located.
6. The Secretary of State requests **the Applicant** to clarify the nature of its apparatus, and the matters on which it would need to consult, or, to obtain the approval of UU in order to deliver the intended improvements.

Outstanding Agreements

7. The Secretary of State invites **the Applicant** to provide an update on any agreements that had not been signed by the close of examination.

Deadline for Response

The deadline for response is **14 July 2025**.

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 M60SimisterIsland@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the deadline, or difficulty in submitting a response by email, please inform the Case Team.

Responses will be published as soon as possible after the deadline on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at: [M60/M62/M66 Simister Island - 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