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TR010065 – A46 Newark Bypass Project

Response to Questions raised by the Examining Authority for Deadline Five (ExQ2)

Interested Party Number: 20049645

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Q3.0.5 – Water Vole Habitat

The Trust's considers that increasing habitats for water vole could have adverse impact of encouraging American Mink into the area.

We consider that the best control for this risk would be via mink trapping between January to April and August to October. We are of the understanding that Local Wildlife trusts and the Waterlife Recovery Trust undertake mink trapping. We are aware that both organisations have mink raft equipment and trained volunteers.

Q6.0.3 - Article 58 Temporary Suspension of Navigation

The Trust have reviewed the revised wording of Article 58 and are satisfied with the revised wording in the latest draft DCO. This is on condition, however, that it is read in conjunction with Protective Provisions agreed between the promotor and the Trust, which we understand are to be provided in the draft DCO (Development Consent Order) by the applicant at Deadline Five (see also Q6.0.3). The Provisions are of importance to the Trust as they will help guide how any suspension of navigation will be managed.

Q6.2.1 - Schedule 9 Protective Provisions

The Trust and the applicant have agreed Protective Provisions which we understand will be provided by the applicant as part of an update to the Draft DCO at Deadline 5.

The Trust will review this submission, and will be in a position to confirm full agreement at Deadline 6, which we expect will be reflected in an agreed statement of common ground.

We hope that the above responses are of use to yourselves. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.


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