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Dear Planning Inspectorate Case Team

Applicant's submission Deadline 5 – A46 Newark Bypass (TR010065)

This submission is made by National Highways (the “Applicant”) in accordance with the examination timetable set out in the Rule 8 letter [PD-006] published by the Examining Authority (ExA) on 15 October 2024.

- Applicants response to ExQ2
- Comments on any submissions made at previous deadline
- Updated NPS accordance table
- Updated application documents tracker
- Updated BOR
- Updated Schedule of Changes to the BOR
- Updated Land Rights Tracker
- Updated dDCO
- Updated Schedule of Changes to the dDCO
- Updated Explanatory Memorandum
- Updated SoCG and Statement of Commonality

In addition to these updates the Applicant has submitted to the ExA updated documents which were a result of responding to items raised in ExQ2 and to reflect on-going discussions with statutory bodies. In addition to this the documents were updated to include small amendments which would be covered in a errata changes however were included in document updates as directed by the ExA.

- Updated Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA), This document has been updated following consultation with Natural England and at the request of the ExA as detailed in the RIES. These amendments are considered non-material.
- Updated Statement of Reasons (not including updated A or B) due to submission of updated BOR
- Cross sections requested by the Environment Agency. At the Issue Specific Hearing 3 held on the 8th December 2024 [EV9-005] the Applicant stated that they would provide cross sections for the Slough Dyke and the scheme's interaction with the Cree's Lane and Newark

Roundabout flood defence embankments. These details have been presented to the Environment Agency during a technical meeting on the 27th January 2025.

- Updated First Iteration Environmental Management Plan (FIEMP), this has been updated following ExQ2 Q2.0.5 to ensure that Appendix B outline management plans are correctly referenced.

Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC) ID GS6 has been updated following discussion with Newark & Sherwood District Council (NSDC)

REAC ID RDWE10 has been updated following discussion with the Environment Agency (EA)

Appendix B.4 Outline Construction Communications Management Plan has been updated following ExQ2 Q13.0.7.

Appendix B.5 Outline Air Quality and Dust Management Plan has been updated following ExQ2 Q2.0.4 and consultation with NSDC.

- Updated to EqlA: This has been updated to specifically include reference to the Bridge House Farm/Old Stable Yard Gypsy Roma Traveller (GRT) community.

Figure C2 (residential properties) and Figure C4 (businesses) have also both been updated to reflect updates made to other figures updated in response to ExQ2 13.0.9.

Minor amendments have been made in relation to examination library references as well as minor consistency updates to bring the EqlA in line with the updated Public and Human Health Chapter.

- Detailed Quantified Risk Assessment (dQRA). This has been updated following the receipt of comments from the Environment Agency following the applicants submission at Deadline 4. The Environmental Agency were largely satisfied with the input parameters that have been used with two exceptions relating to the bulk density of the soil and compliance point distance. The risk assessment was therefore run with the bulk density of soil adjusted to a value and compliance set to 250 metres.

These updates have been provided to the Environment Agency for review and sign-off before submitting into the Examination at Deadline 5. The Environment Agency signed off these changes on 27/01 and are now content with the dQRA as submitted.

- Updated Outline Traffic Management Plan to reflect comments received from Nottinghamshire County Council since deadline 4
- Pre-commencement Plan Updated following comments received from the Environment Agency
- Updated Hydraulic Modelling Technical Note to reflect on-going dialogue and agreement with the Environment Agency
- The Case for the Scheme [APP-190] and the Transport Assessment Report [APP-193] have been updated to items previously identified in the Table of Errata [REP3-032] cross

references to PCF Packages have also been removed from the Combined Modelling and Appraisal Report (Appendix A of the Transport Assessment Report [APP-193]).

- The Non-Technical Summary (NTS) has been update to reflect updates to Chapter 9 Geology and Soils.

Updates to the following Environmental Statement Chapters to reflect errata changes or to reflect changes requested at hearings

- Chapter 12 Population and Human Health. This chapter has been updated to include the amendments to footpath “Newark FP14” as discussed with NSDC during ISH5. As a result of the amendment the residual effect has changed from Neutral to Slight Adverse (remaining not significant). The chapter has been updated to make it clear that both Bridge House Farm and Old Stable Yard are residential receptors on Winthorpe Road in response to ExQ2 13.0.9. The assessment remains as Slight Adverse (not significant).

The chapter has been updated to include an assessment of the Mint Leaf building as a residential receptor in response to ExQ2 13.0.9. The Applicant confirms that an assessment of this property was previously omitted from Chapter 12 (Population and Human Health) as the property is known to be uninhabited and sits within the premises of an abandoned commercial building. However, for completeness the Applicant has updated Chapter 12 (Population and Human Health) to reflect the loss of this residential property. Figure 12.3 has also been updated to make it clear that both the Bridge House Farm/Boarding Kennels and Old Stable Yard are both residential receptors in line with the ExQ2 13.0.9. Figure 12.5 has been updated to include all ‘dual use’ receptor points in line with the ExQ2 13.0.9.

- 6.8 Archaeological Management Plan has been updated following the changes made to Requirement 9 in the draft Development Consent Order. The updates have been made following comments from Nottinghamshire County Council and the Applicant’s response to ExQ2 Q6.1.4.
- Chapter 9 Geology and Soils and Appendix 9.3 has been updated following amendments identified by the ExQ2 Q7.0.4. The chapter includes updates to values of permanent and temporary loss of Grade 3a land due to double counting of areas in the Kelham and Averham FCA. Some areas of Grade 3b land have also been updated to reflect the design changes which were omitted from the deadline 3 updates and grade 4 areas have been updated to report to 1 decimal place for consistency (previously reported as round numbers). In all cases the updates have resulted in a reduction on the area of Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) land impacted by the Scheme.
- Chapter 5 Air Quality and figure 5.3 has been updated confirm both the Bridge House Farm/Boarding Kennels and Old Stable Yard are both residential receptors in line with the ExQ2 Q2.0.3. This amendment does not change the conclusions of the air quality assessment.
- Chapter 10 Material Assets and Waste has been updated following amendments identified by the ExQ2 Q11.0.1; Q11.0.2 and Q11.0.5. The chapter has also been updated with the most recent aggregates data from Nottinghamshire County Council, at the request of the

ExA. None of the above changes have changed the conclusions of the material assets and waste assessment.

- Chapter 16 Summary conclusion has been updated following updates to Chapter 9 Geology and Soils to ensure conclusions align regarding permanent and temporary loss of ALC graded land.

The Applicant has updated the Book of Reference and Schedule of Changes to capture the changes associated with defining airspace rights on plots within Network Rail owned land; these have been submitted as part of our Deadline 5 submission package. As a consequence of these changes the Land Plans will need to be updated and submitted at Deadline 7 following further engagement and reviews with Network Rail.

With regard to updating application documents to refer to the NPSNN designated in 2024. The applicant has assessed this request and notes this would require an update to all chapters of the Environmental Statement (including some Appendices) as well as a number of other application documents. The Applicant has prepared and submitted a separate Accordance Table for the NPSNN 2024 [REP2-023] which, in the Applicant's view, should provide the Examining Authority and Secretary of State with the broad context it requires in order to understand how the Scheme complies with that policy and the detail in the existing application documents should not be impacted by the fact that there continues to be reference to the draft NPSNN (as it was when the application was submitted). This is particularly the case given the fact that the applicable National Policy Statement for the Scheme is the NPSNN 2015.

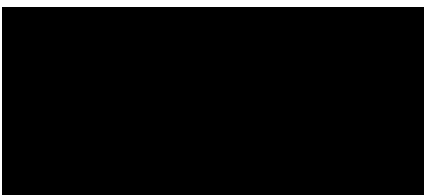
Where changes have been agreed during the Examination these changes are reflected in the various updates to the relevant Chapters of the Environmental Statement that have been included in the applicants deadline 5 submission

Should the Examining Authority wish for this update to occur across all application documents the Applicant is able to do this for Deadline 8 of the Examination.

In addition to the approach above specifically at paragraph 5.216 of the NPSNN (March 2024) contained in Table 2.2 (Compliance of the NPSNN (March 2024) Chapter 5) of the updates made to the National Policy Statement for National Networks (2024) Accordance Tables submitted at Deadline 5 [TR010065.7.39], two paragraphs of text in the 'Compliance with the NPSNN (March 2024)' column relating to the Grade II Listed Lowwood building (built heritage asset MM053) has been deleted because this text was incorrect in the previous submission. The Applicant has therefore corrected this text (as tracked changes) but wanted to explain the reason for the deletion. For clarity, no designated built heritage assets have been assessed as having significant effects once mitigation was considered as part of the assessment.

Should you require additional information please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours sincerely,



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