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> 0300 123 5000 22nd August 2025

Dear Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit

Applicant's response to Secretary of State for Transport request for information - A46 Newark Bypass (TR010065)
PROTECTIVE PROVISIONS

- 1. The Secretary of State notes that an agreement on the wording of the Protective Provisions for the benefit of National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) ("NGED") has not been reached. The Applicant and NGED are asked to provide an update on the current position of the Protective Provisions and whether an agreement has now been reached. If so, the parties are requested to provide their agreed wording for the Secretary of State's consideration.
- Where an agreement has not been reached, the Applicant and NGED are asked to set out their respective proposed wording or their view on what is needed to resolve the concerns.

This response is made by National Highways (the "Applicant") to the Secretary of State for Transport's (SoS) request for comments dated 15 August 2025.

The Applicant agrees with the National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc ("NGED") response provided on 8 August 2025, in response to SoS request for information dated 21 July 2025. The Protective Provisions along with a supplemental commercial side agreement are in engrossed form and approved by both NGED and the Applicant. The Applicant has signed off the agreements and have been sent to the Applicant's and NGED's representatives to compete.

The Applicant and their representatives will continue to work wih NGED representatives to get this matters closed in a timely manner.

Yours faithfully,

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