

Secretary of State for Transport **Great Minster House** 33 Horseferry Road London SW1P 4DR

National Highways Three Snowhill Snow Hill Queensway Birmingham B4 6GA

> 0300 123 5000 22nd August 2025

Dear Planning Inspectorate

Applicant's further 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.
- 2. 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 further response is made by National Highways (the "Applicant") in addition to the response dated 29 August 2025 to the Secretary of State for Transport's (SoS) request for comments dated 15 August 2025.

The Applicant confirms that the Protective Provisions along with a supplemental commercial side agreement have been completed on 2 September 2025 by the Applicant and NGED.

The Applicant understands that NGED have written to remove their holding representation, withdrawing their objection and the proposed form of Protective Provisions provided in the letter from their representatives dated 27 August 2025.

The Applicant confirms that the Protective Provisions to be included in the Order should be those submitted at Deadline 9. These Protective Provisions have been annexed for ease of reference.

Yours faithfully



Project Director

Email: a46newarkbypass@nationalhighways.co.uk



