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The Applicant

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Our Ref: TR010066

Date: 20 March 2025

Dear Applicant,

Planning Act 2008 – Section 89

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 9

Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A46 Coventry Junctions (Walsgrave) Project

Procedural Decision to request further information

As you will have seen from the [Rule 4](#) statement published on 30 January 2025, I have been appointed by the Secretary of State to be the lead member of the Examining Authority (ExA) who will examine and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport on the A46 Coventry Junctions (Walsgrave) project.

The Examining Authority (ExA) has set out in this letter requests for further information.

“Interim Planning Guidance on the consideration of the Environment Act PM_{2.5} targets in planning decisions” - published 4 October 2024

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs have published the above that explains that this guidance should be taken into account in the design process and documented within the planning application documents. By way of example, it states that evidence of its application could be set out within the air quality assessment in the environmental statement.

The ExA note that in Table 5.1 of the air quality chapter of the environmental statement [\[APP-027\]](#) reference is made to new PM_{2.5} targets but states that at the time of writing these had not been published. As these new targets are now available the ExA would like to understand their implications for the submitted assessment.

“National assessment of flood and coastal erosion risk in England 2024”

Environment Agency, updated 22 January 2025.

The Environment Agency has published new flood and coastal erosion risk data in 2025 following the release of its "National assessment of flood and coastal erosion risk in England 2024" and will be publishing additional datasets to further support this later this month. The applicant should ensure that assessments take account of updated data sets as these become available through Defra's Data Services Platform. The ExA would like to understand the Applicant's views as to the implications of the new data on the submitted flood risk assessment. [\[APP-101\]](#).

In both of the above cases responses should be submitted by **Friday 25 April 2025**.

If, in the Applicant's view, it will not be possible to assess the full implications by this deadline, then an indicative work programme should be provided on that date. This should describe each stage of the process in sufficient depth to allow the ExA to understand how the requirements of the changes in the published documents will be addressed, including how any significant changes would be accommodated in the work programme and when the appropriate stakeholders will be engaged.

Other interested/ statutory parties may also wish to respond to this request.

Yours faithfully

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Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

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