

Summary of Natural England's Written Representations advice in respect of A46 Coventry Junctions (Walsgrave)

Overall, Natural England are satisfied that the proposals address the majority of potential impacts to the natural environment. The only areas of concern where we consider further assessment and/or information is required to enable to examining authority to make an informed decision are: Nationally Designated Sites and Soils & Protected species.

The key concerns we have regarding Nationally designated sites are:

- Impacts of noise and lighting on Combe Pool SSSI and mitigation to prevent impacts (NE4).
- Impacts from air quality (NOx, NH3, N dep) on Combe Pool SSSI and Herald Way Marsh SSSI (NE6).
- Impacts on water quality and water quantity on Combe Pool SSSI and Herald Way Marsh SSSI (NE7).

The key concerns we have regarding Protected species are:

- Potential requirement for a bat licence (NE8).

We are satisfied that the proposals will not have a likely significant effect on Internationally designated sites.

Natural England's overall conclusions:

Natural England are seeking clarification and further information on potential impacts and the mitigation measures proposed. If sufficient information/clarification is provided we believe this is likely to overcome our concerns. We shall continue to work with National Highways to resolve these issues.