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Dear K-J,

**A46 COVENTRY JUNCTIONS (WALSGRAVE) – TR010066
DEADLINE 1 COVERING LETTER**

National Highways (the “Applicant”) is responding to Deadline 1 of the Examination and submitting documents required by the Examining Authority (the “ExA”) in its Rule 6 (**PD-006**) and Rule 8 (**PD-007**) letters, as well as other documents it believes are required to complement and assist in the Examination.

The Applicant, at this Deadline, is submitting the six Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) requested by the ExA. The SoCGs are well advanced and have been signed by one party, three have been agreed as an accurate record by the stakeholder by email, and most matters are agreed in all others. It is anticipated that many of these SoCGs will record all matters being agreed within the next couple of deadlines.

As discussed in the Response to Rule 6 Letter (**PD1-017**), the Applicant believes that given the following, once the ExA has considered the Deadline 1 submissions it should shorten the examination to around four months by means of issuing a variation under rule 8(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010:

- one out of only six requested SoCGs having been signed at this early stage, with three others having been agreed as an accurate record by the stakeholder by email;
- as reported in the Statement of Commonality, no issues across the six SoCGs are marked as ‘not agreed’, two have all issues agreed and two only have one issue under discussion;
- the remaining issues are minor and are either likely to be resolved soon or do not need further information to be decided on by the ExA;
- Natural England agreeing in its SoCG that there are no likely significant impacts on internationally protected sites, thus accelerating or obviating the need for the production of a Report on Implications for European Sites;
- no party requesting to attend or speaking at the Open Floor Hearing and no party (other than the Applicant) suggesting locations for an Accompanied Site Inspection;

- Issue Specific Hearing 1 taking less than two hours to cover all the issues raised by the ExA (excluding breaks);
- the small number (13) of relevant representations submitted and the general support the Scheme has received.

Documents submitted at Deadline 1

Table 1 provides a complete list of all documents being submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 1 and the reasons for their submission. The documents are submitted in clean and tracked change versions if they are updated versions of existing documents.

Annex F of the Rule 6 letter (**PD-006**) asked for the Applicant's updates and submission of a number of documents at this deadline. However, as no updates are required currently for certain documents, the following have not been submitted:

- Land Plans - No updates to this document are currently required, therefore the Land Plans have not been submitted at this stage. They were updated for Procedural Deadline A (Land Plans (**PD1-001**)).
- Explanatory Memorandum - At this deadline, submitting a new version of the Explanatory Memorandum (**PD1-005**) was not considered necessary due to only very minor amendments to the draft DCO (**PD1-003**).
- Statement of Reasons – No changes are deemed necessary at this stage. Annex B of the Statement of Reasons (**PD1-007**) has also been superseded by 8.2 Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker (**PD1-013**), which has been updated for this deadline.

Annex F also asks for a summary document to be submitted with the land rights tracker, summarising the progress made since the last submission. However, due to the few landowners and negotiations required by the application, a new document was not thought to be necessary, and a summary of updates is included in the 8.2 Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker (**PD1-013**) itself on page 7.

Table 1 List of documents

| Updated Documents | | | | |
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| Document Title | Document Number | Planning Inspectorate Document Reference for latest version | Revision | Reason for Submission |
| A46 Covering Letter – Deadline 1 | X | TBC | 0 | This document. To provide reasoning for the document submissions |
| Draft Development Consent Order | 3.1 | PD1-003 | 2 | Updates to reflect updates to other documents. Also submitted in Word version |
| Consents and Agreements Position Statement | 3.3 | APP-007 | 1 | Updates to consents and protective provisions |
| Book of Reference | 4.3 | PD1-009 | 3 | Updates to Coventry City Council ownership and to deceased parties |

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| Environmental Statement Chapter 9 (Geology and Soils) | 6.1 | APP-031 | 1 | Updated following Action 7 from Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) - <i>Environmental Statement Chapter 9 APP-031, para 9.3.1.6 to be amended to refer to the soil handling management plan (rather than soil management plan)</i> |
| First Iteration Environmental Management Plan (EMP) | 6.5 | APP-109 | 1 | Updates to names of management plans for Second Iteration EMP |
| Case for the Scheme | 7.1 | APP-132 | 1 | Revisions to policy section regarding updates to Coventry City Council and Rugby Local Plan updates and also additions regarding the Midlands Connect Transport Partnership |
| Application Document Tracker | 8.1 | PD1-011 | 1 | Requirement of Rule 6 letter Annex F |
| Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker | 8.2 | PD1-013 | 1 | Requirement of Rule 6 letter Annex F and updates to negotiations |
| Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order | 8.3 | PD1-014 | 1 | Updated to reflect the changes made to the draft DCO |
| New Documents | | | | |
| Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations | 8.4 | TBC | 0 | Deadline 1 requirement |
| Draft itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection | 8.5 | TBC | 0 | Deadline 1 requirement |
| Statement of Common Ground with Coventry City Council | 8.6 | TBC | 0 | Deadline 1 requirement |
| Statement of Common Ground with Warwickshire County Council | 8.7 | TBC | 0 | Deadline 1 requirement |
| Statement of Common Ground with | 8.8 | TBC | 0 | Deadline 1 requirement |

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| Rugby Borough Council | | | | |
| Statement of Common Ground with Historic England | 8.9 | TBC | 0 | Deadline 1 requirement |
| Statements of Common Ground with Environment Agency | 8.10 | TBC | 0 | Deadline 1 requirement |
| Statement of Common Ground with Natural England | 8.11 | TBC | 0 | Deadline 1 requirement |
| Statement of Commonality for the Statements of Common Ground | 8.12 | TBC | 0 | Deadline 1 requirement |
| Applicant's Summary of the Preliminary Meeting and Open Floor Hearing 1 | 8.13 | TBC | 0 | Deadline 1 requirement |
| Applicant's Summary of Issue Specific Hearing 1 | 8.14 | TBC | 0 | Deadline 1 requirement |
| Additional Cross Sections through the Existing Walsgrave Junction | 8.15 | TBC | 0 | Provided following Action 5 from ISH1: <i>Provide a section that goes through the existing roundabout across to the end of Coombe Pool showing indicative heights of landscaping etc</i> |
| Excel spreadsheet of documents submitted at Deadline 1 | X | X | 0 | Request from ExA |

Please do not hesitate to make contact should you need clarification on any of the matters detailed within this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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