



Application by National Highways for A46 Coventry Junctions (Walsgrave) Project
The Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ1)
Issued on 10th June 2025.

The following table sets out the Examining Authority's (ExA's) written questions and requests for information - ExQ1. If necessary, the examination timetable enables the ExA to issue a further round of written questions in due course. If this is done, the further round of questions will be referred to as ExQ2.

Column 2 of the table indicates which Interested Parties (IPs) and other persons each question is directed to. The ExA would be grateful if all persons named could answer all questions directed to them, providing a substantive response, or indicating that the question is not relevant to them for a reason. This does not prevent an answer being provided to a question by a person to whom it is not directed, should the question be relevant to their interests.

Each question has a unique reference number which starts with the topic area, and then 1 (indicating that it is from ExQ1) and then has a question number. For example, the first question on air quality and emissions issues is identified as AQ.1.1. When you are answering a question, please start your answer by quoting the unique reference number.

If you are responding to a small number of questions, answers in a letter will suffice. If you are answering a larger number of questions, it will assist the ExA if you use a table based on this one to set out your responses. An editable version of this table in Microsoft Word is available on request from the case team: please contact a46walsgrave@planninginspectorate.gov.uk and include 'A46 Coventry Junctions (Walsgrave)' in the subject line of your email.

Responses are due by Deadline 3: 24th June 2025.



Abbreviations used:

PA2008	The Planning Act 2008	LHA	Local highway authority
A	Article	LIR	Local impact report
BNG	Biodiversity net gain	LPA	Local planning authority
BoR	Book of reference	NNNPS	National Networks National Policy Statement
CA	Compulsory acquisition	NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
dDCO	Draft DCO	R	Requirement
EM	Explanatory memorandum	REAC	Register of environmental actions and commitments
EMP	Environmental management plan	SAC	Special Area of Conservation
ES	Environmental statement	SI	Statutory instrument
ExA	Examining Authority	SoS	Secretary of State
FRA	Flood risk assessment	SSSI	Sites of Special Scientific Interest
HRA	Habitats Regulation Assessment	TP	Temporary possession
IPs	Interested parties	TPO	Tree preservation order

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References in these questions set out in square brackets (eg [APP-010]) are to documents catalogued in the Examination Library. The Examination Library can be obtained from the following link: [\[Examination Library\]](#). It will be updated as the examination progresses.



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General and cross-topic		
GC.1.1	The Applicant	Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments [APP-110] – G1 Should highway authorities be consulted on this framework as it includes commitments such as G4 covering traffic management plans and other commitments that may require the views of the highway authorities.?
GC.1.2	All interested parties	Maintenance arrangements for the proposed woodland planting area chosen for ecological mitigation Coventry City Council in their summary of Issue Specific Hearing 1 [REP1-037] state that the City Council's Parks and Open Spaces Team will be responsible for the maintenance of the woodland area. IPs are invited to comment on (i) the maintenance arrangements for the proposed woodland mitigation area and (ii) the proposal that access for maintenance would be provided via the Hungerley Hall Farm accommodation overbridge. (Refer (i) to paragraphs 2.5.127. and 2.5.128. of ES Chapter 2 [APP-024], (ii) Sheet 2 of 5 on ES Figure 2.4 (Environmental Masterplan) [APP-043]; and (iii) [REP1-039] (Annex A to Issue Specific Hearing 1 - Indicative Cycle route)).
GC.1.3	All interested parties	Use of an existing compound ES Chapter 2 [APP-024] paragraphs 2.6.10 – 2.6.20 refer to the use of an existing compound at Brinklow Road, which is not included within the order limits as it has been secured under a Town and Country Planning Act permission as it was previously used for the adjacent Binley Junctions upgrade (non DCO project). ES Chapter 4 [APP-026] paragraph 4.6.2 states that the use of this compound, including traffic movements, is considered as part of the baseline due to the existing permission. The Inspectorate provided draft document comments on this matter, to which the applicant has responded [APP-130] to provide additional information. IPs are invited to comment on any anticipated implications of the use of this compound and exclusion from the order limits, and consideration of the compound within the baseline data.
GC.1.4	All interested parties	Assessment of diversion routes The ES notes throughout [APP-024][APP-027][APP-134] that temporary closures and diversions are required during construction, typically during night times or weekends. The ES

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		<p>does not specifically include an assessment of these diversions during construction, however, provides a justification for this as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•The overall duration of construction works does not exceed the 24-month threshold for assessment stated within the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges•The closures are generally short term e.g. overnight / weekend, and a specified short diversion route, which is the existing diversion in the event of a planned or emergency closure of the current A46 / B4082, is given.•Diversion routes are on the Affected Road Network so may form part of the assessment•In the event that the construction period does over run beyond 24 months, the ES gives the anticipated traffic movements from the appointed contractor, which are shown to not meet the relevant vehicle movement thresholds of the DMRB (APP-027 paragraphs 5.5.9 – 5.5.13). <p>IPs are invited to comment on any concerns noted with the applicant's assessment of diversion routes.</p>
Air Quality		
AQ.1.1	The Applicant, Coventry City Council and Rugby Borough Council	<p>ES Ch.5 [APP-027] Paragraph 5.6.2</p> <p>Is more recent data available and does this have any implications for the assessments and modelling undertaken?</p>
AQ.1.2	Natural England, Coventry City Council and Rugby Borough Council	<p>ES Ch.5 [APP-027] Paragraph 5.13.9</p> <p>Do you agree with the conclusion “<i>there will be no significant effects in terms of air quality on human and ecological receptors as a result of the Scheme.</i>” If not explain the points of difference with this conclusion.</p>
AQ.1.3	Natural England, Coventry City Council, Rugby Borough Council and any other Interested Parties	<p>Applicant's response to Rule 9 [PD1-016] – Paragraph 7.1.7</p> <p>The Applicant’s conclusion concerning the impact of the “Interim Planning Guidance on the consideration of the Environment Act PM_{2.5} targets in planning decisions” - published 4 October 2024 states; in conclusion that “<i>if the interim planning guidance had been in place at the time of the original Scheme air quality assessment, there would be no material changes to the assessment outcomes.</i>” Do you agree?</p> <p>If not explain the points of difference with this conclusion.</p>

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Alternatives		
AS.1.1	Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural England, Coventry City Council, Warwickshire County Council and Rugby Borough Council	ES Ch.3 [APP-025] – Assessment of Alternatives Do you agree with the assessments of alternatives set out in this chapter and the option selected for this application? If not set out any areas of disagreement.
Biodiversity, Ecology and Natural Environment (including Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA))		
BY.1.1	The Applicant	Consultation Can you advise on the current status of ongoing consultations with the consultees listed in ES Table 8-4: Ongoing engagement [APP-030]? This table details ongoing engagement about a number of biodiversity matters with consultees including Natural England, the Environment Agency, Coventry City Council, Coventry City Council - Coombe Abbey Park Estate, and Warwickshire County Council. Table 8-4 contains several comments indicating that additional feedback and consultation with these organisations is needed.
BY.1.2	Natural England Environment Agency Coventry City Council Warwickshire County Council	Assessment and mitigation Do you agree with the applicant's conclusions regarding the likely significant effects on biodiversity arising from the Proposed Development? If you do, provide an explanation; if you do not, indicate the areas of disagreement with the findings and how this may influence the overall conclusions. (Refer to ES Section 8.11 Assessment of likely significant effects (both during construction and operation) [APP-030]). Do you consider the Applicants approach to the assessment and mitigation of biodiversity and nature conservation to comply with the relevant parts of the National Networks National Policy Statement?
BY.1.3	The Applicant	Design approach

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		<p>Table 5-1 in section 5 (Scheme design process) of the Scheme Design Report [APP-135] summarises the advice of a design review panel.</p> <p>Recommendation 7. set out by the Design Panel states: <i>"7. ... As a national organisation, National Highways has the opportunity to set a strong precedent and provide guidance on how to respond to BNG requirements while celebrating its achievements."</i></p> <p>In their Relevant Representation [RR-012] the Environment Agency use an issue / impact / solution framework to expand on six concerns related to biodiversity / biodiversity net gain / Appendix A Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments. These are summarised as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1 / Ref. 8.10.3 / Mitigation for otter has not been provided during the operation of the scheme, and risk of vehicle collision has not been considered; 6.1 / Ref. 8.8.104 / Light pollution/spill onto watercourses has the potential to exhibit changes in fish behaviour as a result of unnatural lighting, which can negatively impact migratory fish; 6.3 / Ref. 4.5.1 / No enhancements to watercourses within the scheme under BNG have been proposed, the aim of BNG to make sure developments have a measurably positive impact on biodiversity; 6.5 / Ref. RD2 / Culverts have the potential to fragment habitats and reduces connectivity, making dispersal and commuting for some species difficult; 6.5 / Ref. RD10 / Biodiversity has not been considered with regards to the pond/detention basin; 6.5 / Ref. RD11 / Hard scour-protection will further add to artificial modifications within the watercourses. Artificial modifications reduce the availability of habitat for wildlife. <p>Can you respond to each of these concerns by addressing each of the impacts identified by the agency and detail the practicality of any solution(s) put forward by the agency?</p>
BY.1.4	The Applicant	<p>Bat licence</p> <p>Paragraph 8.11.49 of ES Chapter 8 [APP-030] states that updated surveys will be undertaken in 2025 to confirm the presence of roosting bats.</p> <p>Have these surveys have been undertaken? And if so submit the results into the Examination?</p>
BY.1.5	The Applicant	Barn Owl and Bat Boxes

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		<p>Table 8-4: Ongoing engagement in ES Chapter 8 [APP-030] on page 38 of 154 refers to a draft legal agreement issued to Coventry City Council for the installation of barn owl boxes within Coombe Abbey Park and bat boxes in a location to be determined.</p> <p>Can you confirm the location of the Barn Owl and Bat boxes has been confirmed?</p>
BY.1.6	The Applicant	<p>Impacts on Sites of Special Scientific Interest</p> <p>In their Written Representation [REP1-035] Natural England use a red / amber / green status to highlight areas with significant issues. In Part II of their Written Representation, Natural England raise the following 'amber' status concerns:</p> <p>NE2 / Coombe Pool Habitat loss / we remain unclear of the mitigation measures in regard to prevention of impacts from the environmental flood bund works on the SSSI, especially in regard to surface water pollution;</p> <p>NE2 / Coombe Pool Habitat loss / we have not seen or found any reference to a construction environmental management plan. Further clarification and information should be provided;</p> <p>NE2 / Coombe Pool Habitat loss / We also would like to see further details on the woodland creation proposals;</p> <p>NE4 / Noise, light, vibration impacts on Coombe Pool / Further information needs to be provided on different mitigation options and how these different options will affect noise levels within the SSSI both during the construction stage and the operational stage;</p> <p>NE4 / Noise, light, vibration impacts on Coombe Pool / Further clarification should be provided on measures to prevent lighting impacts on the SSSI.</p> <p>NE7 / Potential impacts in water quality and water quantity on Coombe Pool SSSI and Herald Way Marsh SSSI / Pathways have been identified between the site and the SSSIs. We are unclear about the specific measures that will be used to prevent impacts on the water quality and quantity of the SSSIs.</p> <p>Can you address each of these concerns?</p>
BY.1.7	The Applicant	<p>Species Surveys</p> <p>In the Relevant Representation from Coventry City Council [RR-013], under the heading 'Ecology and Biodiversity Impacts', it is indicated that there is no clear evidence of an updated</p>

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		<p>habitat survey that demonstrates the current condition, and the types of habitats present on the site.</p> <p>Can you explain the status of the habitat survey programme and address the point raised by the City Council in their Relevant Representation?</p>
BY.1.8	<p>Natural England</p> <p>Environment Agency</p> <p>Coventry City Council</p> <p>Warwickshire County Council</p>	<p>Management Measures</p> <p>What are your views on the Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Appendix B.4, [APP-109]) regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ecology strategy and principles (ii) REAC Ecology (iii) Biodiversity net gain (iv) monitoring specifications <p>What are your views on the management measures BD1 through to BD9 set out in Table 1 of the First Iteration Environmental Management Plan Appendix A, Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments [APP-110]?</p> <p>Would the dDCO [REP1-002], Table 1 of the Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments [APP-110], and Appendix B.4 [APP-109] adequately secure all measures required to reduce the environmental impacts of material assets and waste?</p>
BY.1.9	Natural England	<p>Habitats Regulations Assessment</p> <p>Confirm whether you are satisfied with the conclusions of the Habitats Regulations Assessment report?</p> <p>(Refer to Tables 4-1 and 4-2 of Appendix 8.12 Habitats Regulations Assessment Report [APP-087]).</p>
BY.1.10	<p>The Applicant</p> <p>Natural England</p>	<p>Habitats Regulations Assessment</p> <p>The Joint Nature Conservation Committee Standard Data Form (and website information) for the River Mease SAC lists the following which have not been considered within the applicants HRA report [APP-087]:</p> <p>Annex I habitats present as a qualifying feature (but not a primary reason for selection of this site)</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculus fluitans and Callitriche-Batrachion vegetation <p>Annex II species present as a qualifying feature (but not a primary reason for site selection)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White-clawed (or Atlantic stream) crayfish • Otter <p>To the applicant – Can you confirm the status of these three qualifying features in relation to the HRA report [APP-087] and why they have not been included?</p> <p>To Natural England – Can you confirm if you consider whether there is any potential for likely significant effects on these qualifying features, and if the HRA [APP-087] requires these to be included within the assessment?</p>
Climate		
CE.1.1	The Applicant	<p>Consultation</p> <p>Paragraph 14.4.2. of ES Chapter 14: Climate [APP-036] explains that the Consultation Report [APP-115] outlines how the applicant has engaged further with statutory consultees.</p> <p>Signpost the ExA to where details of further engagement in the Consultation Report on the topics of climate change and greenhouse gas emissions can be found.</p>
CE.1.2	The Applicant	<p>General climate change and policy</p> <p>Table 1 of the NNNPS Accordance Tables [APP-133] at reference 4.37 states <i>"The Scheme has been designed to prevent consequential impacts from adaptation measures. The adaptation measures have been discussed within the Design, mitigation and enhancement measures section of ES Chapter 14 (Climate)"</i>.</p> <p>Summarise all relevant mitigation or adaptation measures identified for the Proposed Development, including any modifications or additions to the proposed mitigation that have occurred since the preparation of the ES.</p>
CE.1.3	The Applicant	<p>General climate change and policy</p> <p>Concerning NNNPS paragraph 4.43, the NNNPS Accordance Table [APP-133] states <i>"Adaptive management would be employed during the operational period where it is necessary to adapt the asset management in response to climate impacts. Where appropriate, additional interventions would be determined and implemented"</i>.</p>

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		Confirm the draft DCO [REP1-002] mechanism through which the proposed adaptive management procedures are secured?
CE.1.4	The Applicant	<p>Greenhouse gas emissions</p> <p>The ES Chapter 14 [APP-036] paragraph 14.6.2. outlines the assessment assumptions and limitations, indicating that the greenhouse gas assessment during the construction phase relies on assumptions and professional judgment, as there was limited information available at the time of the assessment.</p> <p>Provide additional evidence to substantiate the claim that appropriate worst-case assumptions have been established and that incorporating certain aspects of scheme design during the detailed design phase would not lead to new or different significant effects compared to those outlined in section 14.11.</p> <p>According to ES Chapter 14 [APP-036] paragraph 14.6.1, the assessment was based on a <i>"reasonable worst-case basis"</i>.</p> <p>Could you clarify the meaning of 'reasonable' in this context?</p>
CE.1.5	The Applicant	<p>Cumulative Climate Effects</p> <p>In ES Chapter 14 [APP-036] it is indicated that additional details regarding the cumulative effects of climate are found in ES Chapter 15 [APP-037]; however, this merely directs the reader to ES Chapter 14.</p> <p>Could you confirm if any information has been inadvertently excluded from ES Chapter 15?</p>
CE.1.6	The Applicant	<p>Cumulative Climate Effects</p> <p>Could you confirm if the method for assessing cumulative climate effects was agreed with any relevant body, such as the appropriate local authority?</p>
CE.1.7	Natural England Environment Agency Coventry City Council Rugby Borough Council Warwickshire County Council	<p>Assessment and mitigation</p> <p>Do you agree with the applicant's conclusions regarding the likely significant effects on greenhouse gases?</p> <p>If you do, provide an explanation; if you do not, indicate the areas of disagreement with the findings and how this may influence the overall conclusions.</p> <p>(Refer to ES Section 14.11 Assessment of likely significant effects (construction and operation) [APP-036]).</p>

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		Do you consider the Applicants approach to the assessment and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions to comply with the relevant parts of the National Networks National Policy Statement?
CE.1.8	The Applicant	<p>Assessment and Mitigation</p> <p>The wording of Section 14.10 of ES Chapter 14 [APP-036] does not clearly indicate whether any essential construction mitigation measures were considered in the greenhouse gas assessment, and consequently, whether they informed its conclusions. Could you clarify which mitigation measures were factored into the significance assessment?</p>
CE.1.9	The Applicant	<p>Design approach</p> <p>In Table 5-1 (Design panel observations and design team responses) of the Scheme Design Report [APP-135], under point 17: Futureproofing, the design panel make the following observation:</p> <p><i>"While the team has planned for the road's usage up to 60 years into the future, we recommend considering how the details of the highway design will remain relevant and effective"</i></p> <p><i>"Furthermore, understanding and anticipating how our British landscape might evolve is crucial for futureproofing this project and ensuring climate resilience".</i></p> <p>The response offered to the design panel's observation addressed a single matter, namely that bollards on the A46 Binley roundabout that seemed to the panel to be inappropriate for their primary purpose.</p> <p>Could you offer a comprehensive explanation regarding the topic of futureproofing the Proposed Development to ensure climate resilience?</p>
CE.1.10	The Applicant	<p>General climate change and policy</p> <p>The ES Chapter 14 [APP-036] Table 14.18 provides an assessment of the vulnerability of specific features of the Proposed Development to climate change.</p> <p>Regarding the influence of rising temperatures, which may lead to the failure of joint and bearing connections in gantries and overbridges, as well as the possible consequences of heightened wind speed and the frequency of extreme wind events, provide additional justification and evidence supporting the conclusion that any resulting effect would not be significant.</p>

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CE.1.11	The Applicant	<p>Carbon emissions</p> <p>Table 14.2 of ES Chapter 14 [APP-036] states at references 5.41 and 5.42 <i>"This Chapter demonstrates the construction, operation and use of the Scheme is predicted to increase carbon emissions by approximately 377,791 tCO₂e over the appraisal period of 60 years (up to 2087)".</i></p> <p>The method by which the figure of 377,791 presented in this chapter has been derived is not clear. Provide a detailed summary explaining how this figure was calculated and compiled.</p>
CE.1.12	The Applicant	<p>Mitigation</p> <p>Table 14.13 in Chapter 14 of the ES [APP-036] outlines the expected effects of climate events during operations and highlights that the stability of earthworks is at significant risk by changes in future precipitation.</p> <p>Regarding end users and the potential impacts of safety risks during climate events, explain the design and maintenance protocols implemented to protect safety-critical aspects of the Proposed Development. This includes ensuring the stability of earthworks against the effects of (i) such climate events and (ii) more extreme climate changes that exceed the forecasts provided in the most recent UK climate projections.</p>
CE.1.13	The Applicant	<p>Mitigation</p> <p>Table 14.18 of ES Chapter 14 [APP-036] suggests that an increase in precipitation may result in traffic disruptions due to the necessity of more frequent replacements of joints and bearings on highway structures.</p> <p>Have you evaluated whether the local roads could serve as appropriate and adequate alternative routes and means of transportation for road users in the event of a climate-related hazard leading to traffic disruptions?</p>
CE.1.14	Natural England Environment Agency Coventry City Council Rugby Borough Council Warwickshire County Council	<p>Management Measures</p> <p>What are your views on the Outline Carbon Management Plan (Appendix B.8, [APP-109]) regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approach - Carbon Management Process - Monitoring and Reporting

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		<p>What are your views on the management measures C1 through to C3 (related to climate) set out in Table 1 of the First Iteration Environmental Management Plan Appendix A, Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments [APP-110]?</p> <p>What are your views on the mitigation measures to minimise the carbon emissions from construction and operation? (Refer to Section 14.10 of ES Chapter 14 [APP-036]).</p> <p>Would the dDCO [REP1-002], and Table 1 of the Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments [APP-110] adequately secure all measures required to reduce the environmental impacts on climate?</p>
Combined and Cumulative Effects		
CC.1.1	The Applicant	<p>Combined Effects</p> <p>Table 15-4 in Chapter 15 of the ES: Cumulative Effects [APP-037] indicates, on page 14 of 37, that no significant cumulative effects on ecological receptors are anticipated during the construction phase.</p> <p>The evaluation of the significance of cumulative effects on ecological receptors detailed in Table 15-4 notes that the impacts on the Coombe Pool Site are classified as large adverse. Provide additional justification and clarification regarding the conclusion on combined effects concerning ecological receptors.</p>
CC.1.2	The Applicant	<p>Combined Effects</p> <p>Table 15-4 in Chapter 15 of the ES: Cumulative Effects [APP-037] indicates, on page 17 of 37, that no significant cumulative effects on landscape and visual receptors are anticipated during the construction phase. The evaluation of the significance of cumulative effects on landscape and visual receptors detailed in Table 15-4 notes that the impacts on Project Landscape Character Area 1 (Walsgrave Hill and Valley including Hungerley Hall Farm) are classified as large adverse.</p> <p>Provide additional justification and clarification regarding the conclusion on combined effects concerning landscape and visual receptors.</p>
CC.1.3	The Applicant	<p>Combined Effects</p> <p>Table 15-4 in Chapter 15 of the ES: Cumulative Effects [APP-037] indicates, on page 17 of 37, that no significant cumulative effects on geology and soils are anticipated during the</p>

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		construction phase. The evaluation of the significance of cumulative effects on geology and soils detailed in Table 15-4 notes that the impacts on agricultural soils are large adverse. Provide additional justification and clarification regarding the conclusion on combined effects concerning geology and soils.
CC.1.4	The Applicant	<p>Interpretation - "Neutral or slightly adverse"</p> <p>In Chapter 15 of the ES: Cumulative Effects [APP-037], specifically in Tables 15-4 and 15-5, the phrase 'Neutral or Slightly adverse' is used multiple times to categorise both single aspect and combined effects during the construction and operational phases.</p> <p>The application of this phrase may lead to misunderstandings regarding the interpretation of the two tables.</p> <p>Clarify the classification of single aspect and combined effects labelled as 'Neutral or Slightly adverse' in ES Tables 15-4 and 15-5.</p>
CC.1.5	Local planning authorities	<p>Cumulative effects with other developments</p> <p>Do the local planning authorities agree with the list of other developments included in the cumulative effects assessment (Refer to Section 15.8 of ES Chapter 15 [APP-037])?</p>
CC.1.6	The Applicant	<p>Cumulative effects with other developments</p> <p>Can you explain the steps that you would take to keep information about other developments that are relevant to the cumulative effects assessment (ES Chapter 15 [APP-037]) under review, including how any changes would be addressed and reported to the Examination?</p>
Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession and Other Land or Rights Considerations		
CA.1.1	The Applicant	<p>Statement of Reasons [APP-008] - Category 3 Persons</p> <p>Section 4.6 briefly covers the assessment of Category 3 persons explaining, in paragraph 4.6.7, that it was based on a worse-case assessment. Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A map showing the locations of Category 3 persons; and (ii) An explanation as to why the assessment can be considered 'worse-case'.
CA.1.2	The Applicant	Book of Reference [AS-016] Page 120 – Plot 3/3

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		There are no other interests other than the Applicant indicated and it is also shown coloured for permanent acquisition on sheet 3 of the Land Plans APP-012. Explain why powers are being sought for this parcel of land?
CA.1.3	The Applicant	<p>Funding Statement [AS-006]</p> <p>Paragraph 3.1.6 states that the funding commitment was reiterated in the National Highways (then Highways England) five-year Delivery Plan 2020 - 2025, which was published in August 2020. An extract from this is provided at Appendix E of this Statement. A summary of the extracts is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Highways committed to delivering the A46 (Walsgrave) scheme to support regional growth. This scheme along with others in the Midlands will increase capacity, improve the consistency of the roads and relieve congestion. <p>To date no Road Investment Strategy has been published for a period beyond 2025. At the time of publication, it is expected that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will present her Spending Review 2025 to Parliament on Wednesday 11 June 2025.</p> <p>In light of these, confirm to the best of available knowledge, that the funds remain available for the Proposed Development.</p>
CA.1.4	The Applicant	<p>The Equalities Act 2010</p> <p>Clarify how you have had regard to the Equalities Act 2010 in relation to the powers sought for CA and TP?</p> <p>Have any Affected Persons been identified as having protected characteristics? If so, what regard has been given to them?</p>
CA.1.5	The Applicant	<p>Land Rights Tracker [REP1-018]</p> <p>It is stated that the tracker has been updated to reflect correspondence between the District Valuer Services (DVS) and the Agent (Fisher German) for all landowners at Hungerley Hall Farm and trustees of Walsgrave Hill Farm regarding the pending formation of a land pool trust. Such items in the tracker conclude with the statement <i>“Fisher German will email the project team and DVS with details of the new ownership structure. Fisher German also needs to confirm its instructions from the new entities to act in the matter.”</i></p>

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		Confirm given the creation of this new land pool trust that the Applicant remains confident of reaching agreement during the Examination, and if so by what deadline does the Applicant consider agreement will be reached?
Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) [REP1-002]		
ARTICLES		
DCO.1.1	The Applicant	Article(A)7, Limits of deviation - (1) (a) Limits of deviation shown on works plans – only horizontal deviation shown is for the pedestrian crossing on the B4082. Is there no horizontal limit of deviation for the main element of the works?
DCO.1.2	LHAs (Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council)	A10, Application of the 1991 Act – (8) Is there a street works permit scheme in operation by LHAs and if so do you have any comments about the wording of this article.
DCO.1.3	The Applicant	A12, Power to alter layout etc. of streets - (1)(a) and (b) Delete the word “kerb” because it is a building block of an element of a highway like footway, cycleway and carriageway. It is not an element of a highway in its own right and inclusion in this article is unnecessary.
DCO.1.4	The Applicant	A13, Construction and maintenance of new, altered or diverted streets and other structures - (4) Is this paragraph needed as the only new bridge proposed over the trunk road carries a trunk road and not a local road?
DCO.1.5	LHAs (Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council)	A15, Temporary closure, alteration, diversion and restriction of use of streets - (6) Is the period stipulated in this clause acceptable?
DCO.1.6	Relevant LPAs and Historic England	A23, Protective work to buildings Are the measures stipulated in this article acceptable?

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DCO.1.7	LHAs (Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council)	A24, Authority to survey and investigate the land - (6) Are you satisfied with the deemed consent provision stipulated in the paragraph?
DCO.1.8	Relevant LPAs.	A26, Trees subject to tree preservation orders Do you have any concerns about the powers, relating to TPO trees, that would be granted by this article?
DCO.1.9	The Applicant	A50, Certification of documents, etc. - (2) Where it says, "Where any plan or document set out in Schedule 10 requires to be amended to reflect the terms of the Secretary of State's decision to make the Order", should the word "reflect" be changed to 'accord with', if not why?
DCO.1.10	Coventry City Council	A52, Disapplication and modification of legislative provisions - (3) Are you satisfied with the disapplication of the Traffic Management (Coventry City Council) Permit Scheme Order 2014(c), for this project?
DCO.1.11	Coventry City Council and Rugby Borough Council	A53, Amendment of local legislation Are you content with the amendments to local legislation stipulated in this article to undertake this project?
SCHEDULE 2 - REQUIREMENTS		
DCO.1.12	Relevant LHAs and LPAs	Requirement (R) 3, Detailed design Does the Council have any comments about the process stipulated in this requirement, in particular with reference to the new bridge design.
DCO.1.13	The Applicant	R6, Landscaping – (2) This states that " <i>the landscaping scheme for each part must reflect the relevant mitigation measures set out in the First Iteration EMP, and the landscaping principles set out in the environmental masterplan.</i> " It is not very precise using the word "reflect". Should it say that it should be in accordance with or incorporating, which is more precise.
DCO.1.14	The Applicant	R8, Protected species - (1)(b)

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		What is the approval mechanism for the written scheme that will be prepared and implemented in paragraph (2)?
DCO.1.15	The Applicant	R9, Surface water drainage - (1) The wording that “No part of the authorised development is to commence until for that part written details of the surface water drainage system, reflecting the relevant mitigation measures set out in the REAC”. Using the word reflecting is not very precise. Should it not say that it should be in accordance with or incorporating, which are more precise?
DCO.1.16	The Applicant	R11, Traffic management - (2) The wording that “the Outline Traffic Management Plan and reflect the relevant mitigation measures set out in the REAC.” Using the word reflecting is not very precise. Should it not say that it should be in accordance with or incorporating, which are more precise?
DCO.1.17	Relevant LHAs and LPAs	R13, Pre-commencement works Have the Council any views on this requirement relating to the pre-commencement plan [APP-112]?
DCO.1.18	The Applicant	R15, Applications made under requirements - (1)(c) Remove “between the parties” and replace with “between the undertaker and the Secretary of State” to avoid any confusion and improve precision.
SCHEDULE 2A - COUNTER-NOTICE REQUIRING PURCHASE OF LAND		
DCO.1.19	The Applicant	1.(1) Should this paragraph refer to A36 and not A31?
DCO.1.20	The Applicant	1.(2) Should this paragraph refer to A37(3) and not A33(3)?
SCHEDULE 8 - LAND OF WHICH TEMPORARY POSSESSION ONLY MAY BE TAKEN		
DCO.1.21	The Applicant	For clarity should section headers on Land Plans – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheet 2 of 5 also include reference to Sheet 2A? • Sheet 3 of 5 also include reference to Sheet 3A?

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SCHEDULE 10 - DOCUMENTS TO BE CERTIFIED		
DCO.1.22	The Applicant	Explain why the location plan needs to be a certified document?
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM [PD1-005]		
DCO.1.23	The Applicant	Paragraph 2.4 (I) How would the dDCO ensure future Walking, Cycling and Horseriding rights to use the Hungerly Hall Farm accommodation overbridge would be secured?
DCO.1.24	The Applicant	Paragraph 5.27 Delete the word kerb that appears twice not an element of a highway but a building block of such an element. (See also DCO.1.3 above, that relates)
DCO.1.25	The Applicant	Paragraph 5.31 The only new bridge carries a trunk road link road over the trunk road so we assume that maintenance responsibility would be with NH not LHA. If this is correct, please amend this wording.
Geology and Soils		
GS.1.1	Natural England Environment Agency Coventry City Council Rugby Borough Council Warwickshire County Council	Assessment and mitigation Do you agree with the applicant's conclusions regarding the likely significant effects on geology and soils relating to human health, controlled waters and agricultural soils? If you do, provide an explanation; if you do not, indicate the areas of disagreement with the findings and how this may influence the overall conclusions. (Refer to ES Section 9.11 Assessment of likely significant effects [APP-031]). Do you consider the Applicants approach to the assessment and mitigation of land use and land contamination and instability to comply with the relevant parts of the National Networks National Policy Statement?
GS.1.2	The Applicant	Historic Landfill Sites Table 9-8 of ES Chapter 9 [APP-031] under the heading 'Landfill records' refers to two historical landfill sites, both within the study area of the Proposed Development.

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		<p>Table 9-8 identifies former landfills as a potential source of contamination that present a theoretical risk to construction materials, ground conditions, site workers, site users, neighbouring agricultural land and adjacent surface waters including the River Sowe, Smite Brook and Coombe Pool.</p> <p>Is there evidence that the areas around these former landfills have been tested for potential historic pollution, and if so, explain the assessment?</p>
GS.1.3	The Applicant	<p>Design approach</p> <p>Table 10-1 of the Scheme Design Report [APP-135] states 'The key principle considered to minimise effects on soils is to ensure that the footprint of the Scheme is reduced as much as practicable, without adversely affecting the design'.</p> <p>Could you outline the specific measures you have taken to minimise the footprint of the Proposed Development as far as is practicable?</p>
GS.1.4	The Applicant	<p>Monitoring and Reporting</p> <p>In their Written Representation [REP1-034] Natural England use a red / amber / green status to highlight areas with significant issues.</p> <p>In Part II of their Written Representation, Natural England raise the following 'amber' status concern:</p> <p>NE13 / Temporary loss and reinstatement of Best and Most Versatile land <20ha / there is no information provided on monitoring and reporting, where soils are to be re-instated and returned to agriculture. This information should be provided.</p> <p>Can you address this concern?</p>
GS.1.5	Natural England Environment Agency Coventry City Council Rugby Borough Council Warwickshire County Council	<p>Management Measures</p> <p>What are your views on the management measures GS1 through to GS5 set out in Table 1 of the First Iteration Environmental Management Plan Appendix A, Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments [APP-110]?</p> <p>Would the dDCO [REP1-002], and Table 1 of the Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments [APP-110] adequately secure all measures required to reduce the environmental impacts of material assets and waste?</p>

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Historic Environment		
HE.1.1	The Applicant	ES Ch.6 [APP-048] Cultural Heritage - Paragraphs 6.16 and 6.17 What is the difference between the National Heritage List for England (NHLE) and the Historic Environment Record (HER) and who creates and maintains these lists? Relating to this application, does the HER include all relevant NHLE designations?
HE.1.2	The Applicant, Coventry City Council and Rugby Borough Council	ES Ch.6 [APP-048] Cultural Heritage - Paragraph 6.4.7 The third bullet point of this paragraph records the concern expressed by Coventry City Council as owner of the Coombe Abbey Park but there is no mention of any such concerns from Rugby Borough Council as local planning authority. Does it share these concerns, and if so where are its views set out in Chapter 6?
HE.1.3	The Applicant	ES Ch.6 [APP-048] Cultural Heritage – Table 6.2 (Paragraph 5.213) Does the explanation of how this paragraph is addressed in the application accord with the requirement stated in NNNPS that applicants “should be required to deposit copies of the reports with the relevant Historic Environment Record.”?
HE.1.4	The Applicant	ES Ch.6 [APP-048] Cultural Heritage – Table 6.2 (Paragraph 5.215) This states that “Protocols for the discovery of unexpected archaeological remains have been included in the REAC [APP-110] as part of the First Iteration EMP” [APP-109]. What if human remains are discovered, there is no article in the dDCO (common in other DCOs) to deal with such an occurrence, should there be?
Landscape and Visual		
LV.1.1	Coventry City Council Rugby Borough Council	Assessment and mitigation Do you agree with the applicant’s conclusions regarding the likely significant effects on landscape and visual receptors arising from the Proposed Development? If you do, provide an explanation; if you do not, indicate the areas of disagreement with the findings and how this may influence the overall conclusions. (Refer to ES Section 7.11 Assessment of likely significant effects (both during construction and operation) [APP-029]).

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ExQ1	Question to:	Question:
		Do you consider the Applicants approach to assessing and mitigating landscape and visual effects to comply with the relevant parts of the National Networks National Policy Statement?
LV.1.2	Coventry City Council Rugby Borough Council	Extent of land allocated as Green Belt Reference to the extent of the green belt is given in [REP1-036] (paragraph 5.5) and [APP-029] (Table 7.2 under reference to paragraph 5.181) and is also shown in ES Figure 7.1 (Landscape Policy Context) [APP-049]. State the full extent of land within your administrative boundary allocated as Green Belt.
LV.1.3	The Applicant	Design approach Demonstrate how the design of the Proposed Development is sensitive to the landscape, heritage and local community noting that the Proposed Development is (i) partly within a Green Belt and (ii) borders the western border of the Coombe Country Park. Coombe Abbey Grade II Registered Park and Garden is located within the country park [APP-029]. (Refer to (i) Table 3-1 of the Scheme Design Report [APP-135]; and (ii) Page 13 of The Road to Good Design (Highways England, 2018) at section 4. 'fits in context').
LV.1.4	The Applicant	Design approach Demonstrate how the design of the Proposed Development makes a positive contribution to local landscapes within and beyond the dDCO boundary. (Refer to (i) Table 3-1 of the Scheme Design Report [APP-135]; and (ii) National Infrastructure Commission Design Group, Design Principles for National Infrastructure, Page 4 - Places).
LV.1.5	The Applicant	Design approach Can you indicate the extent to which you took independent professional advice on the design aspects of the Proposed Development? (Refer to (i) Table 3-1 of the Scheme Design Report [APP-135], (ii) paragraph 4.32 of the National Networks National Policy Statement; and (iii) Design review at National Highways: A guide, 2022.
LV.1.6	The Applicant	Design approach

ExQ1	Question to:	Question:
		Have you prepared a Design Approach Document setting out the approach to delivering the detailed design specifications for the Proposed Development which could be secured by a DCO requirement?
LV.1.7	The Applicant	<p>Design approach</p> <p>Table 5-1 in section 5 (Scheme design process) of the Scheme Design Report [APP-135] summarises the advice of a design review panel. Recommendations 5. and 6. set out by the Design Panel state:</p> <p><i>"5. On behalf of a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, we urge the team to identify landscape receptors that use the character of the existing place to help develop the design response further.</i></p> <p><i>We believe that the existing linear landscape can help tell the story of this Scheme by creating distinct characters for the two sides of the highway, highlighting the residential context to the west against the industrial land to the east".</i></p> <p><i>"6. Views: Enhance the road user experience by celebrating views from elevated roundabouts. Additionally, consider how these views change throughout the year, particularly in the winter when trees are more exposed, and views are more expansive".</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a summary and explanation of how the scheme's design has successfully met these design aims set out in recommendations 5. and 6. above? 2. Considering the Design Panel's feedback, what additional beneficial design opportunities have been realised?
LV.1.8	The Applicant	<p>Landscape and Visual Effects</p> <p>Table 7.16 of ES Chapter 7 confirms that construction activities in the area comprising Walsgrave Hill and Valley including Hungerley Hall Farm would result in a large adverse effect on landscape character.</p> <p>Table 1-13 (Viewpoint 13) of Appendix 7.3: Representative Viewpoints [APP-072] notes that extensive changes in the existing view, geographical extent, and temporary construction period, would result in a major adverse magnitude of change and a large adverse significance of visual effect at this viewpoint (Hungerley Hall Farm).</p> <p>Table 7.18 of ES Chapter 7 confirms that the operation of the Proposed Development will result in significant effects on the landscape in Year 1 of opening including moderate adverse</p>

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		effects on the landscape character of Walsgrave Hill and Valley including Hungerley Hall Farm. Considering these findings, clarify how the ExA and ultimately the SoS can be assured that the Proposed Development will maintain high environmental standards and outline any suggested initiatives to enhance the landscape character in Walsgrave Hill and Valley including Hungerley Hall Farm.
LV.1.9	The Applicant	Landscape and Visual Effects Section 7.10 of ES Chapter 7 : Landscape and Visual Effects [APP-029] sets out details of the general and scheme specific landscape and visual mitigation for the construction and operation phases. Clarify how the various elements of both the general and scheme-specific mitigation measures will be secured and made enforceable through the DCO?
LV.1.10	The Applicant	Landscape and Visual Effects ES Appendix 7.5: Lighting Assessment [APP-075] reports the forecast effects resulting from artificial lighting associated with the Proposed Development and notes that mitigation measures deployed through the lighting layout would ensure that artificial lighting is not obtrusive. In their Relevant Representation to the Examination the Environment Agency [RR-012] noted that light pollution/spill onto watercourses has the potential to exhibit changes in fish behaviour as a result of unnatural lighting, which can negatively impact migratory fish. Can you detail how this potential will be mitigated and managed?
LV.1.11	The Applicant	Landscape and Visual Effects The ES Appendix 7.2 : Landscape Character [APP-071] Table 1-1 (Walsgrave Hill and Valley including Hungerley Hall Farm) acknowledges a lesser reduction in magnitude of change between year 1 and year 15 due to the proximity of the A46, especially the grade separated junction, related highway infrastructure (lighting, gantries, or signage), B4082 link road and the wider effect associated with residual traffic movements. Can you indicate whether any other general or scheme-specific mitigation has been considered and could be utilised in this location to improve the beneficial changes to landscape and visual amenity by year 15 of operation?

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LV.1.12	Coventry City Council Rugby Borough Council	<p>Management Measures</p> <p>What are your views on the Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Appendix B.4, [APP-109]) regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) landscape requirements (ii) landscape strategy and principles; and (iii) establishment, management and maintenance? <p>What are your views on the management measures LV1 through to LV3 set out in Table 1 of the First Iteration Environmental Management Plan Appendix A, Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC) [APP-110]?</p> <p>Would the dDCO [REP1-002], Table 1 of the Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments [APP-110], and Appendix B.4 [APP-109] adequately secure all measures required to protect landscape and visual amenity?</p>
Material Assets and Waste		
MW.1.1	Environment Agency Coventry City Council Rugby Borough Council Warwickshire County Council	<p>Assessment and mitigation</p> <p>Do you agree with the applicant's conclusions regarding the likely significant effects on material assets and waste arising from the Proposed Development?</p> <p>If you do, provide an explanation; if you do not, indicate the areas of disagreement with the findings and how this may influence the overall conclusions.</p> <p>(Refer to Section 10.11 of ES Chapter 10 [APP-032]).</p> <p>Do you consider the Applicants approach to reducing waste safely and maximising resource usage to comply with the relevant parts of the National Networks National Policy Statement?</p>
MW.1.2	The Applicant	<p>Mineral safeguarding area</p> <p>Paragraph 10.1.3 of the ES [APP-032] states that that mineral safeguarding areas has been scoped out and explains why.</p> <p>Can you confirm that Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council were consulted on the decision to scope out mineral safeguarding areas and made any comments.</p>
MW.1.3	The Applicant	Mitigation

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ExQ1	Question to:	Question:
		<p>Chapter 10 of the ES [APP-032] references the Principal Contractor being committed to importing at least 28% (by weight) of aggregates comprising alternative (re-used, recycled or secondary) aggregates.</p> <p>Give details of the anticipated applications where it will be technically and economically feasible to substitute primary aggregates with alternative aggregates.</p> <p>How will the figure of 28% will be monitored, improved upon and secured in the DCO?</p>
MW.1.4	The Applicant	<p>Mitigation</p> <p>Chapter 10 of the ES [APP-032] references the Principal Contractor being committed to recovering at least 70% (by weight) of non-hazardous construction and demolition waste (excluding naturally occurring soils and stones).</p> <p>Give details on the anticipated remaining residual waste elements and how the figure of 70% will be monitored, improved upon and secured in the Development Consent Order.</p>
MW.1.5	The Applicant	<p>Waste</p> <p>According to Chapter 10 of the ES [APP-032], it is anticipated that waste will be disposed of to the appropriately local licensed waste facility (landfill or incinerator). However, there is no information provided regarding potential disposal sites.</p> <p>Provide details of disposal locations and the associated travel distances.</p> <p>Additionally, please inform the ExA about any ongoing discussions and design modifications aimed at minimizing this surplus.</p>
MW.1.6	The Applicant	<p>Waste</p> <p>Table 10.7 in ES Chapter 10 [APP-032] outlines the main types and quantities of construction and demolition waste expected during the construction phase.</p> <p>Can you confirm the projected amount of hazardous waste expected, such as coal tar present in asphalt?</p>
MW.1.7	The Applicant	<p>Waste</p> <p>The 'site waste management plan' outlined in MA6, as referenced in ES Chapter 10 [APP-032], identifies that waste minimisation targets would be set to reduce waste at source by increasing re-use of materials on-site and reducing the need for new construction materials.</p>

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		Can you explain how these targets would be quantified and what is proposed in terms of identifying and implementing any remedial action?
MW.1.8	The Applicant	Fill material ES paragraph 2.6.45. [APP-024] states that approximately 248,000m ³ of fill material would be required for various purposes including filling, capping, and for use within the environmental mitigation area. Provide details of the sources for the fill material, including the amount to be delivered from each source.
MW.1.9	The Applicant	Locally sourced materials Details of local and responsible sourcing of material assets are presented in MA4, as referenced in ES Chapter 10 [APP-032]. Detail what surveys or other investigations have been conducted to assess the feasibility of using locally sourced materials and suppliers. Additionally, specify the expected percentage of total materials that will be sourced locally.
MW.1.10	The Applicant	Longer lasting materials Table 10.2 in ES Chapter 10 [APP-032] states the National Networks National Policy Statement requirements for Material Assets and Waste. Paragraph reference 5.71 of the NNNPS, quoted in ES Table 10.2, refers to the efficient use of longer lasting materials. Explain how the requirement to use longer lasting materials efficiently has been addressed in the Applicant's assessment.
MW.1.11	The Applicant	Circular approach ES Chapter 10 [APP-032] notes that circular economy principles have been considered. Provide a detailed explanation and summary of your approach regarding these principles particularly in relation to how the Proposed Development aims to enhance material reuse and reduce waste. Detail what surveys or other investigations have been conducted to assess the feasibility of a 'circular' approach for the Proposed Development
MW.1.12	Environment Agency	Management Measures

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	Coventry City Council Rugby Borough Council Warwickshire County Council	<p>What are your views on the Outline Site Waste Management Plan (Appendix B.3 [APP-109]) regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) resource efficiency and waste minimisation (ii) waste management (iii) monitoring; and (iv) audit and review? <p>What are your views on the management measures MA1 through to MA7 set out in Table 1 of the First Iteration Environmental Management Plan Appendix A, Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments [APP-110]?</p> <p>Would the dDCO [REP1-002], Table 1 of the Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments [APP-110], and Appendix B.3 [APP-109] adequately secure all measures required to reduce the environmental impacts of material assets and waste?</p>
Noise and Vibration		
NV.1.1	The Applicant	<p>Consultation</p> <p>Paragraph 11.4.3 of Chapter 11 of the ES [APP-033] refers to further engagement with Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council.</p> <p>Provide an update to the ExA on the status of the consultations with both local authorities.</p>
NV.1.2	Coventry City Council Rugby Borough Council	<p>Assessment and mitigation</p> <p>Do you agree with the applicant's conclusions regarding the likely significant effects of noise and vibration arising from the Proposed Development?</p> <p>If you do, provide an explanation; if you do not, indicate the areas of disagreement with the findings and how this may influence the overall conclusions.</p> <p>(Refer to ES Section 11.11 Assessment of likely significant effects (both during construction and operation) [APP-033]).</p> <p>Do you consider the Applicants approach to managing the impacts of noise and vibration (on human and ecological receptors) to comply with the relevant parts of the National Networks National Policy Statement?</p>
NV.1.3	The Applicant	Livestock

ExQ1	Question to:	Question:
		Should the impact of noise and vibration and the potential effects on livestock grazing close to the Proposed Development be assessed in the ES? If not, explain why.
NV.1.4	The Applicant	<p>Low Noise Surfacing</p> <p>ES Table 11-11 (Operational noise model assumptions, limitations and data sources) [APP-033], under the topic heading 'Road surfaces' states:</p> <p><i>"For the 'Do-Something' scenarios, a low noise surface (-2.5dB Road Surface Influence) has been included along high-speed sections of the Scheme"</i></p> <p>Give details of the extent of low noise surfacing to be applied to the new highway network within the boundary of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>In addition, give details of any low noise surfacing to be applied to the existing highway network out with the application boundary.</p> <p>Can you briefly confirm the maintenance policies and practices established to ensure that future resurfacing will consistently include low-noise surfacing as a standard requirement?</p> <p>How will this be secured in the DCO?</p>
NV.1.5	The Applicant	<p>Long term noise mitigation</p> <p>ES paragraph 11.10.17. [APP-033] points out that a <i>"long-term noise barrier in the form of solid and imperforate site fencing / hoarding is proposed in proximity to Hungerly Hall Farm to mitigate noise effects during construction which is also essential mitigation"</i>.</p> <p>Define what is meant by 'long-term'?</p> <p>Outline the proposed measures aimed at minimising adverse impacts to the shortest possible duration or indicate where this information is detailed within the application documents.</p>
NV.1.6	The Applicant	<p>Vibration impacts - operational phase</p> <p>Section 2.7 (Noise and Vibration) of ES Appendix 4.1 (Scoping Opinion Response), [APP-061], at row ID 3.7.2, notes that vibration impacts during the operational phase are scoped out of the assessment on account of specific guidance given in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges LA 111 Noise and vibration. This guidance document sets out the requirement that operational vibration is scoped out of the assessment methodology as the road surface will be suitably maintained and therefore free of irregularities. Thus, operational vibration will not have the potential to lead to significant adverse effects.</p>

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		Can you confirm that the maintenance regime is established to ensure that operational vibration would not become a problem over the lifetime of the Proposed Development?
NV.1.7	The Applicant	Enhancements ES paragraph 11.10.34. [APP-033] makes clear that no enhancement measures have been identified for noise and vibration. Can you explain why enhancement opportunities are not addressed as part of the noise and vibration assessment?
NV.1.8	Coventry City Council Rugby Borough Council	Management Measures What are your views on the Outline Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (ES Appendix B.2, [APP-109]) regarding: (i) noise and vibration control measures (ii) specific measures (iii) protection of buildings; and (iv) monitoring and reporting? What are your views on the management measures NV1 through to NV4 set out in Table 1 of the First Iteration Environmental Management Plan Appendix A, Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments [APP-110]? Would the dDCO [REP1-002], Table 1 of the Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments [APP-110], and ES Appendix B.2 [APP-109] adequately secure all measures required to reduce the environmental impacts of noise and vibration?
Population and Human Health		
PH.1.1	The Applicant	Consultation Section 12.4 of Chapter 12 of the ES [APP-034] refers to consultation meetings with Coventry City Council, Warwickshire County Council, Coombe Country Park, the British Horse Society, the Solihull Local Access Forum and Rugby Ramblers. Provide an update to the ExA on the status of the consultations with both local authorities and the local user groups.
PH.1.2	Coventry City Council	Assessment and mitigation

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	Warwickshire County Council	<p>Do you agree with the applicant's conclusions regarding the likely significant effects on population and human health arising from the Proposed Development?</p> <p>If you do, provide an explanation; if you do not, indicate the areas of disagreement with the findings and how this may influence the overall conclusions.</p> <p>(Refer to ES Section 12.11 Assessment of likely significant effects (both during construction and operation) [APP-034]).</p> <p>Do you consider the Applicants approach to managing the impacts of the Proposed Development on safety, health and accessibility to comply with the relevant parts of the National Networks National Policy Statement?</p>
PH.1.3	The Applicant	<p>Baseline</p> <p>Provide information regarding the use of community land within the boundaries of the application, as well as the frequency of its use.</p>
PH.1.4	The Applicant	<p>Forecast negative health outcome during construction</p> <p>Table 12-15 of ES Chapter 12 [APP-034] presents the evaluated residual construction impacts on human health.</p> <p>Table 12-15 indicates that a negative health outcome is anticipated concerning both existing and predicted noise disturbances, following the application of standard mitigation strategies for noise and vibration.</p> <p>Have you considered the adoption of enhanced mitigation measures for noise and vibration to ensure that there are no discernible health effects during construction? If you have not, could you please clarify the reasons?</p>
PH.1.5	Coventry City Council Warwickshire County Council	<p>Management Measures</p> <p>What are your views on the management measure PH1 set out in Table 1 of the First Iteration Environmental Management Plan Appendix A, Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments [APP-110]?</p> <p>Would the dDCO [REP1-002], and Table 1 of the Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments [APP-110], adequately secure all measures required to reduce the environmental impacts on population and human health?</p>
Road Drainage and Water Environment		

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ExQ1	Question to:	Question:
RW.1.1	The Applicant	Consultation Paragraphs 13.4.3 and 13.4.4 of Chapter 13 of the ES [APP-035] states that engagement with the Lead Local Flood Authorities - Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council, and the Environment Agency is ongoing. Provide an update to the ExA on the status of the consultations with both Lead Local Flood Authorities and the Environment Agency.
RW.1.2	The Environment Agency Warwickshire County Council Coventry City Council	Flood Risk Assessment Can you briefly confirm your views on the applicant's approach and method in the Flood Risk Assessment [AS-012] (refer to Section 13.5 of ES Chapter 13 [APP-035]). Do you consider the Flood Risk Assessment to comply with National Networks National Policy Statement, the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance? Does the Flood Risk Assessment represent an accurate assessment of the flood risks on site and is the assessment proportionate to the risk and appropriate to the scale and nature of the Proposed Development?
RW.1.3	Warwickshire County Council Coventry City Council	Flood Risk Assessment Does the Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) [AS-012] adequately and appropriately cover the specific issues of concern to the Lead Local Flood Authority?
RW.1.4	Coventry City Council	Flood Risk Assessment At Issue Specific Hearing 1 [EV4-004 and EV4-005] you stated the City Council was awaiting more information on the proposed road drainage system. Can you update the ExA on progress with receipt of this information and provide your views on whether the Applicant's road drainage proposals are suitable and sufficient?
RW.1.5	Environment Agency Warwickshire County Council Coventry City Council	Sequential and Exception Tests Can you provide a brief confirmation of your views on the sufficiency and application of the sequential and exception tests outlined in the Flood Risk Assessment [AS-012]?
RW.1.6	Coventry City Council	Reservoir flood risk assessment

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		<p>At Issue Specific Hearing 1 [EV4-004 and EV4-005] you referred to ongoing assessment work to better understand the residual risk to Coombe Pool reservoir and the nearby A46 highway and ongoing discussion with the Applicant regarding a proposed change in height of the earthwork embankment between the reservoir and the A46.</p> <p>Provide an update on the progress of these discussions and the suitability and sufficiency of the reservoir flood risk assessment and any physical and administrative mitigation measures proposed by the Applicant.</p>
RW.1.7	The Applicant	<p>Flood Risk Activity Permit</p> <p>Can you clarify whether it is your intention that the requirement for a Flood Risk Activity Permit is disapplied?</p> <p>(Refer to section 4.1 of the Relevant Representation submitted by the Environment Agency [RR-012]).</p>
RW.1.8	Environment Agency Warwickshire County Council Coventry City Council	<p>Water quality and resources</p> <p>Do you consider the Applicants approach to managing the demand for water and potential impacts on health and on species and habitats to comply with the National Networks National Policy Statement?</p>
RW.1.9	The Applicant	<p>Surface Water Attenuation</p> <p>What is the degree of certainty that good practice measure RD10 would prevent peak flow surface water rates and volumes entering Smite Brook and tributaries of the River Sowe? (Reference RD10 in Table 1 of the REAC [APP-110] refers).</p>
RW.1.10	The Applicant	<p>Contaminated runoff</p> <p>Can you confirm the appropriate systems that would be put in place to pre-treat contaminated highway runoff before runoff volumes enter the proposed vegetative ponds / basins?</p>
RW.1.11	The Applicant	<p>Pollution Prevention</p> <p>In their Relevant Representation [RR-012] the Environment Agency use an issue / impact / solution framework to expand on two concerns related to proposed controls to pollution prevention set out in Appendix A Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments. These are summarised as:</p>

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		<p>G6 / As some of the watercourses are being partially infilled, redirected and temporarily culverted, is there scope to improve the post-construction landscape of the water courses compared to what it is now;</p> <p>RD1 / Discharge of wastewater is unknown – e.g. will vehicle washings be in designated areas and bunded, will this wastewater be disposed of off-site or attenuated and discharged?;</p> <p>Can you respond to these concerns by addressing each of the impacts identified by the agency and detail the practicality of the solution(s) where put forward by the agency.</p>
RW.1.12	Coventry City Council	<p>Coombe Pool Flood Mitigation Scheme</p> <p>In your Relevant Representation [RR-013], under the heading 'Drainage and Flooding Impacts', you refer to the City Council developing proposals for a Coombe Pool Flood Mitigation Scheme due to the risk to the A46 and immediate city area.</p> <p>Outline the risk to the A46.</p> <p>Provide an explanation of the Coombe Flood Mitigation Scheme proposals and an update on the status of these proposals.</p>
RW.1.13	The Applicant	<p>Maintenance</p> <p>Outline the maintenance plan (with timescales and work involved) for the proposed road drainage system and the proposed attenuation ponds and identify the highway maintenance authorities responsible for its upkeep?</p> <p>Can you clarify how this will ensure the continued relevance of flood and water quality assessments, or direct the ExA to the appropriate sources for this information?</p> <p>Can you explain how this is secured in the draft Development Consent Order?</p>
RW.1.14	Environment Agency Warwickshire County Council Coventry City Council	<p>Management Measures</p> <p>What are your views on the management measures RD1 through to RD13 set out in Table 1 of the First Iteration Environmental Management Plan Appendix A, Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments [APP-110]?</p> <p>Would the draft Development Consent Order [REP1-002] and Table 1 of the Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments [APP-110] adequately secure all measures required for pollution prevention and water management for the construction and operation phases?</p>

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RW.1.15	The Applicant	<p>Lifespan of drainage assets</p> <p>The Drainage Strategy Report [APP-106] states at paragraph 3.3.1 that drainage modelling will utilise a design life of 60 years for new drainage assets. This is not consistent with the design life of the Proposed Development set out within FRA [AS-012, paragraph 7.1.3] and ES of 100 years, with no specific plans to decommission as it would form part of the Strategic Road Network.</p> <p>Can the Applicant explain the anticipated management of drainage assets beyond 60 years, including but not limited to any potential to extend the lifespan, and any likely required permissions to enable this?</p>
RW.1.16	The Applicant	<p>Design level of the proposed development</p> <p>Within the FRA [AS-012], the northbound embankment and other parts of the Proposed Development including the realigned and extended B4082 are not specifically referred to in relation to design height, although levels are given on a cross section in Annexes D and F, and paragraph 8.7.23 indicates they are above the height of any Coombe Pool breach flood event. The figures showing modelled outputs in Section 8 of the FRA also show that these parts of the Proposed Development are outside of any known fluvial / pluvial flood risk.</p> <p>Can the Applicant provide details on how the design height of the proposed development has considered the anticipated flood levels from all sources?</p>
RW.1.17	All interested parties	<p>Provision of additional flood risk information</p> <p>The ExA wishes to draw IPs attention to the applicant's submission [PD1-016], in response to the ExA's rule 9 requests for further information [PD-005] on the matter of updating the assessment of flood risk following the release of new flood risk data by the Environment Agency.</p> <p>All IPs are invited to provide comments on the Applicants response on this matter.</p>
RW.1.18	The Applicant The Environment Agency	<p>Water Framework Directive (WFD) Assessments</p> <p>In relation to WFD assessments, the ExA notes that the Applicant has chosen to separate out the surface water assessment (provided as [APP-102] and titled WFD compliance assessment), and groundwater assessment (provided in ES chapter 13 [APP-135] and ES Appendix 13.4 titled groundwater assessment [APP-104], with no reference to WFD in the document titles).</p>

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		<p>Can the applicant explain the rationale behind the separation of the WFD assessments?</p> <p>Can the Environment Agency confirm its position on the WFD assessments provided and whether there are any implications from the assessment being undertaken in multiple documents?</p>
Transportation and Traffic		
TT.1.1	The Applicant	<p>Transport Assessment, TA [APP-134]</p> <p>Table 7.6 shows that on the Strategic Road Network the scheme increases slight, serious and fatal accidents. Explain how this increase could be considered to accord with paragraphs 3.41 and 4.57 to 4.61 of the NNNPS.</p>
TT.1.2	The Applicant Warwickshire Police	<p>Traffic Management</p> <p>Table 2.6 of the Consultation Report [APP-115] details the issues highlighted by Warwickshire Police regarding the enforceability of the proposed 50mph speed limit and its impact on road safety.</p> <p>Could the applicant specify the road safety design strategies that would ensure the 50mph speed limit would be self-enforcing, eliminating the need for policing enforcement?</p> <p>Can Warwickshire Police clarify if there are any concerns regarding speed management on the current A46, which runs north-south to the east of Coventry, and whether it is subject to speed enforcement?</p>
TT.1.3	The Applicant	<p>Stage 1 Road Safety Audit</p> <p>Table 5-32 of the Consultation Report [APP-115] notes issues raised at statutory consultation and targeted consultation that did not result in changes to the design of the Proposed Development. Row 11 (Road Safety) and Row 12 (Slip Roads) of Table 5-32 refer to a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit.</p> <p>The Applicant is requested to provide a copy of this audit and the response report to the audit to the Examination.</p>
TT.1.4	Coventry City Council	<p>Designer's response to the Road Safety Audit</p> <p>Table 3-1 of the Consultation Report [APP-115] presents a summary of engagement with stakeholders, including local authorities. Table 3-1 indicates that Coventry City Council</p>

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		disagreed with the designers' responses in the road safety audit concerning verge widening for a possible future route for walking, cycling, and horse-riding alongside the B4082. Could the City Council offer additional clarification regarding their concerns?