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Dear K-J,

A46 COVENTRY JUNCTIONS (WALSGRAVE) – TR010066 DEADLINE 2 COVERING LETTER

National Highways (the "Applicant") is responding to Deadline 2 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.

As discussed in the Response to Rule 6 Letter (**PD1-017**) and the covering letter for Deadline 1, the Applicant believes that the ExA 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, now further bolstered by the following events:

- only one written representation was submitted at Deadline 1, from Natural England, echoing the Statement of Common Ground (REP1-28); the Applicant has chosen to submit its response to this Written Representation early at Deadline 2 rather than Deadline 3;
- three Local Impact Reports (LIRs) were submitted from Local Authorities, of two, five and 23 pages respectively – all the local authorities support the project in principle; due to the succinct nature of the LIRs, the Applicant has chosen to submit its responses to the LIRs early, at Deadline 2 rather than Deadline 3:
- the only other documents submitted at Deadline 1 were from the Applicant;
- Natural England conclude that there are no likely significant effects from the project on internationally designated sites;
- only 136 Examining Authority's First Written Questions have been published, with only approximately 90 directed to the Applicant, the Applicant considers this a reasonably low number, all of which the Applicant considers will be able to respond to easily.





Documents submitted at Deadline 2

Table 1 provides a complete list of all documents being submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 2 and the reasons for their submission. The documents are submitted in clean and tracked change versions if they are updated versions of existing documents.

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 |
| Application Document Tracker | 8.1 | REP1-016 | 2 | Requirement of Rule 6 letter Annex F |
| New Documents | | | | |
| Applicant's Comments on Submissions Received at Deadline 1 | 8.16 | N/A | 0 | Deadline 2 requirement |
| Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports | 8.17 | N/A | 0 | Requirement of Deadline 3, however submitted early |
| Applicant's Responses to Written Representations | 8.18 | N/A | 0 | Requirement of Deadline 3, however submitted early |
| A46 Covering Letter – Deadline 2 | X | N/A | 0 | This document. To provide reasoning for the document submissions |
| Excel spreadsheet of documents submitted at Deadline 2 | X | N/A | 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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