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Dear K-J,

**A46 COVENTRY JUNCTIONS (WALSGRAVE) – TR010066
DEADLINE 3 COVERING LETTER**

National Highways (the “Applicant”) is responding to Deadline 3 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 letters for Deadline 1 (**REP1-001**) and Deadline 2 (**REP2-001**), 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 chose 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 chose 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 were published, with only approximately 90 directed to the Applicant, the Applicant considers this a reasonably low number, all of which the Applicant has been able to respond to comprehensively in document 8.20 Applicant’s Responses to the Examining Authority’s First Written Questions, submitted at this deadline;
- there was only one non-Applicant submission at Deadline 2 (from the Environment Agency).

Documents submitted at Deadline 3

Table 1 provides a complete list of all documents being submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 3 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:

- Consents and Agreements Position Statement (**REP1-004**) – There are no updates at this time.
- Statement of Reasons (**PD1-007**) – 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.
- Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) - The Applicant, at this Deadline, is not submitting any Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs). The SoCGs were submitted at Deadline 1 and are well advanced. They 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. As reported in the Statement of Commonality (**REP1-029**), 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. As the SoCGs were so well advanced, there were no updates for this deadline, however the Applicant expects to submit these at Deadline 4 and Deadline 5 following further discussions with parties following the issue of the Examining Authority's First Written Questions (ExQ1) (**PD-008**).

Table 1 List of documents

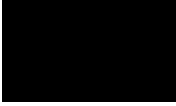
Updated Documents				
Document Title	Document Number	Planning Inspectorate Document Reference for latest version	Revision	Reason for Submission
Land Plans	2.2	PD1-001	2	Applicant land removed from permanent acquisition colour following ExQ1 – Question CA.1.2
Draft Development Consent Order	3.1	REP1-002	3	Updates to reflect updates to other documents. Also submitted in Word version
Explanatory Memorandum	3.2	PD1-005	2	Updates to reflect updates to the draft Development Consent Order (DCO)
Book of Reference	4.3	REP1-005	4	Updates to statutory undertakers
Environmental Statement - Chapter 5 (Air Quality)	6.1	APP-027	1	Air quality updates

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Environmental Statement - Chapter 8 (Biodiversity)	6.1	APP-030	1	Noise mitigation updates Updates related to lighting impacts on fish. Updates related to air quality impacts upon ecological features
Environmental Statement - Chapter 11 (Noise and Vibration)	6.1	APP-033	1	Updates to cross reference to effect significance following noise mitigation of the Coombe Pool SSSI
Environmental Statement Chapter 15 (Combined and Cumulative Effects)	6.1	APP-037	1	Updates due to ExQ1 – Question CC.1.1 Updates due to reduction in significance of effect for noise impacts to Coombe Pool SSSI with mitigation. Updates in response to ExQ1 questions CC.1.4 and CE.1.5.
Environmental Statement - Chapter 16 (Summary)	6.1	APP-036	1	Noise mitigation updates related to Coombe Pool SSSI.
Environmental Statement - Figures 5.9 - 5.11	6.2	APP-047	1	Air quality figure 5.11b update - Operational phase annual mean N-deposition impacts at ecological transects
Environmental Statement - Figures 8.1 - 8.3	6.2	APP-052	1	Updates to figure 8.3 (Proposed Construction Mitigation Noise Barrier - December 2026 Daytime)
Environmental Statement - Appendix 5.3 (Air Quality Receptor Results)	6.3	APP-065	1	Updates to the values of air quality data
Environmental Statement - Appendix 8.15 Assessment of Air Quality Impacts on Ecological Features	6.3	APP-090	1	Air quality updates
Environmental Statement - Appendix 8.16 (Assessment of Noise Impacts on Ecological Features)	6.3	APP-091	1	Noise mitigation updates

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Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary	6.4	APP-108	1	Noise mitigation updates, lighting impacts on fish updates and updates to list of Second Interaction Environmental Management Plans
First Iteration Environmental Management Plan	6.5	REP1-010	2	Additional method statement added
First Iteration Environmental Management Plan Appendix A Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments	6.5	APP-110	1	Updates to commitments
Case for the Scheme	7.1	REP1-012	2	Updates to policies
Application Document Tracker	8.1	REP1-016	3	Requirement of Rule 6 letter Annex F
Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker	8.2	REP1-018	2	Requirement of Rule 6 letter Annex F and updates to negotiations
Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order	8.3	REP1-020	2	Updated to reflect the changes made to the draft DCO
New Documents				
Applicant's Comments on Submissions Received at Deadline 2	8.19	TBC	0	Requirement of Rule 6 letter
Applicant's Responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions	8.20	TBC	0	Requirement of Rule 6 letter
Environmental Statement Addendum - Construction Noise Impacts at Coombe Pool SSSI	8.21	TBC	0	Submitted to explain updates to noise mitigation
Category 3 Consultee Map	8.22	TBC	0	Submitted in response to ExQ1 – question CA.1.1
A46 Covering Letter – Deadline 3	X	TBC	0	This document. To provide reasoning for the document submissions
Excel spreadsheet of documents submitted at Deadline 3	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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