

Application by National Highways for A46 Coventry Junctions (Walsgrave) Project.

Coventry City Councils responses to the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ1) Issued on 10th June 2025.

Question No.	Question to:	Question	Response
General and Cross Topic			
GC.1.2	All Interested Parties	<p>Maintenance arrangements for the proposed woodland planting area chosen for ecological mitigation</p> <p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. <p>(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))</p>	No further comments to make
GC.1.3	All Interested Parties	<p>Use of an existing compound</p> <p>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</p>	No concerns over the use of the existing compound, but would be more ideal if a secondary compound was sited closer to the works to reduce the longer distance movements?

		<p>which the applicant has responded [APP-130] to provide additional information.</p> <p>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.</p>	
GC.1.4	All Interested Parties	<p>Assessment of diversion routes</p> <p>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 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). IPs are invited to comment on any concerns noted with the applicant's assessment of diversion routes 	No further comments
Air Quality			
AQ.1.1	The Applicant, Coventry City Council and	<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>	We have yet to get calibrated data for 2024.

	Rugby Borough Council		
AQ.1.2	Natural England, Coventry City Council and Rugby Borough Council	ES Ch.5 [APP-027] Paragraph 5.13.9 Do you agree with the conclusion “there will be no significant effects in terms of air quality on human and ecological receptors as a result of the Scheme.” If not explain the points of difference with this conclusion	Yes. CCC are of the opinion there would be no noticeable change in AQ as a result of the scheme. If anything, it should improve as the A46 and Clifford Bridge Road link will be more free flowing.
AQ.1.3	Natural England, Coventry City Council and Rugby Borough Council	Applicant's response to Rule 9 [PD1-016] – Paragraph 7.1.7 The Applicant's conclusion concerning the impact of the “Interim Planning Guidance on the consideration of the Environment Act PM2.5 targets in planning decisions” - published 4 October 2024 states; in conclusion that “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.” Do you agree? If not explain the points of difference with this conclusion.	Yes
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.	Yes

Biodiversity, Ecology and Natural Environment (including Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA))			
BY.1.2	Natural England Environment Agency Coventry City Council Warwickshire County Council	<p>Assessment and mitigation</p> <p>Do you agree with the applicant's conclusions regarding the likely significant effects on biodiversity 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. (Refer to ES Section 8.11 Assessment of likely significant effects (both during construction and operation) [APP-030]).</p> <p>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?</p>	<p>Yes (reference is made with the Council's LIR (REP1-036))</p> <p>Yes</p>
BY.1.8	Natural England Environment Agency Coventry City Council Warwickshire County 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) 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]? 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>	<p>Appropriate and Acceptable</p> <p>Satisfactory as they appear to provide sufficient mitigation and protection measures</p> <p>Yes</p>

Climate			
CE.1.7	Natural England Environment Agency Coventry City Council Rugby Borough Council Warwickshire County Council	<p>Assessment and mitigation Do you agree with the applicant's conclusions regarding the likely significant effects on greenhouse gases? 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 14.11 Assessment of likely significant effects (construction and operation) [APP-036])</p> <p>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?</p>	<p>Yes The assessment has considered the schemes effect on climate as well as the potential vulnerability of the scheme to climate change and concluded that the greenhouse gas emissions impact of the scheme would not have any material impact on the UK Government meeting its legally binding carbon reduction targets</p> <p>Yes</p>
CE.1.14	Natural England Environment Agency Coventry City Council Rugby Borough Council	<p>Management Measures 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 	Appropriate and acceptable

	Warwickshire County Council	<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>	<p>Appropriate and acceptable</p> <p>Yes</p>
Combined and Cumulative Effects			
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>	Yes (reference is made with the Council's LIR (REP1-036))
Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) [REP1-002]			
DCO.1.2	LHAs (Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council)	<p>A10, Application of the 1991 Act – (8)</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Yes we, and WCC, are part of the Western Shires Permit Scheme</p> <p>No further comments to make on the text.</p>
DCO.1.5	LHAs (Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council)	<p>A15, Temporary closure, alteration, diversion and restriction of use of streets - (6)</p> <p>Is the period stipulated in this clause acceptable?</p>	Yes, 28 days is acceptable

DCO.1.6	Relevant LPAs and Historic England	A23, Protective work to buildings Are the measures stipulated in this article acceptable?	Yes
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?	Yes
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?	Yes
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?	Yes
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?	Yes
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	CCC is having ongoing discussions with NH regarding the design process and remain happy with the progress. No further comments to be made regarding the bridge design.
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 [APP112]?	No, it appears precautionary measures are being taken to reduce any impact had.

Geology and Soils

	Warwickshire County Council	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?	Yes
Historic Environment			
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?	For Rugby BC to comment
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]) 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?	Yes on both accounts (reference is made within the Council's LIR (REP1-036)) Yes
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.	There is no Green Belt land within the administrative boundary of CCC in this location.

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]? 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>	<p>Reference to this is made within the Council's LIR (REP1-036)</p> <p>Yes</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. (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>	<p>Yes</p> <p>CCC are satisfied that there will be excess of the regional target of 28% and encouraged that if 'good practice' is achieved during construction that an overall recycled content of 53% can be reached.</p> <p>Yes</p>

MW.1.12	Environment Agency Coventry City Council Rugby Borough Council Warwickshire County Council	<p>Management Measures</p> <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>	<p>No further comments to make</p> <p>No further comments to make</p> <p>Yes</p>
Noise and Vibration			
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. (Refer to ES Section 11.11 Assessment of likely significant effects (both during construction and operation) [APP-033]). 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>	<p>Yes, on both accounts (reference is made within the Council's LIR (REP1-036))</p> <p>Yes</p>

NV.1.8	Coventry City Council Rugby Borough Council	<p>Management Measures</p> <p>What are your views on the Outline Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (ES Appendix B.2, [APP-109]) regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) noise and vibration control measures (ii) specific measures (iii) protection of buildings; and (iv) monitoring and reporting? <p>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]?</p> <p>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?</p>	<p>Appropriate and acceptable. However, the LIR (REP1-036) highlights “There are no acoustic barriers recommended or identified as part of the scheme although the access slip road will be moved closer to a residential receptor of Hungerley Hall Farm” Whilst CCC concluded there would be a neutral impact following completion of the works and mitigation measures put in place such as landscaping etc... would suggest consideration is given in the assessment to potential acoustic barriers being provided to protect the amenity of Hungerly Hall Farm.</p> <p>Yes</p>
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Population and Human Health			
PH.1.2	Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council	<p>Assessment and Mitigation</p> <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. (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>	<p>Yes, on both accounts (reference is made within the Council's LIR (REP1-036))</p> <p>Yes</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>	<p>Appropriate and acceptable</p> <p>Yes</p>
Road Drainage and Water Environment			
RW.1.2	The Environment Agency Warwickshire County Council Coventry City Council	<p>Flood Risk Assessment</p> <p>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]).</p>	<p>As indicated in the LIR (REP-036) the Council are satisfied with the findings of the FRA and all elements other than the assessment of residual risk associated with the failure of the Coombe Pool</p>

		<p>Do you consider the Flood Risk Assessment to comply with National Networks National Policy Statement, the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance?</p> <p>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?</p>	<p>reservoir to which further discussions are still on going</p> <p>Yes, however as stated in the hearing the National Guidance states in addressing residual risk, “it will not be appropriate to rely solely on emergency plans to mitigate risk”</p> <p>Yes</p>
RW.1.3	Warwickshire County Council Coventry City Council	<p>Flood Risk Assessment</p> <p>Does the Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) [AS-012] adequately and appropriately cover the specific issues of concern to the Lead Local Flood Authority?</p>	Yes
RW.1.4	Coventry City Council	<p>Flood Risk Assessment</p> <p>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?</p>	We are still awaiting this further information at detail design stage until we can comment
RW.1.5	Environment Agency Warwickshire County Council Coventry City Council	<p>Sequential and Exception Tests</p> <p>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]?</p>	The Council are in agreement that the sequential and exception tests are sufficient and applied correctly

RW.1.6	Coventry City Council	<p>Reservoir flood risk assessment</p> <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>	Responses have been provided and reference is made within the Council's LIR (REP1-036) and Coventry City Council's Outstanding Actions from the DCO Issue Specific Hearing 1 – A46 Junction Works (REP-037)
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>	Yes
RW.1.12	Coventry City Council	<p>Coombe Pool Flood Mitigation</p> <p>Scheme 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>	Coventry City Council's Outstanding Actions from the DCO Issue Specific Hearing 1 – A46 Junction Works (REP-037) which references when maintenance works will occur. The Coombe Flood Mitigation scheme itself has been shelved at present.
RW.1.14	Environment Agency Warwickshire County 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</p>	No further comment to make

	Coventry City Council	Management Plan Appendix A, Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments [APP-110]? 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?	Yes
RW.1.17	All Interested Parties	Provision of additional flood risk information 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. All IPs are invited to provide comments on the Applicants response on this matter.	No further comments to make
Transportation and Traffic			
TT.1.4	Coventry City Council	Designer's response to the Road Safety Audit 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 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?	Since the completion of the RSA CCC and NH have had ongoing discussions regarding this matter. We have agreed that the land will be made available for the later provision of the cycle and walking route, to be delivered by the Council, as the phased developments come through and links to Coombe Abbey come forward