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Dear K-J,

A46 COVENTRY JUNCTIONS (WALSGRAVE) – TR010066 DEADLINE 5 COVERING LETTER

National Highways (the “Applicant”) is responding to Deadline 5 of the Examination and submitting documents required by the Examining Authority (the “ExA”) in its Rule 6 (**PD-006**) and Rule 8 (**PD-007**) letters, as well as other documents it believes are required to complement and assist in the Examination.

The Applicant acknowledges the ExA’s Rule 17 letter and appreciates that the ExA has proposed a shorter examination. The Applicant has responded to the ExA’s Rule 17 letter in *8.25 Applicant’s Response to the Examining Authority’s Rule 17 Letter 31 July 2025*, submitted at this Deadline.

Documents submitted at Deadline 5

Table 1 provides a complete list of all documents being submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 5 and the reasons for their submission. The documents are submitted in clean and tracked change versions if they are updated versions of existing documents. The updated Statements of Common Ground are submitted as clean versions only.

Finch Case

Despite climate change not being a topic raised by the ExA in their 31 July Rule 17 request or earlier in the examination, the Applicant has submitted a statement on the implications for the project of the Supreme Court *Finch* judgment, as the Applicant believes this will reduce the risk of subsequent legal challenge to the making of the Development Consent Order should the Secretary of State decide to approve it. This has been provided at Deadline 5 and given the potentially shortened timetable, the Applicant requests that it is published as soon as reasonably practicable to maximise the opportunity for other parties to comment on it.

Table 1 List of documents

Updated Documents				
Document Title	Document Number	Planning Inspectorate Document Reference for latest version	Revision	Reason for Submission
Environmental Statement Chapter 8 (Biodiversity)	6.1	REP3-012	2	Updated to include an assessment of lighting on Coombe Pool SSSI.
Environmental Statement Appendix 8.12 - Habitats Regulations Assessment Report	6.3	APP-087	1	Updated in response to ExA's question in Rule 17 letter.
First Iteration Environmental Management Plan - Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments	6.5	REP4-012	3	Update to LV1 commitment in line with Historic England Statement of Common Ground request.
Application Document Tracker	8.1	REP4-014	5	Requirement of Rule 6 letter Annex F.
Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker	8.2	REP4-016	4	Updates to protective provision negotiations.
Statement of Common Ground with Coventry City Council	8.6	REP4-018	2	Further progress on agreeing issues.
Statement of Common Ground with Warwickshire County Council	8.7	REP1-024	1	Finalised and signed. All matters now agreed.
Statement of Common Ground with Rugby Borough Council	8.8	REP4-019	2	Further progress on agreeing issues.
Statement of Common Ground with Historic England	8.9	REP4-020	2	Updates with regards to LV1 commitment in Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REP4-012). Finalised and signed. All matters now agreed.
Statement of Common Ground with Environment Agency	8.10	REP4-021	2	Finalised and signed. All matters now agreed.
Statement of Common Ground with the Natural England	8.11	REP4-022	2	Further progress on agreeing issues.

Updated Documents				
Document Title	Document Number	Planning Inspectorate Document Reference for latest version	Revision	Reason for Submission
Statement of Commonality for the Statements of Common Ground	8.12	REP4-023	2	Summary of Statement of Common Ground updates.
New Documents				
Applicant's Comments on Submissions Received at Deadline 4	8.24	TBC	0	Requirement of Rule 8 letter.
Applicant's Response to the Examining Authority's Rule 17 Letter 31 July 2025	8.25	TBC	0	To respond to the Rule 17 letter including questions.
Applicant's response to R (on the application of Finch on behalf of the Weald Action Group) (Appellant) v Surrey County Council and others (Respondents)	8.26	TBC	0	Submitted to provide further information on Applicant's stance to the Finch Judgement.
A46 Covering Letter – Deadline 5	X	TBC	0	This document. To provide reasoning for the document submissions
Excel spreadsheet of documents submitted at Deadline 5	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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