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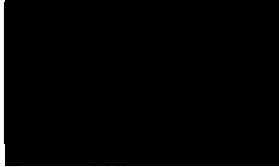
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STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

This final Statement of Common Ground has been prepared and agreed by (1) National Highways Limited and (2) Coventry City Council

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1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1. This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared in respect of the A46 Coventry Junctions (Walsgrave) Scheme (the “Scheme”) following the application made by National Highways (the “Applicant”) to the Secretary of State for Transport, via the Planning Inspectorate (the “Inspectorate”) for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under section 37 of the Planning Act (the “2008 Act”). A detailed description of the Scheme can be found in Chapter 2 of the Environmental Statement (ES) (**APP-024**).
- 1.1.2. This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere with the application documents. All application documents are available on the Planning Inspectorate website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/west-midlands/a46-coventry-junctions-walsgrave/>
- 1.1.3. This SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority where agreement has been reached between the parties to it, and where agreement has not (yet) been reached. SoCGs are an established means in the planning process of allowing all parties to identify and focus on specific issues that may need to be addressed during the examination.

1.2. Parties to this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.2.1. This SoCG has been prepared between (1) National Highways as the Applicant and (2) Coventry City Council.
- 1.2.2. National Highways (previously known as Highways England) became the Government-owned Strategic Highways Company on 1 April 2015. It is the highway authority in England for the strategic road network and has the necessary powers and duties to operate, manage, maintain, and enhance the network. Regulatory powers remain with the Secretary of State. The legislation establishing National Highways made provision for all legal rights and obligations, including in respect of the application, to be conferred upon or assumed by National Highways.
- 1.2.3. Coventry City Council is a host Local Authority for the Scheme, falling within Category B of section 43(1) of the Planning Act 2008. Part of the Scheme is within the administrative area of the authority.

1.3. Terminology

1.3.1. In Table 3.1 in Section 3, Issues of this SoCG, the terminology is as follows:

- “Agreed” indicates area(s) of agreement.
- “Under Discussion” indicates area(s) of current disagreement where resolution remains possible, and where parties continue discussing the issue(s) to determine whether they can reach agreement by the end of the examination.
- “Not Agreed” indicates a final position for area(s) of disagreement where the resolution of the divergent positions will not be possible, and parties agree on this point.

1.3.2. It can be assumed that any matters not specifically referred to in the Issues section of this SoCG are not of material interest or relevant to Coventry City Council and therefore have not been subject of any discussions between the parties. As such, those matters can be read as agreed, only to the extent that they are either not of material interest or relevance to Coventry City Council.

2. Record of Engagement

2.1.1. A summary of the meetings and correspondence that has taken place between National Highways and Coventry City Council in relation to the application is outlined in **Table 2-1** below.

Table 2-1 : Record of Engagement

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes
29 March 2023	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Meeting to discuss Walking, Cycling and Horse-riding (WCH) Assessment, and for Coventry City Council to update on their cycling schemes, including Binley Cycleway. Discussion of passive provision within the Scheme, leading Coventry City Council to request cycling / pedestrian infrastructure as part of the Scheme.
03 April 2023	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Meeting to discuss: Project key dates, Communication strategy, B4082 speed limit and design, Housing and Employment Development, Blue Light route, Departures and design standards, asset ownership, Road Safety Audit, Walking, Cycling and Horse-riding, Existing farm bridge, other developments.
27 April 2023	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Design update meeting: • B4082 – Coventry City Council expressed preference for speed limit reduction. • Junction west roundabout – query from Coventry City Council on provision of pedestrian routes on approaches to roundabouts. The Applicant confirmed that this would be considered in the WCH Assessment. • Maintenances access – The Applicant shared potential access points to be provided to ponds offline, and this was agreed in principle with Coventry City Council. Coventry City Council raised concerns over the potential for fly tipping and explained that the use of ‘grasscrete’ as a design feature can be a deterrent. • Existing bridge – Coventry City Council expressed preference for the retention of the Hungerley Hall Farm accommodation overbridge, and the Applicant confirmed that this would be subject to assessment. • Coventry City Council adoption – potential for B408 to cross boundary into Warwickshire County Council, requiring

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		agreement over maintenance between the two authorities. Other – Coventry City Council confirmed the design standards to be used in the design of the B4082 and update is due later in 2023. Discussion of the use of Balfour Beatty in the design and/or checking of the design for lighting of the Scheme.
4 May 2023	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Meeting to discuss: Pavement investigations scope and pavement design discussions: - Discussion of proposed survey methods to be used, including Dynamic Cone Penetrometer survey and Falling Weight Deflectometer Survey. - Coventry City Council explained that they would not accept designs incorporating High Friction Surfacing and coloured surfaces applied on the top of the surface course, stating the maintenance burden of those methods.
22 May 2023	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	The DCO process – an explanation, focussing on the key milestones in the pre-application and examination process and where local authority input is most likely to be required, including the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and SoCG.
23 May 2023	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Design update meeting: - B4082 – confirmation of decision to propose a 40mph speed limit; explanation that an option to use the existing link road and pavement was being considered. - Maintenance access – discussion of turning head / pond access track design. Providing the vehicle swept path analysis is acceptable, Coventry City Council expressed their approval. - Coventry City Council adoption – Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council agreed to discuss ownership boundaries and provide feedback. - Traffic signs – Coventry City Council to issue their signing strategy for the area.
25 May 2023	Email from Applicant to	Request for contact to discuss landscape viewpoints

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	Coventry City Council	
25 May 2023	Email from Coventry City Council to Applicant	Request for more details on viewpoints to identify the correct contact.
31 May 2023	Email from Applicant to Coventry City Council with figure attachment showing proposed representative viewpoint locations	Representative landscape viewpoint discussion – a request for agreement from Coventry City Council on the ten representative viewpoints to be used for the landscape and visual impact assessment for the Scheme. Requested agreement on which of the ten viewpoints should be prioritised for photomontages by 15 May 2023.
28 June 2023	Email from Applicant to Coventry City Council	Request for response to email about viewpoints locations (dated 31/05/23) and confirmation of correct contact at Coventry City Council.
28 June 2023	Email from Applicant to Coventry City Council	Summary of telephone calls provided. Noted that Historic England have stated the decision on curtilage and the listing lies with the local authority. Requested agreement that the project should assume the structures surrounding Hungerley Hall Farmhouse are curtilage listed until we can prove otherwise. Requested data sources to find out further information on listed building to determine curtilage. Confirmation of date for site visit.
28 June 2023	Email from Applicant to Coventry City Council	Seeking confirmation of correct Coventry City Council member to consult on the viewpoint locations.
7 July 2023	Site visit to Hungerley Hall Farm between Applicant and Coventry City Council	Site visit at Hungerley Hall Farmhouse to assess the listing status of the barns to the east of the farmhouse as well as the two walls to the south (the main farmhouse garden wall and the yard wall).
12 July 2023	Telephone call between Applicant and Coventry City Council	Discussion on the listing status of buildings at Hungerley Hall Farm.
12 July 2023	Email from Applicant to Coventry City Council including	Summary email of site visit and discussion. Conclusion that the brick-built barn to the east of the farmhouse is included within the curtilage listing of the main farmhouse. The metal pole barns are not included within this listing. It is also

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	photo attachment of barns.	considered that the yard wall is within the curtilage listing of the main farmhouse, but that the garden wall may not be assuming it is constructed after 1948. Coventry City Council to provide a note in next couple of weeks. Demolition would lead to a major adverse impact on these assets causing them significant harm. Recommendation for them to be retained.
25 July 2023	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Drainage discussion including: - Request from Coventry City Council for plan showing ownership of drainage assets. - Request for Coventry City Council to confirm requirements for climate change flooding modelling. - Coventry City Council offer to share assessments on providing flood prevention measures for existing bunds east of Smite Brook Culvert. - The Applicant to provide Coventry City Council with a drainage report for the Scheme, so that the authority's figures and values can be added. - Catchment plans to be issued to Coventry City Council once prepared. - Coventry City Council pond access off the Hungerley Hall Farm access track, to be amended and connection provided off the highway to avoid access issues from third parties. - Pond maintenance track to accommodate JCB. - Pipes to be designed for full-bore velocities higher than 1.0m/sec - Suggested by Coventry City Council that the Simple Index approach in CIRIA C753 could be followed instead of Highways England water risk assessment tool (HEWRAT), to assess the pollution mitigation for the road catchment areas within the jurisdiction of Coventry City Council.
10 August 2023	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and	Traffic sign strategy review meeting Discussion of options for symbols to include on signage for the Scheme.

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	Coventry City Council	- Coventry City Council request if sign posts and foundations can be futureproofed for subsequent upgrades. - Coventry City Council to review and provide feedback on proposed destinations to be included on signage. - Coventry City Council to confirm whether double yellow lines are required within the Scheme design.
11 August 2023	Email from Applicant to Coventry City Council	Request for meeting to discuss biodiversity
15 August 2023	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Suicide prevention strategy discussion - Discussion of history of reported suicides on highways in Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council areas - Discussion of proposed measures for the Scheme to reduce suicide risks, including site security during construction phase around structures, earthworks, drainage features; restricted pedestrian access to the proposed overbridge; anti-climb parapets. - Completed Suicide Prevention Strategy Report provided to Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council.
2 October 2023	Letter from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Suggestion made to include a further viewpoint between [proposed] viewpoints 6 & 7 to be taken from the Clifford Bridge Road on the bridge that crosses the River Sowe as this forms a nodal point in which the rivers path, the road and the pedestrian route from the north-west intersect at an elevated position and offer views over the proposed junction.
9 November 2023	Email from Applicant to Coventry City Council	To explain reasons for consulting the authority on the potential descoping of Materials, Assets and Waste (MAW) from the environmental assessments and to request a meeting.
16 November 2023	Email from Applicant to Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council	Draft geophysical survey report for the Scheme shared for comment with Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council.

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20 November 2023	Email from Applicant to Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council	Marked-up excerpts of the geophysical survey shared with Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council along with the trial trenching layout rationale and draft schedule of trenching.
21 November 2023	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Departures overview meeting: • Direct Access for multiple purposes – Coventry City Council requirement is to retain the term direct access to allow Coventry City Council to enforce the law in these areas, departure required. • Alternate direct access for southern pond was suggested by Coventry City Council Drainage team to provide online access from B4082. • Roundabout Entry Departure – Coventry City Council requirement is to keep the widened lanes to allow emergency vehicles to pass parked / stationed vehicles to access the Hospital, departure required. • Set-back visibility relaxed on the pond access. Coventry City Council accept it is a relaxation and have no issues given the minimal use of the pond access. Relaxation required. • Coventry City Council confirm that only a National Highways Road Safety Audit is required, but the authority must be notified when these are taking place and must be invited to each audit undertaken, so Coventry City Council design team can witness the audit on site. • Coventry City Council to attend the Road Safety Assessment (RSA) site visit as attendee only, not as a member of the road safety audit team. • Coventry City Council requires design reviews to be held in stages to accelerate the approvals process. • The Applicant to agree the review submission documents and programme to accommodate Coventry City Council's approvals process.

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23 November 2023	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	To follow up on the meeting request to discuss descopeing of MAW from the Environmental Statement.
27 November 2023	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Ecology consultation meeting: - Designated sites - Discussion of proposed assessment methods for designated sites. Ecology design - Explanation from Coventry City Council of intention to create a buffer area around Combe¹ Pool Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and proposals for the land to the east of the A46 to include an extension of Coombe Abbey Park via a rewilding scheme all the way down to the airport. - Suggested building green bridge. - Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) - The Applicant to send units required for BNG. Coventry City Council to send indicative costs. - The Applicant to discuss with Coombe Abbey Park whether there are any offsetting opportunities within the park. - The Applicant to advise the Coventry City Council regarding the number of units and habitat types required. Coventry City Council to identify potential land near the Scheme available for offset. - The Applicant to consider eDNA analysis for great-crested newts (GCN) as a supplementary method for pre-construction services. - Bat / bird mitigation - The Applicant to advise on number of bird / bat boxes required. Applicant requested if any opportunities to install on council-

¹ Coombe is also spelt as Combe in some databases and on the SSSI citation for Coombe Pool. For consistency the spelling of Combe has been used for Coombe Pool throughout this document.

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		owned land. Coventry City Council advised that sites available.
8 December 2023	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Meeting requested to explore opportunities within Coombe Abbey Park to deliver BNG units on council-owned land.
8 December 2023	Email from Coventry City Council to Applicant	Agreement to a meeting and requested BNG options for consideration.
8 December 2023	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Applicant noted that previously identified BNG options currently limited to the potential to enhance the woodland adjacent to the A46. The Scheme may be required to look off-site for delivery of sufficient medium distinctiveness woodland either through creation and/or enhancement. Applicant has identified a potential opportunity to enhance the woodland within the SSSI by removal of the rhododendron throughout the woodland. Request to discuss this potential opportunity and any other opportunities for delivery of woodland units within Coombe Abbey Park.
09 December 2023	Email from Coventry City Council to Applicant	Response from Coventry City Council detailing their concerns over potential flooding impacts on the existing A46 embankment. A report detailing Coventry City Council's assessment of this risk was attached to the email.
11 December 2023	Email from Coventry City Council to Applicant	Request from Coventry City Council for clarification of whether the MAW descoping request pertains to waste management or to fly-tipping.
12 December 2023	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	BNG Unit Delivery Opportunities at Coombe Abbey Park. Discussed management of Rhododendron as an option to improve existing woodland. This would be welcomed by Coombe Abbey Park estate management. BNG calculations undertaken to date explained. Coventry City Council explained that all lost woodland within Coombe Abbey Park's (CAP) ownership has been replanted and there are no areas in which a new woodland could be planted. An area south of the hall is reserved for re-pasture and trees have already been planted.

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		Coventry City Council identified an opportunity to improve with a shrub layer in an area of the CAP woodland that is coppiced sycamore. Coventry City Council identified an opportunity for a woodland corridor to be created between the CAP and the Ansty Business Park through the industrial estate however this enhancement would be outside of council land. The Applicant explained that improving the SSSI woodland is the best option for the scheme. Discussed habitat types. Coventry City Council explained that the hedges in CCP are at capacity and there is no opportunity to enhance. Hedges to the north of CCP are in a fragmented way and could be enhanced.
12 December 2023	Email from Coventry City Council to Applicant	Noted that there is an avenue of oak trees in Coombe Abbey Park that require succession planting which may be an opportunity.
13 December 2023	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Applicant noted that lines of trees are included within the BNG Metric in the linear hedgerow module and so enhancement and or creation of these could assist the Scheme in increasing the BNG for linear hedgerow habitats. Requested confirmation that the linear feature (avenue of oaks) is a minimum of 20m long, not situated within a heavily urban environment and whether this line of trees includes ancient and/or veteran trees. Clarification of succession planting. Applicant requested whether any habitat surveys have been undertaken at the Coombe Abbey Park, and specifically any BNG habitat condition surveys which could inform the baseline for the site.
13 December 2023	Email from Coventry City Council to Applicant	Confirmation that the avenue of oaks is roughly 90m long and grid reference of location provided. Confirmation that avenue does contain veteran trees. Coventry City Council suggested for succession planting adding rows either side of the existing avenue so as to not impact on the declining trees. This would be with the aim of continuous canopy cover. Confirmed that there have been no BNG surveys of the park.
13 December 2023	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and	Drainage discussion: Request from Coventry City Council to see topographical surveys of watercourses

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	Coventry City Council	adjacent to the Scheme to demonstrate connectivity. - Coventry City Council explained that the preferred side slopes for sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS) features is 1:5 due to Coventry City Council drainage maintenance requirements, which includes using a ride-on mower. The Applicant queried whether the 1:3 side slopes to the road embankments/cutting would be acceptable, Coventry City Council confirmed that this was a separate maintenance issue to be agreed with their Highways team. - Coventry City Council requested to see a land dedication plan, which should consider access and maintenance margins. This plan would also identify ownership of proposed drainage assets. - Coventry City Council requested that measures be considered to manage and control silt during construction stage and worked into the contractor's construction management plan. The Applicant acknowledged that a construction environmental management plan would be produced which will include measures.
14 December 2023	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Applicant acknowledged opportunity of succession planting of avenue of oaks and advised that after the next set of BNG calculations based upon update landscape designs the Applicant will be able to confirm whether off-site linear features required. Applicant explained the BNG metric methodology.
14 December 2023	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Minutes of meeting issued (27/11/23) Applicant confirmed the intent and reasoning to remove 'Ecosites' with no further statutory or non-statutory designations from the ecological assessment within the Environmental Statement.
21 December 2023	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Confirmation that the MAW discussion pertains to waste management.
17 January 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and	Preliminary Design discussion: Overview of the statutory consultation

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	Coventry City Council	• Overview of SoCG process • Preliminary Design Programme summary • Preliminary Design – Alignment Design Fix 3 ○ Confirmation that the Hungerley Hall Farm overbridge is to be retained in the design. ○ Coventry City Council stated that passive provision of a WCH route from the B4082 to the Hungerley Hall Farm would not be acceptable and that they require a LTN 1/20 compliant route connecting to Coombe Abbey. ○ Confirmation that the B4082 link road would be fully kerbed. ○ The embankments and cuttings along the B4082 Link Road will be 1:3 and 1:2.5; no retaining walls are proposed along the B4082 link road. ○ Confirmation that the northern pond and access track had been removed. The pond in between the B4082 link road and A46 Mainline would be increased in size.
21 January 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Requesting confirmation of receipt of email on 14 December 2023 which included minutes from meeting on 27 November 2023.
31 January 2023	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Preliminary design discussion: • Pavement Design Fix 3 ○ The option of full construction at the tie-in location to be discussed. ○ Discussion of different options for pavement construction (Coventry City Council opposed to the rigid option but in agreement with other options) • Southern pond slopes ○ Agreement that slopes to be incorporated into the design • Hungerley Hall Farm access ○ Access from the farm to the accommodation bridge to be

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		staggered, in line with DMRB CD123. - Kerb heights for B4082 Link Road - Agreement over dimensions of proposed kerbs. - Mounting Heights for traffic signs - Agreement over heights of traffic sign mounts within areas potentially used for WCH routes.
1 February 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Further follow up on the request for a meeting to discuss the descoping of MAW from the Environmental Statement.
14 February 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Flood prevention measures discussion: - A design flood level of 73.89mAOD (600mm Freeboard) has been used to confirm required height of bund. - The existing bund in the A46 Mainline eastern verge affected by the proposed works will be re-built with an impermeable bund. - Farm access has been provided from Hungerley Hall Farm, across the B4082 link Road and connects onto the Hungerley Hall farm accommodation bridge. A stagger junction layout as per CD 123 has been designed. The layout will be sent to the farmer (Landowner) to confirm entrances and exits route required.
20 February 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Request for Coventry City Council to consider proposed flood prevention measures for the Scheme.
28 February 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Preliminary Design (drainage) update: - Climate change parameters agreed. - Discussion of proposed pipe system, including an action for the Applicant to discuss and agree the proposed drainage pipe material at the detailed design stage. - Agreement that attenuation would be provided through one southern detention basin. - Discussion of proposed kerb and gully system, including concerns from Coventry

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		City Council over the maintenance duration and increased presence on the live carriageway with kerb and gully systems. Suggestion of a drainage system which decreases the maintenance period and decreases the risk of maintenance operators' presence on the live network would be combined drainage kerbs as an alternative option to consider on the B4082 Link Road.
28 February 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Landscape design. The following points were noted during the meeting: · Coventry City Council requested to be mindful that Coventry City Council pushing for Local Transport Note (LTN) 1/20 walking, cycling and horse-riding (WCH) route along B4082 and this may affect design. · Coventry City Council expect the housing development to the west to come forward quickly upon construction of the Walsgrave Scheme. · Coventry City Council requested that a safeguarded corridor (i.e., a gap) is incorporated within the landscape design to avoid removal of newly planted trees (should future developments occur). Tree removal can lead to criticism of Coventry City Council which is preferable to avoid. · Coventry City Council suggested screening alternatives such as a living wall could be provided.
5 March 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Further follow up on the request for a meeting to discuss the descoping of MAW from the Environmental Statement.
21 March 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Further follow up on the request for a meeting to discuss the descoping of MAW from the Environmental Statement.
3 April 2024	Email from Applicant to Coventry City Council	The Applicant made Coventry City Council aware the cumulative assessment following PINS advice note 17 and a study area of 1km. Data sources used stated along with criteria for when a development would be short-listed for assessment. Initial search has identified no developments within the study area to be assessed cumulatively. Applicant sought

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		agreement from Coventry City Council on developments identified.
3 April 2024	Email from Coventry City Council to Applicant	Coventry City Council responded to cumulative development request and identified relevant contact.
8 April 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Further follow up on request for a meeting to discuss the descopeing of MAW from the Environmental Statement.
11 April 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council, Warwickshire County Council and Rugby Borough Council	The Applicant / Host authorities liaison meeting: Scheme update, including update on consultation summary report and progress of Environmental Statement chapters.
12 April 2024	Email from Coventry City Council to Applicant	Response from Coventry City Council to a request for feedback on proposed flood prevention measures. The response details concerns over potential impacts on the A46 highway embankment as a flood defence.
16 April 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Further follow up on the request for a meeting to discuss the descopeing of MAW from the Environmental Statement.
17 April 2024	Email from Coventry City Council to Applicant	Acknowledgement from Coventry City Council of the MAW meeting request, and a question concerning the specific type of waste management in question.
17 April 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Confirmation of the type of waste management and a restating of the reasons for the request for Coventry City Council's input.
17 April 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Trial Trenching Report issued to Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council for comment. Also included suggestions on mitigation.
17 April 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Acknowledgement of new contact for request of review of developments identified for cumulative assessment.

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23 April 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Follow up on the request for a meeting to discuss the descope of MAW from the Environmental Statement.
25 April 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	A written response to the points raised by Coventry City Council on flood prevention measures, and confirmation of a meeting on the subject on 14 May 2024.
14 May 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Discussion of flood prevention measures, including comments previously made by Coventry City Council over concerns with potential impacts to A46 highway embankment.
16 May 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council, Warwickshire County Council and Rugby Borough Council	The Applicant / Host authorities liaison meeting, including SoCG development update.
22 May 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Preliminary design departures, relaxations and Road Safety Audit
23 May 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	New request to discuss MAW assessment approach.
13 June 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Applicant/ host local authorities liaison meeting: Scheme update, water quality assessment update, targeted consultation update.
18 June 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Follow up on request to discuss MAW assessment approach.
26 June 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council (and Rugby Borough Council)	Notified Coventry City Council of intention to undertake baseline noise survey (as originally proposed). Seeking acceptance of the data if the survey extended into the early part of a week which was affected by school holidays in Leicestershire.

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26 June 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council (and Rugby Borough Council)	Email acknowledging response from Rugby Borough Council and agreeing that the survey report will clearly identify the holidays starting in the 'margins of error' or equivalent section and if the traffic flow alter significantly, adjustments will be calculated to give representative data.
28 June 2024	Email from Coventry City Council to Applicant	Agreed to approach for the baseline noise survey and with Rugby Borough Council comments.
2 July 2024	Email from Applicant to Coventry City Council	Suggested that the evaluation results from trial trenching are conclusive enough that the archaeological potential is negligible. Outlined more detailed measures to be included in the unexpected finds protocol. Requested response to previous email.
3 July 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Preliminary design traffic: • Summary of the Applicant's traffic modelling methodology. • Questions from Coventry City Council on how development off M6 Junction 2 has been modelled, and response that it is included in the Uncertainty Log at this stage. • Question from Coventry City Council on whether a hospital link road has been modelled, and a response that there is not enough certainty on the link road for it to be included in core modelling. • Question from Coventry City Council on how construction impacts on emergency service journeys have been calculated. Response from the Applicant that these journeys are not modelled separately so cannot be quantified. • Suggestion from Coventry City Council that data on potential impacts of a hospital link road would be beneficial to Coventry City Council's planning. • Request from the Applicant for data on vehicle counts from Coventry City Council's works on Binley Road.
4 July 2024	Email from Applicant to Coventry City Council	Request for response to email (dated 03/04/24) for review of developments identified for cumulative assessment.

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4 July 2024	Email from Coventry City Council to Applicant (excel attachment of Uncertainty log)	Advised that application FUL/2018/2063 is fully implemented. Latest Uncertainty Log attached which is being used to build Coventry City Council's new strategic transport model and Local Plan Testing. Noted that Rugby Borough Council will likely mention the Project Alpha Site, just to the North West of M6 Junction 3. This is a large site going through planning process, being considered by the planning committee in October of this year, so could have approval prior to Walsgrave going through DCO.
11 July 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Applicant / host local authorities liaison meeting: Scheme update on DCO forward programme, progress of transport forecasting package, Hungerley Hall Farm accommodate bridge structural survey, drainage report.
16 July 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Road Safety Audit and Departures: • Road Safety Audit: matters agreed ○ 40mph speed limit for B4082. ○ To provide continuous lighting on B4082. • Road Safety Audit: matters under discussion ○ Use of guardrail near the signalised pedestrian crossing. ○ Hungerley Hall Farm access staggered turn between access and bridge – Coventry City Council to review sketches and provide comments. ○ Hungerley Hall Farm access road bell-mouth design – Coventry City Council to review access sketch and kerb detail. ○ Planting in widened verge to reduce visibility and discourage speeding – Coventry City Council require a WCH route to be built as part of the Scheme, which would alter this RSA statement condition. ○ Vehicle Restraint System (VRS) provision – Coventry City Council requested the VRS assessment. ○ Geometrical alignment – Coventry City Council stated that the response disagrees with the issue.

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		The Applicant to review and amend as necessary.
22 July 2024	Email from Applicant to Coventry City Council	Email from the Applicant's legal representatives, asking Coventry City Council to review a draft agreement concerning access to Coombe Abbey Park in order to instal bird / bat boxes during construction of the Scheme.
1 August 2024	Email from Applicant to Coventry City Council	Reminder email concerning the draft agreement to access Coombe Abbey Park for the installation of bird / bat boxes.
2 August 2024	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Confirmation that Coventry City Council had passed the issue around agreement to access Coombe Abbey Park to its legal department.
8 August 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Applicant / host local authorities liaison meeting: Scheme update, water quality assessment update, targeted consultation update.
12 August 2024	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Explanation from Coventry City Council's Legal Department that they were waiting for instructions from their client in respect of the request to review a draft agreement to install bird / bat boxes in Coombe Abbey Park.
22 August 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Reminder email to Coventry City Council's Legal Department concerning the draft agreement to access Coombe Abbey Park for the installation of bird / bat boxes.
29 August 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Response requested to previous emails about trial trenching conclusions and unexpected finds protocol.
29 August 2024	Email from Coventry City Council to Applicant	Coventry City Council response in relation to the Trial Trenching Report and suggested mitigation. Agreement that the archaeological potential appears to be low (certainly on the Coventry side). Content for the works to proceed with the Unexpected Finds Protocol and that watching brief is probably disproportionate. Examples of the toolbox talks and briefing sheets/posters requested. Suggested intermittent visits by an archaeologist perhaps once a week at first.

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		Stated that approach may need to differ when getting close to areas of alluvium and waterlogged deposits which needs to be factored into any final programme of works.
29 August 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Initial agreement sought from Coventry City Council on the proposed mitigation for the impacts on Hungerley Hall Farm and Coombe Abbey Park.
4 September 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Preliminary design (flood prevention): discussion of correspondence between Coventry City Council and the Applicant on flood risk assessment and flood prevention.
4 September 2024	Email from Coventry City Council to Applicant	Feedback from Coventry City Council to feedback provided on 25 April concerning flood prevention measures.
4 September 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Responses to points raised by Coventry City Council on 4 September 2024 email concerning flood prevention measures.
4 September 2024	Email from Coventry City Council to Applicant	Explanation that, given the anticipated application date for the Scheme DCO, there would no longer be time to apply any feedback provided by Coventry City Council on the draft shared with them.
9 September 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Request for Coventry City Council to provide feedback on the adequacy of pre-application consultation for the Scheme, pursuant to National Highways' preparation of an Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Statement.
12 September 2024	Email from Coventry City Council to Applicant	Coventry City Council response in relation to the proposed mitigation for Hungerley Hall Farm and Coombe Abbey Park (email from Applicant dated 29/08/23). Acknowledgement of the demolition of the farmyard wall causing moderate harm, not substantial harm. The harm can be offset through mitigation, that has been suitably outlined in the already indicated mitigation measures. Noted that the setting of the farm will be altered. Impacts identified as formed of two parts; removal of the boundary wall as one impact and the second is encroachment on setting of the farmhouse and barn as a result of drawing the embankment closer to them. Requested impacts

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		need to be considered separately and then as part of the cumulative impact to setting. Acceptance that the impact of the wall removal, and encroachment on setting to the farm and barn, will be moderate, however, coupled with the proposed mitigation this will reduce the impact of the works to the significance of the farm and buildings to minor. Noted that the barn is included within the red line to enable access only, and during works the barn will be protected by a physical barrier, and vibration monitoring during works will allow for pre-emptive action to occur to protect the barn, if required. Clarified that Rugby Borough Council should provide their own conservation and tree comments regarding the impacts to Coombe Abbey Registered Park and Garden (RPG).
18 September 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council (and Warwickshire County Council)	Update to Coventry City Council (and Warwickshire County Council) on proposed mitigation for archaeology.
24 September 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Draft hydraulic model shared with Coventry City Council.
25 September 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Drainage Strategy/Drawings and Calculations submitted to Coventry City Council for review.
26 September 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Request from the Applicant to respond to earlier emails concerning the installation of bat boxes at Coombe Abbey Park.
3 October 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Email from the Applicant's Regional Delivery Director to Coventry City Council officers, covering the following: • The potential for a hospital link road to be added to the Scheme at a later date, separate to the delivery of the Scheme • The passive provision of WCH facilities • Outstanding documents or comments, including on the SoCG

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		- Coventry City Council's role in offsite mitigation licence agreements - A response to the Applicant's Adequacy of Consultation Milestone - The Potential Main Issues for Examination document
7 October 2024	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Confirmation from Coventry City Council that they rejected the Flood Risk Assessment, based on 23 factors set out in an attached document.
9 October 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Liaison meeting including discussion of landscaping, maintenance and SoCG matters.
9 October 2024	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Explanation of the extent of land required to provide a WCH route into Coombe Abbey Park.
10 October 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Sharing of relevant potential issues forming part of the Potential Main Issues for the Examination document, with a request for comments to be sent back to the Applicant by 25 October.
17 October 2024	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Confirmation that Coventry City Council were satisfied with the delivery of pre-application consultation, pursuant to the Applicant's preparation of an Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Statement.
29 October 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Response from the Applicant to Coventry City Council comments on Flood Risk Assessment, including point by point responses to each point raised by Coventry City Council. The email also included details of a File Transfer link containing copies of: - Stage 2 Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) - EA meeting minutes from 9 October 2024 - EA FRA/model approval letter - Latest Environment Agency modelling review sheet - Topographical data - Ground Investigation Report - Groundwater Assessment

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31 October 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Notification to Coventry City Council that National Highways intended to submit its application for development consent on 14 November 2024.
4 November 2024	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Coventry City Council provided feedback on the first draft of the SoCG.
05 November 2024	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Coventry City Council cancel meeting to discuss FRA and hydraulic model comments.
6 November 2024	MS Teams Meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council, Rugby Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council	A presentation from the Applicant's legal representatives on the DCO Examination, including explanations of key phases of the process, common terminology, and deliverables such as Statements of Common Ground that Local Authorities are likely to be involved in.
12 November 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Discussion between the Scheme's Stakeholder and Social Value Manager and Coventry City Council's Business Development Advisor for Inward Investment. Explanation of the Scheme and discussion of potential to utilise the National Highways Social Value fund for investment in local initiatives.
21 November 2024	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Coventry City Council cancel meeting to discuss FRA and hydraulic model comments.
12 December 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Email from the Applicant confirming acceptance of the Scheme's application for development consent.
18 December 2024	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Explanation of the purpose of the Examination Library and an offer of assistance in locating information on any given topic within the application. In addition, an offer of meetings with technical specialists to address new or outstanding issues of concern to Coventry City Council.
7 January 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Email from the Applicant asking for a response to earlier requests for information on Stage 3 and 4 costs for the Scheme.

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13 January 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Email from the Applicant seeking clarification on Coventry City Council's position on the Scheme's WCH elements, and proposing to set up regular meetings to discuss Scheme progress.
17 January 2025	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Cancellation of meeting to discuss project cost forecasts.
17 January 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Confirmation from the Applicant that the Relevant Representations period had begun.
23 January 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Joint meeting between host local authorities and the Applicant, covering: • Relevant Representations • SoCG update • Local Impact Reports Agreement to hold regular meetings on progression of SoCGs.
31 January 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Draft SoCG shared with Coventry City Council to aid preparation of their Relevant Representation and for comment.
31 January 2025	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Draft SoCG returned by Coventry City Council to the Applicant with minor typographical edits.
6 February 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	An offer from the Applicant to meet with Coventry City Council to discuss progress with the SoCG.
7 February 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Meeting to discuss flood prevention measures for the Scheme. Coventry City Council stated that they agree with the Flood Risk Assessment for the Scheme with the exception of the reservoir flood risk. Coventry City Council stated their concerns around emergency planning and resilience in terms of potential breaches of the reservoir and the role of the A46 in withstanding flooding. They have obtained guidance from the Environment Agency that stated that they require assessment of breach of the reservoir. If the Environment

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		Agency position changes then Coventry City Council are satisfied with the FRA. The Applicant explained that the Environment Agency had indicated that no breach assessment would be needed. Coventry City Council agreed to convene a meeting between themselves, the Environment Agency and the Applicant.
19 February 2025	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Coventry City Council provided options for a date to meet with the Applicant to discuss progress with the SoCG.
20 February 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council, Rugby Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council	Joint update meeting between host local authorities (Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council) and the Applicant, covering: • Relevant Representations • SoCG update • Delegated Powers (all authorities reminded to confirm that delegated powers are in place) • Local Impact Reports
25 February 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Draft minutes of flood prevention measures meeting on 7 February 2025 shared for comment.
26 February 2025	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Request from Coventry City Council for clarification on the level of detail expected in Relevant Representations.
26 February 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Response from the Applicant to Coventry City Council's query over the expected level of detail in Relevant Representations. The Applicant advised that there is no standard approach to Relevant Representations but that the level of detail would help the Examining Authority understand the issues to be prioritised in the Examination.
4 March 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	A request from the Applicant for Coventry City Council to provide updated collision data for inclusion in the Applicant's safety plan and departure applications and for a contact at

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		Coventry City Council with whom to consult on a Suicide Prevention technical note.
7 March 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council, Rugby Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council	Minutes from the meeting of 20 February 2025 confirmed as complete.
10 March 2025	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Coventry City Council's Flood Risk Manager provided an update that they were still waiting for the Environment Agency's confirmation of its position on flood prevention measures for the Scheme.
10 March 2025	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	A response to the email request from 4 March 2025, providing additional contacts to consult for collision data and for the Suicide Prevention technical note.
10 March 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	A more detailed request from the Applicant to Coventry City Council for the type of information related to collision data that is needed.
11 March 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	A review of the current draft SoCG, focussing on matters currently 'Under discussion' or 'Not agreed.' Coventry City Council agreed to check the status of two matters: one related to the location of drainage ponds and one related to flood risk prevention measures. The Applicant agreed to set up a meeting (by July 2025) between Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council to discuss maintenance responsibilities.
18 March 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Request from the Applicant for Coventry City Council's Flood Risk Manager to confirm the Environment Agency's final position on the role of the A46 as a flood prevention measure.
20 March 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Request from the Applicant for Coventry City Council to review by 28 March the draft minutes of the SoCG meeting on 11 March 2025 and confirm

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		their agreement with the statuses of matters on the draft SoCG.
26 March 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Follow up request for Coventry City Council's Flood Risk Manager to update on its consultation with the Environment Agency.
26 March 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Detailed Design 'kick off' meeting, covering: Recap, Stage 5 key dates, Departures, Stage 2 Road Safety Audit, B4082 cross section, Hungerley Hall Farm access. Two matters were marked as 'Under discussion': Coventry City Council recommend consideration of CCTV cameras to deter fly-tipping close to Hungerley Hall Farm access. Coventry City Council recommend the use of Maccaferri block facings to the abutments of one of the Scheme structures. In both cases the Applicant agreed to consider the recommendations.
27 March 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Draft minutes of the Detailed Design Meeting of 26 March 2025 shared for comment with Coventry City Council.
27 March 2025	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	In response to the request for comments on the draft minutes of the Detailed Design Meeting, Coventry City Council request that the notes state that Coventry City Council would not support the provision of a lay-by as discussed in the meeting, and to state that screenshots were provided in the team meeting supporting the use of grasscrete.
27 March 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Updated minutes of the Detailed Design Meeting shared with Coventry City Council.
27 March 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Rugby Borough Council, Warwickshire County Council and	Joint update meeting between host local authorities (Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council) and the Applicant, covering: • Relevant Representations • SoCG update

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	Coventry City Council	- Delegated Powers - Local Impact Reports - Environmental Matters
2 April 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Follow up request for Coventry City Council's Flood Risk Manager to update on its consultation with the Environment Agency.
2 April 2025	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Update from Coventry City Council's Flood Risk Manager that Coventry City Council had participated in an Emergency Planning exercise on 17 March to consider the emergency procedures for a breach of Combe Pool, organised by the Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire Resilience Forum. A final position statement would be produced following further meetings to discuss potential mitigation recommendations.
3 April 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Follow up request from the Applicant to Coventry City Council for collision data, as requested on 10 March 2025.
4 April 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	A request from the Applicant for Coventry City Council to assist in the publication of a 'Notice of Hearings' for the Examination phase of the DCO for the Scheme.
7 April 2025	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Collision data relevant to the Scheme area provided by Coventry City Council in response to the Applicant's request from 10 March 2025.
8 April 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Request from the Applicant for Coventry City Council to review, by the end of April, data provided by the Applicant on its Uncertainty Log, which would allow for traffic modelling to be updated.
10 April 2025	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Confirmation that the request to review data for the Applicant's Uncertainty Log had been received and would be reviewed.
16 April 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Reminder email for Coventry City Council to confirm the statuses of matters on the draft SoCG.
22 April 2025	Meeting and site visit involving the Applicant, Coventry	Flood modelling and potential mitigation for dam breach at Combe Pool, site visit to allow full understanding of on-site conditions.

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	City Council and (for the meeting only) the Environment Agency	
23 April 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	A request from the Applicant to review revised wording on the Scheme's WCH provision and to confirm Coventry City Council's updated position on this matter. Additionally, a request for an update on a potential agreement from Coventry City Council to allow bat and bird boxes to be installed at Coombe Abbey Park.
23 April 2025	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Confirmation from Coventry City Council that they approve the revised statement on the Scheme's provision of WCH, as included in the Applicant's email also on 23 April 2025. Coventry City Council also explained that the agreement for installation of bird and bat boxes was being progressed internally.
24 April 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Request for updates on outstanding SoCG matters.
24 April 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council	Joint update meeting between host local authorities (Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council) and the Applicant, covering: • Scheme update • SoCG update
25 April 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Provision of a revised cross section through the section of the embankment at the location of the Smite Brook culvert under the A46 following a site visit by the Coventry City Council flood risk team in relation to the Combe Pool Flood Mitigation Scheme.
29 April 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Notification of inclusion of Combe Pool Flood Mitigation Scheme in Issue Specific Hearing 1.
1 May 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Request for comments following provision of a revised cross section through the section of the embankment at the location of the Smite Brook culvert under the A46 following a site visit by the

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		Coventry City Council flood risk team in relation to the Combe Pool Flood Mitigation Scheme.
1 May 2025	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Confirmation that the Coventry City Council was more satisfied with the embankment height following the engagement about the Combe Pool Flood Mitigation Scheme, along with the additional collaboration underway with the Applicant and Environment Agency outside of the DCO process.
6 May 2025	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Update on status of outstanding SoCG matters.
6 May 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Acknowledgement of comments on the draft SoCG.
14 May 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Request for further comments on outstanding SoCG matters including landscape & visual, noise & vibration, biodiversity and road drainage & the water environment.
15 May 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Rugby Borough Council, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council	Joint update meeting between host local authorities (Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council) and the Applicant, covering: • Scheme update • SoCG update • Environmental matters
15 May 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Notification of release of model files to assist in development of a WCH route plan, as requested at the DCO examination.
16 May 2025	Emails from the Applicant to Coventry City Council and Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Confirmation of agreement and final comments on outstanding SoCG matters including landscape & visual, noise & vibration, biodiversity and road drainage & the water environment.
23 May 2025	Emails from the Applicant to Coventry City Council and Coventry City	Confirmation of status of this SoCG and sign-off for submission at examination deadline 1.

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	Council to the Applicant	
12 June 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Rugby Borough Council, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council	Joint update meeting between host local authorities (Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council) and the Applicant, covering: • Scheme update • SoCG update • Examining Authority's First Written Questions • Environmental matters
24 June 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Request for exchange of documents to be submitted at examination deadline 3.
24 June 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Corrections relating to documents to be submitted at examination deadline 3.
16 July 2025	Email from the Applicant to Coventry City Council	Revised draft SoCG with updates to the Applicant's position regarding matters 11/12 (Road Drainage and the Water Environment: flood mitigation) provided for comment.
17 July 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council	Joint update meeting between host local authorities (Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council) and the Applicant, covering: • Scheme update • SoCG update • Examining Authority's First Written Questions Environmental matters
17/18/21/30 July 2025	Emails from the Applicant to Coventry City Council and Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Discussion of content and status of this SoCG for submission at examination deadline 4.
18 July 2025	Email from Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Discussion of sub-licence agreement to facilitate the use of the Coombe Pool Breach Model.

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18 August 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Discussion of the Flood Risk Assessment regarding Coombe Pool, proposed responses to the Examining Authority's written questions, and Coventry City Council's position on this matter.
19-20 August 2025	Emails from the Applicant to Coventry City Council and Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Discussion of the Flood Risk Assessment regarding Coombe Pool, proposed responses to the Examining Authority's written questions, and Coventry City Council's position on this matter.
27 August - 8 September 2025	Emails from the Applicant to Coventry City Council and Coventry City Council to the Applicant	Preparation of finalised SoCG.

- 2.1.2. It is agreed that this is an accurate record of key meetings and other forms of consultation and engagement undertaken between (1) National Highways and (2) Coventry City Council in relation to issues addressed in this SoCG.

3. Issues

3.1. Issues agreed, not agreed or under discussion

- 3.1.1. **Table 3-1** below details the issues which have been agreed, not agreed or are under discussion between (1) National Highways and (2) Coventry City Council.
- 3.1.2. At Examination Deadline 6 both parties have reached agreement on the status of 32 matters in total, of which 32 are agreed and 0 are not agreed.

Table 3-1 List of issues

Ref	Issue	Doc Ref	Coventry City Council's Position	National Highways' Position	Status	Date
Biodiversity						
1	Biodiversity: mitigation / enhancement	The Environmental Masterplan (ES Figure 2.4) [APP-043] ES Appendix 8.1 (Biodiversity Net Gain Report) [APP-076]	The principle of removing the existing surface roundabout at Walsgrave is agreed, and it is noted that this could provide opportunities for enhancement of the local landscape, including providing enhanced habitat for flora and fauna. Other opportunities to provide enhanced habitat, especially at the proposed balancing ponds and associated parcels of land, should again be maximised.	The Environmental Masterplan (ES Figure 2.4 [APP-043]) has been developed in conjunction with the biodiversity team in order to maximise habitat creation where possible. ES Appendix 8.1 (Biodiversity Net Gain Report) [APP-076] details the BNG calculations undertaken for the Scheme, based upon the Environmental Masterplan (ES Figure 2.4 (APP-043)). ES Chapter 8 (Biodiversity) [APP-030] presents the assessment used to determine any potential	Agreed	4 November 2024

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		ES Chapter 8 (Biodiversity) [APP-030]		likely significant effects of the Scheme upon Biodiversity, both during construction and operation. The assessment is considered compliant with DMRB LA 104 (Environmental Assessment and Monitoring) and DMRB LA 108 (Biodiversity). ES Chapter 8 (Biodiversity) [APP-030] presents the mitigation and enhancements that the Scheme would deliver. The creation of drainage features, hedgerows, lines of trees, species-rich grassland, woodland and scrub habitats along the Scheme (including the existing Walsgrave roundabout) would create more foraging habitat for birds, bats, badgers, hedgehogs and polecats within the Order Limits. As such, the creation of these areas of scrub and grassland can be considered an enhancement, providing habitat for species including birds, bats, badgers, invertebrates, hedgehogs and polecats.		

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2	Biodiversity: Net Gain - maintenance	Environmental Masterplan (ES Figure 2.4 [APP-043] ES Appendix 8.1 (Biodiversity Net Gain Report) [APP-076]	The Applicant presented its approach to Biodiversity Net Gain, setting out that management requirements for these mitigation areas would be outlined in the Environmental Masterplan and Landscape and Ecological Management Plan. During this meeting, Coventry City Council indicated that they would not wish to take on responsibility for management and maintenance in accordance with BNG requirements for any habitats. Resources unlikely to be available for management and maintenance of any habitats and vegetation associated with the Scheme Details provided to pursue discussions. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	The Applicant would be responsible for the maintenance of the A46 and the new dumbbell roundabout. Coventry City Council would own and maintain the re-aligned B4082 up to the dumbbell junction. The boundary between the two would be determined as part of the detailed design phase. Maintenance requirements in line with BNG requirements in areas owned and maintained by Coventry City Council are under discussion. The Applicant has committed to setting up a joint meeting involving Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council to discuss and agree shared responsibilities.	Agreed	6 May 2025
3	Biodiversity: mitigation / enhancement	Environmental Masterplan (ES Figure 2.4 [APP-043])	Due to soil in the Coventry City Council area being predominantly clay, tree survival in these conditions needs to be considered.	The Applicant has proposed indicative species mixes for different habitat types in different areas. These are presented in the	Agreed	6 May 2025

Ref	Issue	Doc Ref	Coventry City Council's Position	National Highways' Position	Status	Date
		Appendix B.4 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP) of the First Iteration Environmental Management Plan (EMP) [APP-109].	Seed mixes should be sent to Urban Forestry officer. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	Indicative Plant Schedule which forms part of the Environmental Masterplan (ES Figure 2.4 [APP-043] submitted as part of the DCO application. Outline management requirements for landscaping are presented in Appendix B.4 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan of the First Iteration EMP [APP-109]. The second iteration EMP and detailed LEMP will be produced prior to construction and the Applicant will continue to consult with Coventry City Council regarding seed mixes and planting.		
Landscape and Visual						
4	Landscape and Visual: Viewpoints for assessment and photomontages	ES Chapter 7 (Landscape and Visual Effects) [APP-029]	Suggestion made (letter dated 2/10/23) to include a further viewpoint between [proposed] viewpoints 6 & 7 to be taken from the Clifford Bridge Road on the bridge that crosses the River Sowe as this forms a nodal point in which the rivers path, the road and the pedestrian route from the north-west intersect at an elevated	The Applicant has included the additional viewpoint requested in the assessment. The viewpoints used in the assessment of landscape and visual impacts are presented in Environmental Statement Chapter 7 (Landscape and Visual Effects) [APP-029]	Agreed	2 October 2023

Ref	Issue	Doc Ref	Coventry City Council's Position	National Highways' Position	Status	Date
		ES Appendix 7.3 Representative Viewpoints [APP-072]	position and offer views over the proposed junction.	and in Environmental Statement Appendix 7.3 Representative Viewpoints [APP-072] and Environmental Statement Figure 7.4.1 - 7.4.13 [APP-051].		
5	Landscape & Visual / Noise & Vibration	ES Chapter 6 (Cultural Heritage) [APP-028] ES Chapter 7 (Landscape and Visual Effects) [APP-029] ES Chapter 11 (Noise and Vibration) [APP-033] Environmental Masterplan (ES Figure 2.4) [APP-043]	Hungerley Hall Farm will require suitable landscaping and noise mitigation measures to minimise the impact of the new road upon the Grade II listed setting. The historic importance of the building needs to be recognised, and sympathetic design principles employed when finalising the design. Coventry City Council will make further comment on this area as the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment is undertaken for the DCO process. Coventry City Council proposed to make further comment on this area as the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment was undertaken for the DCO process. Coventry City Council confirmed on 4 November 2024 that it had no outstanding comments following the release of this information.	ES Chapter 6 (Cultural Heritage) [APP-028], Environmental Statement Chapter 7 (Landscape and Visual Effects) [APP-029] and Environmental Statement Chapter 11 (Noise and Vibration) [APP-033] present the assessments used to determine any potential likely significant effects of the Scheme upon their respective topic areas, both during construction and operation. The assessments are considered compliant with DMRB LA 104 (Environmental Assessment and Monitoring), DMRB LA 106 (Cultural heritage), DMRB LA 107 (Landscape and visual effects) [APP-029] and DMRB LA 111 (Noise and vibration). The Environmental Masterplan (ES Figure 2.4 [APP-043])	Agreed	4 November 2024

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				presents the landscaping mitigation to Hungerley Hall Farmhouse including woodland planting, hedgerows and isolated trees. Environmental Statement Chapter 6 (Cultural Heritage) [APP-028] confirms that the planting would screen much of the urbanising effect of the Scheme, to preserve as much rural character within its setting as is feasible. This would soften the character of the impact but cannot completely mitigate it, especially the loss of open space, although not deemed a likely significant effect in relation to changes to setting of Hungerley Hall Farm. The results of the noise assessment can be found in Environmental Statement Chapter 10 (Noise and Vibration) [APP-033]. This concludes that noise mitigation measures would be required during the construction period, however the assessment concludes that there is no likely significant effect due		

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				to the Scheme during the operational phase.		
Cultural Heritage						
6	Cultural Heritage: Archaeological potential and unexpected finds	ES Chapter 6 (Cultural Heritage) [APP-028] ES Appendix 6.4 (Archaeological Trial Trenching Survey Report) [APP-069]. Unexpected Archaeological Finds Protocol Appendix B.6 of the First Iteration EMP [APP-109].	Agreed that archaeological potential appears to be low (certainly on the Coventry side). Agreed that a watching brief would be disproportionate, and the provision of an Unexpected Finds Protocol would be more appropriate. Request for example toolbox talks. Clarification sought on visits by an archaeologist at the beginning of the works. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	The Applicant has undertaken trial trenching of the site and Environmental Statement Appendix 6.4 (Archaeological Trial Trenching Survey Report) [APP-069] concludes that archaeological potential appears to be low. The Applicant has proposed an Unexpected Archaeological Finds Protocol which has been agreed. Outline measures to be included in the protocol have been discussed. The Unexpected Archaeological Finds Protocol is presented in Appendix B.6 of the First Iteration EMP [APP-109].	Agreed	6 May 2025
7	Cultural Heritage: Hungerley Hall Farm listing and curtilage	ES Chapter 6 (Cultural Heritage) [APP-028]	Hungerley Hall Farm listed buildings identified as follows: the brick built barn to the east of the farmhouse is included within the curtilage listing of the main farmhouse. The metal pole	Listing for Hungerley Hall Farm agreed and assessment progressed based upon identified curtilage as presented in Environmental Statement	Agreed	12 July 2023

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			barns are not included within this listing. It is also considered that the yard wall is within the curtilage listing of the main farmhouse, but that the garden wall may not be assuming it is constructed after 1948.	Chapter 6 (Cultural Heritage) [APP- 028].		
8	Cultural Heritage: Hungerley Hall Farm	ES Chapter 6 (Cultural Heritage) [APP-028] Environmental Masterplan (ES Figure 2.4) [APP-043] Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC) - Appendix A of the First Iteration EMP [APP-110].	<u>Hungerley Hall Farm</u> Removal of wall_agreed (12/09/24) as causing moderate harm, not substantial harm, as the wall demarks the boundary of the domestic setting of the farm rather than directly associated with the farm. <u>Setting</u> Requirement for impacts to be considered separately, removal of the boundary wall, and encroachment on setting of the farmhouse and barn. Then as part of the cumulative impact to setting. <u>Mitigation</u> Potential harm can be offset through mitigation, that has been suitably outlined in the already indicated mitigation measures. <u>Mitigation</u> Agreed the level of harm associated	The Applicant has undertaken an assessment of cultural heritage as presented in Environmental Statement Chapter 6 (Cultural Heritage) [APP-028]. This presents the agreed level of harm and the mitigation measures proposed as outlined in discussions with Coventry City Council. Planting proposals are presented in Environmental Statement Figure 2.4 (Environmental Masterplan) [APP-043]. REAC commitment CH1 of Appendix A of the First Iteration EMP [APP-110] outlines the level 3 Pre-construction historic building recording requirement of the wall to be demolished at Hungerley Hall Farm.	Agreed	6 May 2025

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			to the removal of the wall will be reduced through mitigation actions including: • a Level 3 Historic Building Recording in advance of construction • The planting proposals in place of the wall Acknowledged the proposed access requirements for the barn during construction and for vibration monitoring. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.			
Road Drainage and the Water Environment						
9	Road Drainage and the Water Environment: balancing ponds	ES Chapter 13 (Road Drainage and the Water Environment) [APP-035] Consultation Report [APP-115]	Coventry City Council agree with the principle of the location of proposed balancing ponds. Coventry City Council require further discussion with the Applicant during the detailed design stage to refine the design detail and ensure that maintenance access is accommodated as safely as possible.	Engagement about the proposed drainage strategy has been undertaken with Coventry City Council, described in Environmental Statement Chapter 13 (Road Drainage and the Water Environment) [APP-035] and summarised in Chapter 3 of the Consultation Report [APP-115]. The design principles	Agreed	6 May 2025

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		The Drainage and Surface Water Plans [APP-018]	Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	and features have been agreed in principle with further consultation required during detailed design, as the design is progressed. The Drainage and Surface Water Plans [APP-018] present the layouts of the drainage networks, detention basins and access. One detention basin would be owned and maintained by Coventry City Council once the Scheme is complete. This basin would receive water runoff from Coventry City Council assets only. The detention basin would have a maintenance access track around the periphery of the pond, and would be accessed off the existing entrance to Hungerley Hall farm on the B4082. Rights of access over the Hungerley Hall Farm land would be secured through the DCO. The engagement with Coventry City Council during detailed design is secured through RD10 of the REAC - Appendix A of the First Iteration EMP [APP-110].		

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10	Road Drainage and the Water Environment: Combe Pool flood mitigation scheme	ES Appendix 13.1 (Flood Risk Assessment) [AS-012]	Coventry City Council has been developing proposals for a Combe Pool Flood Mitigation Scheme due to the risk to the A46 and immediate city area and therefore measures need to be included in the Scheme, funded from combination of Defra and National Highways' designated funds. The scheme was considered as part of the recent Binley works and was not awarded designated funds. Therefore, it is essential that the Scheme design should integrate this proposal into the measures being looked at. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses and the additional collaboration underway with the Applicant and Environment Agency outside of the DCO process.	The Applicant is aware of Coventry City Council's proposals for a Combe Pool Flood Mitigation Scheme. The Applicant reviewed the proposal for designated funds during 2022 however the proposal did not qualify under the criteria for designated funds and was not approved. ES Appendix 13.1 (Flood Risk Assessment) [AS-012] evaluates the risk of flooding and its relevant impacts as a result of the Scheme. The Flood Risk Assessment includes reference to the Combe Pool Flood Mitigation scheme. However, it is determined that no mitigation, beyond that embedded within the Scheme design, is required as part of the Scheme to manage reservoir flood risk and the Environment Agency is in agreement. The Applicant remains in discussions with Coventry City Council to assess whether additional measures are	Agreed	6 May 2025

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				necessary, and if so, can be implemented outside of the DCO as part of the operation of the Strategic Road Network.		
11	Road Drainage and the Water Environment: flood mitigation	ES Appendix 13.1 (Flood Risk Assessment) [AS-012]	Coventry City Council is satisfied with the findings of the Flood Risk Assessment for all elements other than the assessment of residual risk associated with failure of Combe Pool reservoir.	The Applicant notes Coventry City Council's position on the agreement of all aspects of the FRA other than the residual risk of reservoir flooding.	Agreed	16 July 2025
12	Road Drainage and the Water Environment: flood mitigation	ES Appendix 13.1 (Flood Risk Assessment) [AS-012] Examination Authority's first Written Questions (ExQ1)) [PD-008] Environment Agency's Responses to Examination Authority's first Written Questions (ExQ1) [REP3-051]	Coventry City Council has outstanding concerns about the assessment of residual risk associated with failure of Combe Pool reservoir. This relates to concerns over the potential impacts on flood risk associated with changes to the A46 embankment. Reservoir flood risk is cited as a residual risk in the Planning Practice Guidance. Also stating that in addressing residual risk, "it will not be appropriate to rely solely on emergency plans to mitigate risk" As part of the much needed road improvement, a proposal was shown to reduce the 6.0m earthwork embankment on the boundary between the A46 and Coombe pool	With regard to the issue of reservoir flooding the Applicant considers that as Combe Pool is classed as a reservoir under the Reservoirs Act 1975 it is subject to regular inspection and maintenance. It is considered that the residual risk from the reservoir is safely managed as the Coventry City Council emergency planner would already have an emergency plan in place to manage the risk of reservoir flooding and that this should be sufficient to manage the risk post-Scheme. It is considered there is no requirement for the submission of	Agreed	21 August 2025

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		Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-005]	by 75% and this was anticipated to impact on residual risk to Coventry and the A46. However, following a site inspection in April with National Highways, the sensitivity of the reduction of the earthwork embankment was understood better and in the lead up to the inquiry, a review of the proposals now shows less reduction in embankment height to 50% and is considered to be a more reasonable approach. A sub-licence agreement has been forwarded to National Highways to facilitate the use of the Coombe Pool Breach Model to understand better the risks to the A46. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 18 July 2025 that this matter remained under discussion following the Applicant's responses and ongoing dialogue between relevant specialists. However, following a meeting with the Applicant on 18 August 2025, despite working in collaboration with National Highways, Coventry City Council accepted that National Highways have not been able to obtain a license directly or indirectly from the Environment	further information. The Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) (Environmental Statement (ES) Appendix 13.1 [AS-012]) demonstrates that the Scheme does not pose flood risk in itself and does not exacerbate flooding issues for other areas downstream; this includes reservoir flooding. The Environment Agency, in their role as a statutory planning consultee and the relevant enforcement authority under the Reservoirs Act 1975, have agreed with the findings of the FRA [AS-012] (see answer to RW.1.2 of REP3-051, Environment Agency's Responses to Examination Authority's first Written Questions (ExQ1)) [PD-008]. The Applicant has consulted with Coventry City Council, including a meeting on 18 August 2025. Coventry City Council have noted the Environment Agency agreement of the FRA and consider the updated cross sections provided (in Appendix 1 of REP2-005) demonstrate the		

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			Agency to use the Coombe Pool Breach Model, to better understand risk to the A46 and Coventry. Coventry City Council noted the statutory consultee responses of the Environment Agency. Furthermore, the lesser reduction to the bund between the A46 and Coombe Pool was considered to be a more reasonable approach in the event of Coombe Pool breach. On this basis, the works of the scheme are more acceptable to the Council and are now no longer subject to further discussion.	acceptability of the FRA [AS-012]. Therefore, Coventry City Council are in agreement with the Scheme and this issue is no longer outstanding and has been marked as Agreed in this SoCG with Coventry City Council. In addition, permission to access the model can only be granted by the Environment Agency (as the licence holder), who agreed only to share the model with Coventry City Council. The access details provided to the Applicant from Coventry City Council on 18 July 2025 only provided access for the Council's use and did not allow the Applicant access to the modelling data. Therefore, the Applicant was unable to access the model.		
Walkers, Cyclists and Horse-riders (WCH)						
13	WCH: Accessibility & integration	Consultation Report [APP-115] ES Chapter 12 (Population and Human	The Hungerley Hall Farm accommodation bridge would potentially provide one option for a walk / cycle route to Coombe Abbey Park, albeit there is no current Public Right of Way using the bridge. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was	The Applicant proposes to retain the Hungerley Hall Farm accommodation overbridge as part of the Scheme, and will continue to maintain the asset. Should the requirements for farm access change in future as a result of development in the area,	Agreed	6 May 2025

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		Health) [APP-034]	content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	the Applicant is open to discussing the future use of the bridge with any prospective applicant and Coventry City Council in regard to its future use as an active travel route, at that point in time. The Applicant will continue to engage with Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council. Chapter 3 of the Consultation Report [APP-115] summarises engagement with stakeholders including local authorities. Environmental Statement Chapter 12 (Population and Human Health) [APP-034] details the discussions held with local authorities and other active travel groups in relation to the Walking, Cycling and Horse-riding assessment.		
14	WCH: Accessibility & integration	ES Chapter 12 (Population and Human Health) [APP-034]	The addition of suitable walking and cycling facilities to the Scheme will need to be designed to LTN1/20 standards, within the new section of road, and along the existing spur to connect to the planned Binley Cycle Route at Clifford's Bridge Road, to the	A WCH assessment was undertaken for the Scheme and the outcome is provided in Environmental Statement Chapter 12 (Population and Human Health) (APP-034).	Agreed	23 April 2025

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		ES Figure 12.3 (Design mitigation and enhancement measures) [APP-058]	access bridge or final walking and cycling route that moves forward. It is appreciated that a strip of land has been reserved to provide such a provision, but it is felt that this needs to be provided if National Highways are to produce a design to meet current National Standards.	Details of the design mitigation and enhancement measures are shown on Environmental Statement Figure 12.3 (Design mitigation and enhancement measures) (APP-058). Since statutory consultation during the pre-application stage, the Applicant has been able to confirm that the Hungerley Hall Farm accommodation overbridge can be retained. The retention of Hungerley Hall Farm accommodation bridge will also allow a potential future connection into Coombe Abbey Park if this is progressed by others as demand from future developments increases. The Applicant is also undertaking additional earth works as part of the Scheme which provides verge widening along the new section of the B4082 link road to accommodate the future provision of a segregated walking and cycling route and a section of shared use path by others. By providing these works as part of the Scheme, it significantly		

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				reduces cost and disruption to do this in the future. The width of the widened verge along the new B4082 would be sufficient to accommodate the LTN 1/20 standard for a 3m cycleway and separate 2m footway. A potential future LTN 1/20 compliant segregated cycleway and footway could also be provided by others along the existing B4082 with the exception of a short length on approach to the Clifford Bridge Road roundabout where a section of shared use cycle track may be required due to existing constraints. The future provision of this mix of predominately segregated footway and cycleway, and the shared use path, is considered compliant with LTN 1/20. Furthermore, the Applicant is proposing to transfer ownership of the triangle wedge of land to the east of the A46 to Coventry City Council, that forms part of the environmental mitigation area for the Scheme. The Applicant would pay Coventry City Council		

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				a commuted sum to maintain the environment mitigation on this land, and give the local authority the opportunity to expand Coombe Abbey Park. The Applicant also proposes to work closely with Coventry City Council to ensure that the landscaping design is as such that it allows for any future link into Coombe Abbey Park. Such a route would connect with committed and proposed future active travel schemes within Coventry and Warwickshire local authority areas. The Applicant considers that all reasonable and proportionate opportunities for connecting communities and enabling future active travel provision have been explored, and the objectives of the Scheme have been met. Coventry City Council confirmed on 23 April 2025 that it accepts the Applicant's position on WCH provision for the Scheme.		

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15	WCH: Accessibility & integration		Providing a passive provision (Widen Verge) from the B4082 link road up to Hungerley Hall Farm accommodation bridge would not be acceptable. Coventry City Council require a LTN 1/20 compliant footway/cycleway to be provided along the western side of the works, running from Clifford Bridge Road up to the roundabout and over the bridge to allow a route to be developed to the Coombe Abbey.	A WCH assessment was undertaken for the Scheme and the outcome is provided in Environmental Statement Chapter 12 (Population and Human Health) (APP-034). Details of the design mitigation and enhancement measures are shown on Environmental Statement Figure 12.3 (Design mitigation and enhancement measures) (APP-058). Since statutory consultation during the pre-application stage, the Applicant has been able to confirm that the Hungerley Hall Farm accommodation overbridge can be retained. The retention of Hungerley Hall Farm accommodation bridge will also allow a potential future connection into Coombe Abbey Park if this is progressed by others as demand from future developments increases. The Applicant is also undertaking additional earth works as part of the Scheme which provides verge widening along the new section of the B4082 link road to accommodate the future	Agreed	23 April 2025

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				provision of a segregated walking and cycling route and a section of shared use path by others. By providing these works as part of the Scheme, it significantly reduces cost and disruption to do this in the future. The width of the widened verge along the new B4082 would be sufficient to accommodate the LTN 1/20 standard for a 3m cycleway and separate 2m footway. A potential future LTN 1/20 compliant segregated cycleway and footway could also be provided by others along the existing B4082 with the exception of a short length on approach to the Clifford Bridge Road roundabout where a section of shared use cycle track may be required due to existing constraints. The future provision of this mix of predominately segregated footway and cycleway, and the shared use path, is considered compliant with LTN 1/20. Furthermore, the Applicant is proposing to transfer ownership of the triangle wedge of land to		

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				the Applicant's position on WCH provision for the Scheme.		
16	WCH: Accessibility & integration		During a meeting to discuss the Walking, Cycling and Horse-riding Assessment, Coventry City Council suggested they would like to see: - a future link to the residential area close to Pearl Hyde Primary Community Primary School. - links to a future employment area Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	The Applicant considers that all reasonable opportunities for connecting communities and enabling future active travel provision have been explored, and the objectives of the Scheme have been met. A Walking, Cycling and Horse-riding (WCH) assessment was undertaken for the Scheme and the outcome is provided in Environmental Statement Chapter 12 (Population and Human Health) [APP-034]. Details of the design mitigation and enhancement measures are shown on Environmental Statement Figure 12.3 (Design mitigation and enhancement measures) [APP-058]. The design of the Scheme would not impede the subsequent development – by Coventry City Council or another developer – of additional WCH routes to Pearl Hyde Primary Community School	Agreed	6 May 2025

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				or to future employment areas either side of the A46.		
Traffic and Transport						
17	Traffic and transport: traffic modelling		Coventry City Council raised concern of Project Alpha [a proposed business campus in Ansty] undergoing planning permission currently, which may have an impact on the A46 Walsgrave junction design as added traffic flows have not been modelled in the proposed junction upgrade works. The scheme is due to start construction 2027-28 and undergoing 30 days proposal review by Coventry City Council. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	The Project Alpha development was not included in the modelling conducted during pre-application as it was not considered to have a high enough certainty to proceed at the time of modelling. As part of the model update during and post-examination, the Applicant will be reconsulting with Coventry City Council regarding the status of planned developments. This will include reassessing the status of Project Alpha as part of the Uncertainty Log update.	Agreed	6 May 2025
18	Design and Engineering: Public transport	Transport Assessment [APP-134]	Regarding public transport, the new junction might potentially be used by buses, especially if a link is provided from the new junction into the hospital. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	The Scheme design would not prevent buses or coaches from using the proposed junction. Public transport services that are located within the study area are considered in the Transport Assessment [APP-134]. The Scheme does not include a link road to University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire, but	Agreed	6 May 2025

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				has been designed to accommodate the later provision of a link road by a third party, should that be required.		
19	Design and Engineering: Public transport	Transport Assessment [APP-134]	The new section of link road from Clifford Bridge Road should be designed to accommodate bus services given that the potential development at Walsgrave Hill might create demand for a bus service that would access the site via the new link road and junction. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	The Scheme design would not prevent buses or coaches from using the proposed junction. Public transport services that are located within the study area are considered in the Transport Assessment [APP-134]. The design of the Scheme is not considered to impede the future development of a Very Light Scheme. The Applicant would engage with Coventry City Council on the planning and implementation of the Very Light Rail (scheme) proposals, especially where there may be impacts upon the Strategic Road Network (SRN).	Agreed	6 May 2025
20	Design and Engineering: Public transport	Transport Assessment [APP-134]	Coventry City Council has a scheme in development for a Very Light Rail (VLR) line linking the city centre to the hospital. This would potentially link to Ansty Park in future, creating a need to cross the A46. This could potentially utilise the new junction,	The Scheme design would not prevent buses or coaches from using the proposed junction. Public transport services that are located within the study area are considered in the Transport Assessment [APP-134].	Agreed	6 May 2025

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			although the farm accommodation bridge to the north of the new junction provides a more likely option for VLR. As design progresses, there will be greater clarity on the VLR scheme, and this will be fed into the design process by City Council representatives. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	The design of the Scheme is not considered to impede the future development of a Very Light Scheme. The Applicant would engage with Coventry City Council on the planning and implementation of the Very Light Rail (scheme) proposals, especially where there may be impacts upon the SRN.		
21	Traffic & transport		The [transport modelling] methodology and results detailed in the consultation appear to be reasonable and in line with what we would expect. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	The comment is noted.	Agreed	6 May 2025
22	Traffic & transport	Consultation Report [APP-115] Transport Assessment [APP-134]	As the Scheme progresses through the DCO process we will need to see the associated validation and model assumptions reports to support the [transport] modelling to allow for the traffic to be fully assessed. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was	Following the Statutory Consultation, the Applicant engaged with Coventry City Council to discuss the validation and model assumption reports. This is set out in Chapter 3 of the Consultation Report [APP-115].	Agreed	6 May 2025

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			content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	Full details of model validation and assumptions are provided in the Transport Assessment [APP-134].		
The need for the Scheme						
23	The need for the Scheme		Coventry City Council welcomes this Scheme going forward for a DCO as our view remains that an all-movements junction is essential at this location. The proposed design will maximise access to the A46, and the wider Strategic Road Network, from northeast Coventry without putting undue pressure on the local road network, on the A428 / A46 Binley Junction and on the M6 Junction 2. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed.	The comment is noted.	Agreed	6 May 2025
Design and Engineering						
24	Design & engineering: Scheme design – additional links		The proposed layout for the grade-separated junction itself is acceptable in principle. It is noted that the design of the western roundabout, as per discussions with Coventry City Council, is sufficiently large to facilitate the construction of an	The Scheme has been designed to allow a future link road to be added to the western roundabout of the new grade separated junction. The design of the western roundabout, and the Scheme as a whole (including	Agreed	6 May 2025

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			additional arm that could provide access to both the proposed Walsgrave Hill development, an allocated site within the Coventry Local Plan, and an access to the University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire. In Coventry City Council's view, it is essential that this access is allowed for in the Scheme design to facilitate the allocated development as well as improving the accessibility of the hospital. The access to the University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire remains one of the key issues for Coventry City Council's Members, local residents and the hospital itself. Your commitment to continue to work with Coventry City Council and the Developers is noted and we hope that more detailed plans will be available as the DCO process progresses. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	any proposed mitigation works required to off-set any impacts of the improvement), would not obstruct any developer from providing access off the western roundabout to the University Hospital Coventry and any future development of the proposed housing allocation (H2:3). The Applicant has worked closely with the land promotor of the Walsgrave Hill Farm local plan allocation (H2:3) throughout the DCO pre-application process, including sharing information on the proposed general arrangement and layout of the Scheme, and will continue to do so throughout the course of the DCO process. The purpose and remit of the Applicant is to maintain, manage and operate a safe and efficient Strategic Road Network (SRN); and to carry out the functions of a strategic highways company in accordance with its appointment under section 1 of the Infrastructure Act 2015 including the delivery of the requirements		

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				of the Road Investment Strategy. The Applicant, therefore, has built a robust business case on making improvements to the A46 (part of the SRN) in line with the objectives of the Scheme. The Applicant is of the opinion that a link road to University Hospital Coventry is not integral to the functionality of the Scheme and falls outside the remit of the strategic highways company (the Applicant). The Applicant will continue to liaise closely with Coventry City Council and any future developer on the design of the Scheme and provide comments on any future planning application(s) affecting the SRN.		
25	Design & Engineering: Maintenance		Kerb and gully systems require long maintenance durations and increased presence on the live carriageway while cleaning out gully pots, chambers and carrier pipes. A drainage system which decreases the maintenance period and decreases the risk of maintenance operators' presence on the live network would be combined drainage kerbs as an alternative option to consider on the B4082 Link Road.	The use of combined kerb drainage systems was discussed with Coventry City Council in the technical meetings held during preliminary design (noted in minutes 28/2/24). The Applicant would consider the preferred option as part of detailed design of the Scheme and through further consultation	Agreed	6 May 2025

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			Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	with relevant stakeholders, including Coventry City Council.		
26	Design and Engineering: Speed limits		The confirmation that the design speed for the A46 as it turns by Combe Pool and approaches the new junction will be 50mph is noted and this approach is supported by Coventry City Council. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed.	The comment is noted.	Agreed	6 May 2025
27	Design and Engineering: Scheme design		The principle of constructing a new section of road linking the existing spur from Clifford Bridge Road is accepted, but there are several areas that remain under discussion, and we would expect to make additional comments as they come forward. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed.	The comment is noted.	Agreed	6 May 2025
28	Design and engineering: Speed limits		Confirmation of the Design speeds on the B4082 spur being 40mph is noted and is supported by Coventry City Council.	The comment is noted.	Agreed	6 May 2025

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			Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed.			
29	Design and engineering: agricultural traffic	General Arrangement [APP-002] Rights of Way and Access Plans [APP-014]	Where possible, the design should minimise the need for agricultural traffic to use the new section of road, especially where that traffic is staying within the farm boundary. Therefore, ideally the existing accommodation bridge across the A46 would remain accessible to farm traffic without the need to either cross the new section of road at grade or to pass through the new junction itself. By maintaining the segregation of farm traffic from general traffic, much of which will be entering the local road network from the high-speed SRN, then Coventry City Council feels that road safety benefits will be maximised. This will also minimise the risk of mud being carried onto both the local and the strategic road networks by farm traffic. Further details of the access points for Hungerley Hall Farm will need to be provided and agreed.	The Hungerley Hall Farm accommodation overbridge would remain accessible to farm traffic and the Applicant is not proposing to extinguish any right of access. The realigned access from the farm, junction arrangements (including traffic regulations) and the accommodation overbridge are shown on the General Arrangement [APP-002] and the Rights of Way and Access Plans [APP-014]. Since statutory consultation, the Applicant has carried out a structural survey and has been able to confirm that the Hungerley Hall Farm accommodation overbridge can be retained. The Scheme accommodates this within the design, with the B4082 vertical alignment amended in order to retain access to the accommodation overbridge.	Agreed	6 May 2025

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30	Design and Engineering: Maintenance		In respect of Coventry City Council's future maintenance responsibilities for elements of the Scheme, it noted: • Concern over ransom strips/land lock boundaries. • Need to consider future housing provision. • Long term, if land gets developed, then ownership and maintenance may need to be reconsidered. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	Access to maintenance areas within Coventry City Council's maintenance responsibility has been provided for within the preliminary design. Any future development would need to consider the proposed B4082 design and its accesses for Coventry City Council maintenance as part of their design constraints. There would be further opportunities for Coventry City Council and other stakeholders to assess and influence this aspect of the Scheme as part of the detailed design stage.	Agreed	6 May 2025
Construction impacts and management						
31	Construction impacts and management		Coventry City Council will continue to work with National Highways as the Construction Management Plans for the Scheme are developed. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed.	The comment is noted. The Applicant will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders as plans for construction of the Scheme are developed.	Agreed	6 May 2025

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32	Construction impacts and management	ES Chapter 2 (The Scheme) [APP-024]	The proposal to reuse the [construction] compound currently being used for the Binley works is welcomed and will help minimise further disruption in terms of catering for site staff and the storage of materials. Coventry's support is conditional on the use of the compound not causing any detriment to users of the highway, e.g. through mud on the road, increased haulage, slow moving traffic etc. Coventry City Council confirmed by email on 6 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	Comment noted. Mitigation measures to manage construction impacts are presented in the REAC - Appendix A of the First Iteration EMP [APP-110]. The Outline Traffic Management Plan [APP-136] is a separate document as part of the DCO submission. This will be developed as part of the Second Iteration EMP.	Agreed	6 May 2025