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To:
The Applicant
National Grid Telecoms Limited
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27 November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by National Highways (“the Applicant”) seeking Development Consent for the Proposed A46 Coventry Junctions (Walsgrave) scheme

Request for comments from the Applicant and the parties listed above

The Examining Authority (“the ExA”) submitted a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application to the Secretary of State for Transport on 7 November 2025. In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has until 7 February 2026 to determine the application. There are outstanding issues on which the Secretary of State would be grateful if parties identified in bold could provide an update or further clarification.

Air Quality

1. It is noted that the Applicant considered the implications of Defra’s “Interim Planning Guidance (IPG) on the consideration of the Environment Act PM_{2.5} targets in planning decisions” in response to a request from the ExA. As the IPG also encourages the consideration of cumulative impacts, the **Applicant** is invited to provide further information on the implications of the IPG for the cumulative impact of the Proposed Development with other existing and proposed developments.

Biodiversity

2. It is noted that the significance of construction noise impacts on the Coombe Pool Site of Special Scientific Interest remained a matter of disagreement between the Applicant and Natural England. It is also noted that Natural England suggested alternative measures it considered could ameliorate the construction impact. The **Applicant** is invited to share their views on the appropriateness and feasibility of the specific measures suggested by Natural England.

Protective provisions

3. It is understood that protective provision agreements with National Grid Telecoms Limited (NGT) and National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc (NGED) were outstanding at the end of the Examination. The **Applicant, NGT and NGED** are requested to provide an update on the status of these agreements, including providing any preferred wording.

Deadline for Response

The deadline for response is **Thursday 11 December 2025**.

Submissions sent by post may be subject to delay therefore your response on the information requested above should be submitted by email to A46Walsgrave@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the deadline, or difficulty in submitting a response by email, please inform the Planning Inspectorate.

Responses will be published as soon as possible after the deadline on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at: [A46 Coventry Junctions \(Walsgrave\) - Project information](#)

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision on the Application, and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully,

Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit