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Dear Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit

**Application for a development consent order for A46 Coventry Junctions (Walsgrave)
(Reference: TR010066) - National Grid Telecoms Limited and National Grid Electricity
Distribution (East Midlands) plc - Outstanding Objection**

Background

We continue to act on behalf of National Grid Telecoms Limited ("**NG Telecoms**") and National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc ("**NGED**").

NGED remains the licensed distribution network operator under section 6 Electricity Act 1989 (the "**EA 1989**") and NG Telecoms remains an operator of an electronic communications network to which Schedule 3A of the Communication Act 2003 applies for the area in which the A46 Coventry Junctions (Walsgrave) Order 202[X] (the "**Order**") is proposed to have effect and which was submitted by National Highways (the "**Applicant**").

We submitted separate relevant representations for both NG Telecoms and NGED on 16 January 2025 (the "**Relevant Representations**"). Both Relevant Representations served as holding objections to the Order until agreements were reached with the Applicant for the protection of their apparatus. Only once NG Telecoms and NGED were individually satisfied that their relevant networks would be protected, would the objections be withdrawn.

Update response to consultation letter of 27 November 2025

We understand that the Secretary of State issued a consultation letter requesting comments from NG Telecoms and NGED on 27 November 2025 as to the status of agreement with the Applicant.

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By way of update:

1. The agreement between the Applicant and NG Telecoms is settled but has not been executed.
2. The agreement between the Applicant and NGED is largely settled, but there is one point in contention that the parties are endeavouring to resolve as soon as possible.

The parties do not intend for the contents of the agreements to be in the public domain, save to say that their purpose is to provide some specific measures in order to protect the interests of NG Telecoms/NGED as regards to this scheme.

We will advise the Secretary of State as soon as the agreements have been completed (which we expect to be in very short order) and in good time, or otherwise provide a timely update or updates, noting that the Secretary of State has until 7 February 2026 to determine the application.

In light of this and, for the avoidance of doubt, **we wanted to confirm that both NG Telecoms and NGED's objections to the project remain outstanding.**

Once these outstanding points have been agreed and the agreements have been completed, we will be able to remove both NG Telecoms and NGED's Relevant Representations.

Please let us know if we can provide any further information as to NG Telecoms or NGED's position at this time.

Yours sincerely,

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