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To:  
The Applicant  
All Interested Parties  
Natural England  
Historic England

18 December 2025

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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 parties listed above**

The [responses](#) to the Secretary of State’s consultation letter of [27 November 2025](#) have now been published.

#### **General Comments**

1. **All Interested Parties**, should they wish to do so, are invited to provide any final comments on the Applicant’s response to the Secretary of State’s consultation letter of 27 November 2025.

#### **Biodiversity**

2. The Applicant’s response on the appropriateness and feasibility of the specific measures suggested by Natural England to mitigate the construction noise impacts on the Coombe Pool Site of Special Scientific Interest (“SSSI”), are noted. **Natural England** are invited to confirm whether it agrees that the proposed measures are acceptable. If not, **the Applicant and Natural England** are invited to agree and set out what further measures are considered necessary.
3. It is noted that the Applicant’s [Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments](#) contains a commitment at RD13 to consult with the Environment Agency in relation to the monitoring of surface water and ground water features at risk of pollution, to ensure appropriate protection for the effects on Coombe Pool SSSI. Should the Order be granted, the Secretary of State is minded to include a mechanism for consultation with

Natural England, in its capacity as the statutory body for the designated site. **Natural England** and the **Applicant** are therefore invited to provide views on whether they consider additional consultation between the parties, insofar as it relates to Coombe Pool SSSI, would be welcomed.

## **Cultural Heritage**

4. It is noted that the Applicant's [Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments](#) contains a commitment at LV1 to take into account Historic England's ("HE") advice for mitigation for the impacts on Coombe Abbey Park Registered Park and Gardens. Should the Order be granted, the Secretary of State is minded to include a requirement to consult HE, following detailed design of the landscaping. **Historic England** and the **Applicant** are therefore invited to provide views on whether they consider additional consultation between the parties, insofar as it relates to Coombe Abbey Park RPG, would be welcomed.

## **Deadline for Response**

The deadline for response is **08 January 2026**.

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](mailto: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