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1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1. This document has been prepared by the Applicant to set out its responses to the questions received from the Secretary of State on the 18 December 2025.
- 1.1.2. The questions and responses to the Secretary of State's questions are detailed in Section 2.

2. Applicant's responses to the Secretary of State dated 18 December 2025

Ref no.	ExA's Questions	Applicant's Response
General		
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.	The Applicant met with Natural England on the 6 January 2026. Natural England confirmed that the Applicant's proposed measures are acceptable.
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 or 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.	The Applicant welcomes further consultation with Natural England 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. The Applicant will amend commitment RD13 of the Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC) within the Second Iteration Environmental Management Plan to include the need to consult with Natural England. This is secured through requirement 4 of the Draft Development Consent Order (REP6-002).

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Cultural Heritage		
4.	<p>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.</p>	<p>The Applicant welcomes further consultation with Historic England. The Applicant met with Historic England on the 7 January 2026 to discuss and review the current draft landscaping proposals in relation to the Coombe Abbey Park Registered Park and Gardens. The Applicant will continue to consult with Historic England regarding the Coombe Abbey Park and this commitment will be added to LV1 of the Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC) within the Second Iteration Environmental Management Plan. This is secured through requirement 4 of the Draft Development Consent Order (REP6-002).</p>