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Dear Sir/Madam,

NSIP Reference Name / Code: A46 Coventry Junctions (Walsgrave) / TR010066

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

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated and received by Natural England on 18 December 2025.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

In their letter dated the 18 December 2025, the Secretary of State has invited Natural England to comment on the information provided in the Applicant’s response to the Secretary of State’s consultation letter of 27 November 2025. Natural England’s comments are set out in the table below:

Request from Secretary of State		NE response
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.		Natural England confirms we agree 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		Natural England confirms that, should the order be

<p>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.</p>	<p>granted, we would welcome the Secretary of State including a mechanism for consultation with Natural England, in its capacity as the statutory body for the designated site (Coombe Pool SSSI).</p>
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For any further advice on this consultation please contact the case officer [REDACTED] and copy to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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