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Schedule of changes made to the draft Development Consent Order (Document 3.1) at Deadline 1

This document is submitted together with the updated draft DCO (Document 3.1, v2) on 13 October 2026 and identifies, as requested by the ExA in its Rule 8 letter, the changes that have been made to the draft DCO submitted on 31 March 2026 (Document 3.1, APP-139).

This tracker records the most substantive changes. It does not record every change made to address a grammatical or typographical error or an error in cross-referencing.

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Title page and Table of contents	'Laid before Parliament 202[X]' deleted from the title page. Table of contents updated to correct a typo (18) and to reflect amended headings to articles 20, 53 and 59.	This amendment has been made in response to a request by Oxfordshire County Council in its relevant representation [RR-109]. Further amendments made to correct typographical errors and reflect amended headings.	13 October 2026
Preamble	Amendment made to reflect that the Examining Authority panel consists of three members ('…by a Panel of 3 members (the Panel) appointed by…'), with consequential deletion of '[/single appointed person]' and square brackets in the following two recitals. Square-bracketed alternatives resolved so that the recitals refer to 'Chapter 2 of Part 6' and 'section 74' of the 2008 Act, and 'section' amended to '*sections* 114, 115, 117, 120 and 122' in the enacting words.	Amendments to drafting to reflect that the Examining Authority panel consists of three members.	13 October 2026
Article 2 – Interpretation	Definition of 'bridges' has been deleted.	Following comments made by Oxfordshire County Council in its relevant representation [RR-109], and as	13 October 2026

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		per the Applicant's responses to those comments (Document 9.1A/PDA-008), the Applicant has deleted the definition as there are several instances where a different context applies, and considers that this can be resolved as follows: - where the context requires reference to bridges on the bridge plans, to add that drafting; and - in all other instances, 'bridge' bears its ordinary meaning.	
Article 2 – Interpretation	Definition of 'chief officer of police' amended to replace 'Oxfordshire' with 'Thames Valley' Police Force.	Following comments made by Oxfordshire County Council in its relevant representation [RR-109], and as per the Applicant's responses to those comments (Document 9.1A/PDA-008), the Applicant has amended this definition to refer to Thames Valley Police, which is the police force for the area in which the authorised development is located.	13 October 2026
Article 2 – Interpretation – definition of 'commence'	Amendments made to the list of excluded operations in the definition of 'commence' with deletions shown in red strikethrough and insertions shown in green italics as follows: (a) 'site preparation, site security, ~~ecological mitigation works~~ and clearance works'; …. (c) *'archaeological investigation;'* inserted; ….	Following comments made by Oxfordshire County Council in its relevant representation [RR-109] and as per the Applicant's responses to those comments (Document 9.1A/PDA-008), the Applicant has considered this definition and removed reference to the 'ecological mitigation works' in (a). The Applicant has replaced 'erection' with 'placement' because the purpose of this carve-out is limited to bringing construction plant and equipment onto site so that the excluded pre-commencement works can be carried out. 'Placement' more accurately reflects that limited purpose.	13 October 2026

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	(f) 'diversion or laying of services *required for the purposes of construction*' (g) '~~erection~~ *placement* of construction plant and equipment;' '~~geotechnical or ground contamination investigation;~~' (h) 'the display of *construction* site notices ~~and advertisements;~~ and'	The Applicant has removed the carve-out for 'the display of site notices and advertisements' because each phase-specific construction environmental management plan (requirement 10) [APP-189] must include details of temporary signage. Retaining the carve-out would allow such works to start before those details have been approved. However, the Applicant considers it important that it is able to immediately erect health and safety notices related to construction and (h) is drafted to address this. The Applicant has included a carve-out for 'archaeological investigation' from the definition of 'commence' on the basis that such investigation is to be carried out pursuant to the archaeological mitigation strategy which is agreed with the County Council [PDA-005]. Requirement 14 of the draft DCO ensures that the archaeological works are carried out in accordance with that approved strategy, for which no further discharge is required. The Applicant therefore considers that it is acceptable to allow those investigations to form part of the exclusions from the definition of 'commence'. 'Geotechnical or ground contamination investigation', has been removed, but the ability to investigate ground conditions (e) is retained – this is needed before certain requirements can be discharged and it is common and standard practice to allow such investigations for those purposes.	
Article 2 – Interpretation	Amendments made to the following definitions:	Amendments made to add clarity to the drafting and, in the case of the amendment to the definition of 'water	13 October 2026

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	‘‘traffic authority’ has the *same* meaning…’’ ‘‘tribunal’ means the ~~Lands Chamber~~ the Upper Tribunal (*Lands Chamber*)’; ‘‘water authority’ means Thames Water *Utilities* Limited’. Minor amendments to the definition of ‘main site’ and to paragraphs (7) and (9). Definition of 'highway works' amended to refer to Work Nos. '~~12, 13~~ *12A, 12B, 13A, 13B*'.	authority’, to correct the company name and ensure that the definitions are in alphabetical order. Amendments made to correct typographical and grammatical errors.	
Article 4(4) – parameters of authorised development	Minor amendment to alter “Article 4” to “article”.	Drafting amendment.	13 October 2026
Article 5 – Authorisation of use	The word ‘is’ has been replaced with ‘*are*’ (‘…such parts of the authorised development *are* designed…’).	Amendment made to correct a typographical error.	13 October 2026
Article 9(1)(c) – Street works	Wording restructured to read ‘…the installation and maintenance *of* structures and equipment for ANPR on or near a highway’.	Amendment made to correct the sentence structure for clarity.	13 October 2026
Article 9(3)(a) – Street works	The word ‘to’ is inserted so that the provision now reads ‘…are… *to* be construed as references to the undertaker’.	Amendment made to correct a typographical error (missing word).	13 October 2026

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Articles 10(2), 12(7) and 14(3) – Power to alter layout etc. of streets; Temporary closure etc. of streets; Accesses	Deemed consent wording amended so that the 42-day period runs from the date on which the application accompanied by all relevant information 'is received'. The amended drafting is shown as follows (new words in green): 10(2) '….fails to notify the undertaker of its decision before the end of the period of 42 days beginning with the date on which the application ~~is submitted~~ ~~with~~ *accompanied by* all relevant information *is received*…' 12(7) '….beginning with the date on which the application ~~was submitted with~~ *accompanied by* all relevant information *is received*….' 14(3) '…beginning with the date on which the application ~~was made~~ *is received*'	Following comments made by Oxfordshire County Council in its relevant representation [RR-109], the Applicant has amended the deemed consent provisions so that the 42-day period runs from the date on which the application, accompanied by all relevant information, is received. This provides certainty as to when the period begins and ensures that deemed consent cannot start to run before the authority has received a complete application.	13 October 2026
Article 10(4) – Power to alter layout etc. of streets	A new paragraph 10(4) has been inserted as follows: "*If an application for consent under paragraph (1) does not include the statement required under paragraph (3), then the provisions of paragraph (2) will not apply to that application.*"	Following comments made by Oxfordshire County Council in its relevant representation [RR-109], and as per the Applicant's responses to those comments (Document 9.1A/PDA-008), the Applicant has agreed to the amendment requested by Oxfordshire County Council.	13 October 2026
Article 11 – Permanent stopping up of streets	In paragraph (1)(a) and (b), 'of Part 1' and 'of Part 2' relocated to follow 'columns (1) and (2)', and 'access and rights of way ~~plan~~ *plans*'. In paragraph (2)(a), '*and*' inserted, and the	Amendments made to correct the cross-references to Schedule 4 and the use of the defined term 'access and rights of way plans', and to correct typographical errors.	13 October 2026

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	punctuation at the end of paragraph (2)(b) corrected.		
Article 12(9) – Temporary closure etc. of streets	A new paragraph 12(9) has been inserted as follows: *If an application for consent under paragraph (4) does not include the statement required under paragraph (8), then the provisions of paragraph (7) will not apply to that application.*	Following comments made by Oxfordshire County Council in its relevant representation [RR-109], and as set out in the Applicant's responses to those comments (Document 9.1A/PDA-008), the Applicant has agreed to the amendment requested by Oxfordshire County Council.	13 October 2026
Article 14(2) – Accesses	'~~formulation~~ *formation*'.	Amendment made to correct a typographical error so that the provision refers to the formation of a means of access.	13 October 2026
Article 14(5) – Accesses	A new paragraph 14(5) has been inserted as follows: *If an application for consent under paragraph (1)(b) does not include the statement required under paragraph (2), then the provisions of paragraph (3) will not apply to that application.*	Following comments made by Oxfordshire County Council in its relevant representation [RR-109], and as per the Applicant's responses to those comments (Document 9.1A/PDA-008), the Applicant has agreed to the amendment requested by Oxfordshire County Council.	13 October 2026
Article 15 – Maintenance of highways	References to the final certificate and provisional certificate in Part 3 of Schedule 14 amended to '*final certificate (phase)*' (paragraph ~~56~~ *13*) and '*provisional certificate (phase)*' (paragraph ~~55~~ *12*), with the Part 2 references updated to paragraphs 12 and 8 respectively.	Amendments made to reflect defined terms agreed with Oxfordshire County Council and National Highways.	13 October 2026

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Article 16 – Classification of highways	In 16(3), the word '*of* inserted before 'Schedule 7' and the words '*that Schedule*' inserted after 'column (5) of Part 2 of'.	Amendments made for clarity and to improve the drafting.	13 October 2026
Article 16(2) – Classification of highways	Cross-references corrected to read 'paragraph ~~38~~ *8* of Part 2 ~~and~~ *or the provisional certificate (phase) in accordance with* paragraph ~~55~~ *12* of Part 3 of Schedule 14'.	Amendments made to the cross-references to the provisional certificate provisions in Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 14, and to reflect that the local highway authority issues a provisional certificate (phase), so that the trigger for the change of highway authority operates as intended. N.B. The Applicant notes that paragraph numbering for the Protective Provisions is to be sequential throughout and intends to revise and check all cross-referencing in the final draft DCO to be submitted at Deadline 7. This is because negotiation of the separate Parts of Schedule 14 is ongoing and paragraph numbering in those negotiations commences with "1" for each Part.	13 October 2026
Article 17(2) Speed limits	'20mph' amended to '20 mph'.	Amendment made to correct a typographical error.	13 October 2026
Article 17(3) Speed limits	'40mph' amended to '40 mph'.	Amendment made to correct a typographical error.	13 October 2026
Article 17(4) – Speed limits	In 17(4), the erroneous reference '3 of Schedule' corrected to 'of Schedule *8*'.	Amendment made to correct a typographical error.	13 October 2026
Article 17(1) and (7) – Speed limits	In paragraph (1), '~~column~~ *columns* (1) and (2)'. In paragraph (7), '~~paragraph~~ *paragraphs (1) to* (6)'.	Amendments made to correct a grammatical error and to make clear that the general power to impose temporary speed limits is without prejudice to each of the specific speed limit powers in the preceding paragraphs.	13 October 2026

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Article 18(1) – Traffic regulation	Amendment made to insert paragraph number '(1)'. The words 'is revoked' are replaced with '*are* revoked' and the words '*of Part 1*' inserted after 'column (2)'.	Amendments made for clarity and to correct typographical errors. Consequential numbering amendments have been made to article 18 after the insertion of '(1)'.	13 October 2026
Article 18(8) - Traffic regulation	The deemed consent wording amended from 'within 42 days of receiving an application' to '*before the end of the period of* 42 days *beginning with the date on which* an application … *is received*'.	Amendments made for clarity as to the start date of the 42-day period.	13 October 2026
Article 19 – Clearways and no waiting	Paragraph number '(1)' inserted and stray dashes and spacing removed. In subparagraph (2), punctuation corrected after '(no waiting at any time)'.	Amendment made to correct a typographical error.	13 October 2026
Article 19(4) – Clearways and no waiting	'~~dispersed~~' has been changed to '*dispensed*'.	Amendment made to correct a typographical error, consistent with the reference to vehicles 'selling or dispensing goods' earlier in the same paragraph.	13 October 2026
Article 20 – Motor vehicle restrictions	Article heading amended from 'Motor Vehicle Restrictions' to 'Motor *vehicle restrictions*' (also reflected in the table of contents).	Amendment made to correct a typographical error.	13 October 2026
Article 22(3)(a) – Discharge of water	'consider' replaced with '*considers*' and 'such consent not to be unreasonably withheld' amended to 'such consent *must* not be unreasonably withheld'.	Amendments made for clarity and to improve the drafting.	13 October 2026

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Article 22(9) – Discharge of water	Deemed consent wording amended from 'within 42 days of receiving the application submitted with all relevant information' to '*before the end of the period of* 42 days *beginning with the date on which* the application submitted with all relevant information *is received*'.	Amendments made for clarity as to the start date of the 42 day period.	13 October 2026
Article 23(6) – Authority to survey and investigate the land	The deemed consent wording amended from 'within 42 days of receiving the application' to '*before the end of the period of* 42 days *beginning with the date on which* the application *is received*'.	Amendments made for clarity as to the start date of the 42 day period.	13 October 2026
Article 23(6) and (7) – Authority to survey and investigate the land	New paragraph (6) inserted: '*No surveying, monitoring or investigation to which paragraph (1) refers may be carried out under this article in land located within the boundary of any highway without the consent of the relevant highway authority*.' Paragraph (7) amended to refer to an application for consent under paragraph (4) or *(6)*.	Following discussions with National Highways, the Applicant has inserted this paragraph so that survey and investigation works within the highway require the consent of the relevant highway authority, and has extended the deemed consent provision in paragraph (7) to such applications so that the giving of consent cannot be unreasonably delayed. Although not expressly sought by Oxfordshire County Council, the Applicant considers it reasonable that it should apply to all highways.	13 October 2026
Article 24(6) – Protective works	New paragraph (6) inserted: '*No protective works may be carried out under this article in land located within the boundary of any highway for which the relevant highway authority is responsible without its consent but such consent must not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.*'	The Applicant has inserted this paragraph so that protective works within the highway are subject to the consent of the relevant highway authority, consistent with article 23(6), while the restriction on unreasonably withholding or delaying consent ensures that necessary protective works are not delayed. This follows discussions with National Highways and, as stated	13 October 2026

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		above, the Applicant considers it reasonable that this applies to all highways.	
Article 25(10)(b) – Removal of human remains	'the ~~relevant~~ *local* planning authority', and stray paragraph number '(12)' deleted.	Amendments made so that the provision refers to the defined term 'local planning authority' and to correct a numbering error.	13 October 2026
Article 29(2) - Compulsory acquisition of rights and imposition of restrictive covenants	'column (1) and (2)' amended to 'column*s* (1) and (2)' and the reference to 'column 2)' of Schedule 11 amended to 'column (3)'.	Amendments made to correct a typographical error and to provide the correct cross-reference to the relevant schedule.	13 October 2026
Article 30(2) – Private rights	The reference to 'restrict covenants' corrected to '*restrictive* covenants' in the cross-reference to article 29.	Amendment made to correct a typographical error.	13 October 2026
Article 34(2)(c) - Modification of Part 1 of the 1965 Act	The reference to 'section 22 (2)' corrected to 'section *22(2)*' and the missing closing quotation mark inserted after 'section 4 of this Act'.	Amendments made to correct typographical errors (spacing and a missing quotation mark).	13 October 2026
Article 35(1)(b) - Temporary use of land for carrying out the authorised development	In paragraph (1)(b), the words '*(not including the threshing barn)*' inserted after 'remove any buildings' and 'that land' replaced with '*the* land'. Minor spacing corrections made in paragraph (1)(c)(aa) ('…siting of equipment and apparatus) with access…') and in paragraph	Following comments made by Oxfordshire County Council in its relevant representation [RR-109] and as per the Applicant's responses to those comments (Document 9.1A/PDA-008), the Applicant has amended Article 35 to exclude the threshing barn so as to make it clear that the threshing barn is excluded from "buildings" in subparagraph (1)(b).	13 October 2026

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	(6)(a) ('…disputed compensation) of the 1961 Act').	Following comments made by Oxfordshire County Council in its relevant representation [RR-109], and as per the Applicant's responses to those comments (Document 9.1A/PDA-008), the Applicant agrees that in subparagraph (1)(b) the correct reference is to "the" land and has amended for clarity in the drafting.	
Article 37(3) – Statutory undertakers	Closing bracket inserted so that the cross-reference reads 'article 39(4) (recovery of costs of new connections))'.	Amendment made to correct a typographical error (missing closing bracket).	13 October 2026
Article 49 – Felling or lopping of trees and removal of hedgerows	New paragraph (6) inserted: '*In carrying out works pursuant to paragraph (1), the undertaker must comply with British Standard 3998:2010, "Tree Works Recommendations".*'	Following comments by Cherwell District Council in its relevant representation [RR-024] and discussions with Oxfordshire County Council, the Applicant understands that the Councils accept the principle that trees need to be removed to enable the Proposed Development. However, the Councils sought an appropriate process for the removal of any trees not listed in Schedule 13 to ensure that the Applicant considers whether lopping or cutting back, rather than felling, can enable the Proposed Development. The Applicant is content to agree that works to trees under paragraph (1) must be carried out in accordance with the recognised British Standard for tree works which sets out what tree work is considered appropriate in certain circumstances and includes a specific section on pruning for infrastructure.	13 October 2026
	New paragraph inserted: '*Where a tree or shrub is within the strategic road network or within highway maintainable by the local highway*	Following discussions with National Highways, the Applicant has inserted this new paragraph (8) to ensure that the tree or shrub removal is subject to the protective	13 October 2026

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	authority, paragraph (1) is subject to Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 14 (protective provisions).'	provisions for National Highways and the local highway authority. This ensures that consent is obtained from the relevant approving authority where a tree or hedgerow is within the adopted highway. The Applicant agrees this is appropriate for safety reasons, as access to the highway is required for the purposes of removal.	
Article 50 – Trees subject to tree preservation orders	The words 'or overhanging land within' deleted and the words '*and specified in Part 1 of Schedule 13 (removal of trees)*' inserted after 'the Order limits'.	Following comments made by Oxfordshire County Council in its relevant representation [RR-109], the Applicant has amended this provision to limit the scope of the article to trees identified for removal in Schedule 13. The purpose is to address the possibility of such trees being protected between now and consent, which would negate the power in article 49. Following these changes, the powers in this article no longer apply to trees within or overhanging the Order limits unless those trees are specified in Part 1 of Schedule 13.	13 October 2026
	New paragraph (5) inserted: '*Where a tree or shrub is within the strategic road network or within highway maintainable by the local highway authority, paragraph (1) is subject to Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 14 (protective provisions).*'	Consistent with the new paragraph in article 49, the Applicant has inserted this new paragraph (5) to ensure that the tree or shrub removal is subject to the protective provisions for National Highways and the local highway authority. This ensures that consent is obtained from the relevant approving authority where a tree or hedgerow is within the highway.	13 October 2026
Article 51 – Trees in conservation areas	Reference to the '~~hedgerow regulations and tree preservation plans~~' replaced with '*tree and hedgerow retention and removal plans*'.	Amendment made to use the correct name of the plans.	13 October 2026

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Article 52 – Interface with waste operation permits	Article restructured. The environmental scheme process (consultation on a draft environmental scheme, submission of a final scheme and a regulator-initiated variation by the Environment Agency) has been deleted. It has been replaced with provision allowing the undertaker, following consultation with the permit holder and the Environment Agency, to apply to vary, transfer or surrender (in whole or in part) an existing permit by a single combined application. The Environment Agency must determine the application within 56 days (or such other period as may be agreed), failing which the undertaker may appeal under regulation 31(1)(a) of the 2016 Regulations. Consequential amendments made to the construction of the 2016 Regulations and to the surrender provisions; application charges now apply to the undertaker as they would to the permit holder; and the definition of 'environmental scheme' has been deleted.	Following receipt of revised drafting from the Environment Agency, the Applicant has replaced the environmental scheme mechanism with an application-based process under the 2016 Regulations. However, the Applicant has retained the time periods because it considers them essential, noting that this is an NSIP. Discussion on this drafting remains ongoing with the Environment Agency.	13 October 2026
Article 53 (heading) – Protective provisions	Article heading amended from 'Protective Provisions' to 'Protective provisions' (also reflected in the table of contents).	Amendment made to correct a typographical error.	13 October 2026
Article 55(1) – Discharge of requirements and	Amendment made to insert the paragraph number '(1)' and to replace 'is' with 'are' ('…of Schedule 2 (requirements) *are* to have effect…').	Amendments made to correct a grammatical error and to update the paragraph numbering.	13 October 2026

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other approvals etc.			
Article 59 – Planning permissions etc.	Article heading amended from 'Planning Permissions etc' to 'Planning permissions etc.' (also reflected in the table of contents).	Amendment made to correct a typographical error.	13 October 2026
	New paragraph (3) inserted: *'Where any development to which this article relates is carried out or used pursuant to a planning permission granted under the 1990 Act or development consent granted under the 2008 Act, nothing in this article prevents any enforcement action under the 1990 Act or the 2008 Act being taken in relation to any breach of that permission or consent where that breach is not an inconsistency for the purposes of paragraph (2).'*	As explained in the Applicant's responses to Relevant Representations relating to the dDCO (Document 9.1A/PDA-008), the Applicant has agreed and included this new paragraph at the request of Oxfordshire County Council in its relevant representation [RR-109]. The Applicant considers that the inclusion of this provision is reasonable to add further clarity to the scope of this Article.	13 October 2026
Schedule 1 (the authorised development)	Minor drafting corrections throughout, including: - deletion of the stray words 'the general' in Work No. 13B; - 'parameters ~~plans~~ *plan*' (Work No. 8(j)); - in the further works, '2017 EIA ~~regulations~~ *Regulations*', 'Work Nos. 1 - *to* 9' and '~~regarding~~ *regrading*'. These amendments correct typographical errors and cross-references and ensure consistent use of defined terms.	Amendments made to correct typographical errors.	13 October 2026

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Schedule 2 – Requirements (Interpretation)	Various amendments to the definitions: - definition of 'employment scheme': amendment made to insert the sub-paragraph label '(f)' before 'details of the reporting and monitoring of the above measures;'. - definition of 'employment scheme' amended to state 'details of how training and *volunteering* opportunities will be provided for employees;' - Paragraph 1 (interpretation) of Schedule 2 also amended: new definition of '*landfill reprofiling technical note*' inserted; - '*the document of* inserted in the definition of 'HGV routeing strategy'; - '*main site*' inserted before 'design approach document'; and - 'sustainable drainage ~~strategy~~ *statement* (main site)'.	Amendments made to ensure that the definitions use the full and correct terms. Amendment to the definition of employment scheme made to: - correct a numbering error, as per the Applicant's responses to Relevant Representations relating to the dDCO (Document 9.1A/PDA-008); and - include volunteering in the definition of 'employment scheme' to address the commitment made by the Applicant at ISH2, when it confirmed it would be content to include details of volunteering opportunities as part of the employment scheme for submission to and approval by the local planning authority.	13 October 2026
Schedule 2 – Requirement 6(8) (Sustainable	The words '*of this Schedule*' inserted after 'in accordance with the provisions of Part 3'.	Amendment made for clarity of the cross-reference at the suggestion of the ExA in ExQ1.5.14.	13 October 2026

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transport and travel plan)			
Schedule 2 – Requirement 8(1) (Design and phasing of highway works)	Amendment made to insert the words *', so that such highway works are available for use by the public,'* after 'identified in columns (1) and (2) of the following table'.	The Applicant has made this amendment at the request of Oxfordshire County Council, so that it is clear that 'completed' in sub-paragraph (1) means available for use by the public, rather than merely physically finished. The Applicant agrees that this provides a clear and objective trigger for the occupation restrictions and, further, has included a definition of 'complete' in a new sub-paragraph (7), as explained below.	13 October 2026
	Amendment to the wording included in column (3) of the table against Work Nos. 12B, 14B, 15B, 22, 23, 25B, 27B, 33 and 39, so that each reads: 'To be completed prior to the occupation of more than 185,806 square metres of warehousing *(and if such warehousing includes mezzanine floorspace, no more than* 61,967 square metres of mezzanine *floorspace)* to be occupied'.	The Applicant has made amendments to the Phase 2 trigger point following engagement with Oxfordshire County Council, which proposed the revised wording now included in the draft DCO. The Applicant considers that the changes proposed provide greater certainty.	13 October 2026
Schedule 2 – Requirement 8(6)(b)(i) (alternative highway works)	Reference to 'sub-paragraph (1)' amended to 'sub-paragraph (1) *or (2)*'.	The Applicant has made this amendment following a request by Oxfordshire County Council in its relevant representation [RR-109] for this drafting to reflect the cross-reference to both sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) in the preceding paragraph (Requirement 8(6)). The Applicant accepts this change.	13 October 2026

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Schedule 2 – Requirement 8(6)(b)(ii) (alternative highway works)	'or' inserted between limbs '(i)' and '(ii)'.	The Applicant has made this amendment following a request by Oxfordshire County Council in its relevant representation [RR-109] to include 'or' to reflect that alternative options are presented in limbs (i) and (ii). The Applicant agrees that this is a reasonable amendment to make.	13 October 2026
	The wording '*unless otherwise agreed,*' inserted before 'Parts 2 and 3 (as relevant) of Schedule 14 will apply to such alternative works'. Removal of the labelling of limb (iii).	Amendment made to provide flexibility for both parties to agree whether Parts 2 (National Highways) and 3 (local highway authority) of the protective provisions apply to the alternative works. This amendment provides sufficient control to both National Highways and Oxfordshire County Council over the works, whilst ensuring flexibility over how the works are delivered.	13 October 2026
Schedule 2 – Requirement 8(7) (Design and phasing of highway works)	New sub-paragraph inserted: '*In this paragraph, "complete" means the completion of the relevant highway works as evidenced by the issue of a provisional certificate pursuant to paragraph 8 of Part 2 of Schedule 14 or a provisional certificate (phase) pursuant to paragraph 12 of Part 3 of Schedule 14 as appropriate and "completed" is to be construed accordingly.*'	The Applicant has inserted this definition following discussions with Oxfordshire County Council to provide an objective test for when highway works are 'complete' for the purposes of the occupation triggers in Requirement 8, by linking completion to the issue of the relevant provisional certificate under the protective provisions.	13 October 2026
Schedule 2 – Requirement 9(2) (Detailed design approval)	The words '*(excluding ecological mitigation works)*' inserted after 'No component of the authorised development on the main site'.	As discussed at Issue Specific Hearing 2 [ISH2], where the Applicant explained that it was considering amendments to the definition of 'commence' in article 2, the Applicant has removed the blanket carve-out for ecological mitigation works in the definition of	13 October 2026

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		'commence' and has instead applied this carve-out to selected requirements where appropriate. The Applicant considers that the carve out in the detailed design requirement is reasonable in this context on the basis that the ecological mitigation works will not be subject to detailed design and therefore it is reasonable for such works to be permitted to be carried out prior to detailed design details having been approved.	
Schedule 2 – Requirement 10(1) (Construction environmental management plan)	The approving body wording restructured to state that the P-CEMP is to be 'approved in writing…*by the local planning authority* or, where the P-CEMP relates to the highway works, *the relevant highway authority*'.	Amendment made to provide clarity as to who the approving body of the P-CEMP should be. The Applicant considers that not every P-CEMP will be relevant to the highway authority and therefore the drafting ensures that the correct approving body is consulted in each case.	13 October 2026
Schedule 2 – Requirement 10(2) (Construction environmental management plan)	In this paragraph '*the following matters*,' inserted after 'Each P-CEMP must include…' and the wording 'each phase' amended to '*the phase concerned*'. 10(2)(c) - '*vehicles*' and '*details of*' inserted in the dust management plan item; 10(2)(i) 'measure' corrected to '*measures*'.	Amendments made to improve clarity in the drafting and to correct typographical errors.	13 October 2026
Schedule 2 – Requirement 10(2)(j) (Construction environmental	'details of temporary *advertisement* signage'.	This ensures that details of temporary advertisements are secured through each P-CEMP and makes clearer the distinction between temporary advertisements and 'construction site notices', which are excluded from the definition of 'commence' in article 2.	13 October 2026

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management plan)			
Schedule 2 – Requirement 10(3) and 10(4) (Construction environmental management plan)	'(and revision)' amended to *'(and any revision to it)'*. The approving body wording restructured (as per 10(1) above) to state that the P-CEMP is to be 'approved in writing…*by the local planning authority* or, where the P-CEMP relates to the highway works, *the relevant highway authority*'. In 10(4), the words '*or, where the P-CEMP relates to the highway works, the relevant highway authority*' inserted after 'as approved in writing by the local planning authority'.	Amendments made to improve clarity in the drafting and in relation to the approving body wording, to provide clarity as to who the approving body of the P-CEMP should be.	13 October 2026
Schedule 2 – Requirement 13(1) (Earthworks)	The wording '*, which include earthworks,*' inserted after 'on the main site' and the wording '*for that component*' inserted before 'have been approved in advance and in writing by the local planning authority'.	Amendments made to confirm that this requirement operates on a component-by-component basis: only components on the main site that include earthworks require approval of earthworks details, and approval is required for each such component rather than for the main site as a whole.	13 October 2026
Schedule 2 – (heading) Requirement 14 (Archaeology)	Requirement heading amended from 'Archaeology and built heritage' to '*Archaeology*'.	Following a request by Oxfordshire County Council, and as per the Applicant's responses (Document 9.1A/PDA-008), an amendment has been made to the heading to remove reference to 'built heritage' on the basis that it is not relevant to the requirement. The Applicant agrees to this change.	13 October 2026

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Schedule 2 – Requirement 15(1)(i) (Central hub)	The wording '*has been approved in advance and in writing by the local planning authority.*' inserted at the end of sub-paragraph (1).	Following a request by Oxfordshire County Council in its relevant representation [RR-109], and as per the Applicant's responses (Document 9.1A/PDA-008), the requirement has been amended so that the central hub details must be approved in writing by the local planning authority, rather than merely submitted, consistent with the approach taken in the other requirements.	13 October 2026
Schedule 2 – Requirements 20 to 22 (Flood risk and surface water drainage)	In Requirement 20, Requirement 21(2) and Requirement 22, the wording '*local planning authority in consultation with the*' has been inserted before 'lead local flood authority'.	This change follows comments made by Oxfordshire County Council in its relevant representation [RR-109], in which it explained that there is an agency agreement in place between Oxfordshire County Council and the district councils within its area which allows the districts to determine applications under the Land Drainage Act 1991. Oxfordshire County Council confirmed that the districts in Oxfordshire are therefore used to determining matters which elsewhere would be dealt with by the County Council. On this basis, the Applicant considers it reasonable to make this change to reflect that the local planning authority is the appropriate decision maker in these instances, having first consulted the lead local flood authority.	13 October 2026
Schedule 2 – Requirement 21(1) (Surface water drainage)	The wording '*which includes surface water drainage,*' inserted after 'No component of the authorised development on the main site'.	As explained in the Explanatory Memorandum (Document 3.2), this amendment limits the requirement to those components of the authorised development on the main site that include surface water drainage, so that components with no drainage element do not require a drainage strategy.	13 October 2026

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Schedule 2 – Requirement 21(2) (Surface water drainage)	The words '*and maintained for the operational life of the development*' inserted after 'The surface water drainage scheme must be implemented'.	Amendment made to secure that the approved surface water drainage scheme is maintained for the operational life of the development, and not only implemented, as confirmed in the Applicant's Responses to Relevant Representations in response to comments from the Environment Agency (Document 9.1B/PDA-009).	13 October 2026
Schedule 2 – Requirement 23(1) (Foul water drainage)	Sub-paragraph numbers '(1)' and '(2)' inserted. The wording '*, landscape works, biodiversity enhancement works, ecological mitigation works and permanent signage*' inserted after 'excluding earthworks'.	Amendments made to expand the "commencement" carve-outs for the requirement to submit a foul water drainage strategy. The Applicant considers that these carve-outs are justified on the basis that these works will not interact with the foul water drainage.	13 October 2026
Schedule 2 – Requirement 23(2) (Foul water drainage)	The wording '*on the main site, excluding earthworks, landscape works, biodiversity enhancement works, ecological mitigation works and permanent signage,*' inserted after 'no component of the authorised development'.	Amendments made to provide clarity to the drafting so that the requirement reflects 23(1) above with the additional carve-outs justified for the reasons identified above.	13 October 2026
Schedule 2 – Requirement 26 (heading)(Control of operational noise)	Requirement heading amended from 'Control of operational Noise' to '*Control of operational noise*'.	Amendment made to correct a typographical error and to ensure consistency in drafting throughout the draft DCO.	13 October 2026
Schedule 2 – Requirements 28 and 29 (Contamination risk)	In Requirements 28 and 29, the words '*in consultation with the Environment Agency*' inserted after 'approved in writing by the local planning authority'. In Requirement 28, 'the ~~relevant~~ *local* planning authority'.	Following comments made by the Environment Agency in its relevant representation [RR-042], the Applicant has amended these requirements so that the Environment Agency is consulted on the investigation, remediation	13 October 2026

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		and verification of any previously unidentified contamination. The reference to the 'relevant' planning authority has also been corrected to the defined term 'local planning authority'.	
Schedule 2 – Requirement 31(1) (Employment)	Words '*, excluding ecological mitigation works*,' inserted after 'any part of the authorised development'.	As discussed at Issue Specific Hearing 2 [ISH2], where the Applicant explained that it was considering amendments to the definition of 'commence' in article 2, the Applicant has removed the carve-out for ecological mitigation works in the definition of 'commence'. The Applicant considers that the carve-out in the employment requirement is reasonable in this context.	13 October 2026
Schedule 2 – Requirement 32(1) (Community liaison group)	The words '*and the community*' inserted after 'to facilitate liaison between various bodies'.	Amendment made following discussions with Cherwell District Council to clarify that the purpose of the community liaison group includes liaison with the local community, as well as between the bodies listed in sub-paragraph (2).	13 October 2026
Schedule 2 – Requirement 32(4) (Community liaison group)	Paragraph number *'(4)'* inserted before 'The community liaison group is to continue to meet…'.	Amendment made to correct paragraph numbering.	13 October 2026
Schedule 2 – Part 2 sub-paragraphs 1(2)(a) and 1(2)(b) (Applications	Determination periods for applications amended from '42 days' to '*40 business* days'.	Amendments made following comments by Oxfordshire County Council in its relevant representation [RR-109] and as per the Applicant's responses to those comments (Document 9.1A/PDA-008).	13 October 2026

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made for certain approvals)		The Applicant does not agree to Oxfordshire County Council's request to extend the determination periods to 12 weeks. The development is a nationally significant infrastructure project which requires approvals and consents from numerous statutory and other bodies and must not be delayed from commencing development due to obtaining time consuming approvals. The suggested 12 week timescale would introduce unacceptable delays to the delivery of the scheme. However, the Applicant has agreed to the change to 40 business days (which is, in effect, eight weeks). This provides the discharging authority with sufficient time to determine the applications made.	
Schedule 2 – Part 2, paragraph 2(2) – (Further information)	Period within which the discharging authority must request further information amended from '10' to '*15*' business days.	Amendment made following comments by Oxfordshire County Council in its relevant representation [RR-109] and as per the Applicant's responses to those comments (Document 9.1A/PDA-008). The Applicant does not agree with Oxfordshire County Council's request to extend the time limit to 20 days. However, the Applicant considers that 15 business days strikes a fair balance between the need for this nationally significant infrastructure project to proceed without delay from third parties whilst ensuring that the discharging authority has sufficient time to review the information placed before it in the requirement discharge process.	13 October 2026
Schedule 2 – Part 3, sub-paragraph 1(1)(d) (Membership, role	'National Highways;' inserted as a member of the STWG.	Amendment to include National Highways in the Sustainable Transport Working Group to speak to matters impacting the strategic road network following discussions with NH.	13 October 2026

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and protocol of the Sustainable Transport Working Group)			
Schedule 2 – Part 3, sub-paragraph 1(1)(g) (Membership, role and protocol of the Sustainable Transport Working Group)	Unitary authority wording amended to read '…then *the representatives in* paragraphs (b) and (c) will be replaced by both a highway representative *of the unitary authority for the area within which the authorised development is situated* and a planning representative of the unitary authority *for the area within which the authorised development is situated*'.	Amendment made to make clear that, if a unitary authority is created, the representatives in paragraphs (b) and (c) are replaced by highway and planning representatives of the unitary authority for the area in which the authorised development is situated.	13 October 2026
Schedule 13 – Part 1 (removal of trees)	Amendment made in the table for 'the tree shown with a circle hatched pink and labelled T93(C)' to 'T93(A)' on the '*tree and hedgerow retention and removal plan (drawing number 2.15D)*'.	Amendment required because previously T93 was recorded as Category C so 'T93(C)' but this is now considered a veteran tree and so it must be recorded as category A so 'T93(A)'. The Applicant has therefore amended the entry to reflect the change in Category.	13 October 2026
Schedule 14 – Part 1 (For the protection of railway interests)	Amendments made, including: - definition of 'asset protection agreement' amended to include a basic asset protection agreement in the agreed form; - new paragraph 3(2) restricting the exercise of the powers relating to survey and investigation and to trees over	Amendments made following negotiations with Network Rail on the protective provisions, which remain ongoing.	13 October 2026

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	railway property without Network Rail's consent; - new paragraph 4(3) restricting the acquisition of, or creation of new rights over, railway property without Network Rail's consent; - an emergency works exception to the requirement to provide a prior estimate and reduction of the payment period from 60 to 30 days; - deletion of Network Rail's mitigation obligation; and - minor drafting and numbering corrections.		
Schedule 14 – Part 2 (For the protection of National Highways Limited)	Amendments made, including: - correction of internal cross-references throughout following renumbering of the paragraphs of Part 2; - deletion of former paragraphs 4 to 6 (time limit for, and single comprehensive list of, requests for further information, and requirement for supervision to be reasonable and proportionate);	Amendments made following discussions with National Highways. National Highways has not yet agreed all of these changes. Negotiations remain ongoing.	13 October 2026

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	- definition of 'condition survey' no longer limited to structures and assets within the Order limits; - new provisions requiring National Highways to facilitate access for the condition survey; - deletion of the deemed issue of the provisional certificate and of the 30-day limit on requests for as-built information, and removal of the obligation on National Highways to provide one comprehensive list of defects and to grant road space for their remedy; - notice of opening of the strategic road network increased from 14 to 56 days, notice of maintenance works increased from 14 to 28 days, and payment for National Highways' remedial works following the final condition survey to be made within 21 days (previously 30 days) of an itemised demand; - security provisions restructured so that each phase is secured by acceptable security indemnifying National Highways against breach; - public liability insurance changed from a minimum of £10 million to a sum to be		

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	agreed subject to a maximum of £50 million; - provision for release of the acceptable security on the issue of the final certificate (paragraph 12(3)); and - correction of typographical errors		
Schedule 14 – Part 3 (For the protection of the local highway authority)	Amendments made, including: - definition of 'acceptable security' introduced and the definition of 'bond sum' narrowed; - definition of 'county highway works' populated with the relevant Work Nos. and new definitions of 'county highway works fees' - notice of commencement of each phase increased from five to 12 weeks; - new requirements for stage 3 and (where required) stage 4 road safety audits, commuted sums to be calculated using Oxfordshire County Council's 'Commuted Sum Calculator' (base date November 2025), new maintenance obligations on the undertaker during each maintenance period (phase);	Amendments made following engagement with Oxfordshire County Council on the protective provisions. Negotiations remain ongoing.	13 October 2026

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	- new requirement for the undertaker to copy to the local highway authority any notices given to National Highways of the start of its specified works; - new 'no fetter on discretion' paragraph; - recovery of the local highway authority's costs, and use of the bond and acceptable security, where the undertaker fails to remedy damage or in an emergency (paragraph 4(8) and (9)); and - minor drafting corrections.		
Schedule 14 – Part 5 (For the protection of Thames Water Utilities Limited)	Amendments made, including: - parcel '5/11' inserted as the land to which Part 5 does not apply; - the period for Thames Water's contingency arrangements extended from 30 to 60 days, running from receipt of Thames Water's written request; - Thames Water's approval of plans for works near retained apparatus not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed, with provision for deemed approval;	Amendments made following negotiations with Thames Water on the protective provisions. Not all of these changes have yet been agreed with Thames Water. Negotiations remain ongoing.	13 October 2026

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	- obligation on the undertaker to use reasonable endeavours to minimise damage, obstruction or interference to Thames Water's undertaking; and - minor drafting, cross-reference and numbering corrections. -		
Schedule 14 – Part 6 (For the protection of electricity, gas, water and sewerage undertakers)	Definitions of '*Anglian Water*' and '*Rising Main*' inserted, and new paragraph 6 inserted restricting the undertaker from appropriating, acquiring, extinguishing, interfering with or overriding any interest of Anglian Water in respect of the Rising Main otherwise than by agreement, and requiring the undertaker to enter into deeds of consent and variations where the authorised works would conflict with Anglian Water's interests.	Amendments made as set out in the Applicant's response (Document 9.1/PDA-007) to Anglian Water's relevant representation in order to protect its rising main connecting Cherwell Valley Motorway Service Area to the wastewater treatment works north-east of Ardley.	13 October 2026
Schedule 14 – Part 7 (For the protection of Southern Electric Power Distribution plc) – further amendments	Amendments made, including: - fixed sums for 'acceptable insurance', contractors' pollution liability cover and 'acceptable security' replaced with levels to be agreed between the undertaker and SSE (acting reasonably), having regard to the nature, value and risk of the specified works;	Amendments made following negotiations with SSE on the protective provisions. Not all of these changes have yet been agreed by SSE. Negotiations remain ongoing.	13 October 2026

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	- new paragraph 6 (acquisition of land) preventing the undertaker from acquiring or interfering with SSE's land interests, rights or apparatus otherwise than by agreement, and requiring the undertaker to enter into deeds of consent and variations; - notice periods for works near overhead lines reduced from 56 to 28 days; - 'best endeavours' replaced with 'all reasonable endeavours' in the co-operation paragraph; and - consequential cross-reference and numbering corrections.		
Schedule 15, paragraph 8 – Control of Pollution Act 1974	The words '~~and the principles of the code of construction practice~~' deleted.	Amendment made to remove an erroneous reference to a 'code of construction practice'.	13 October 2026
Schedule 16	Schedule 16 has been updated to reflect updates to the certified documents.	As per updated documents submitted since the Application submission.	13 October 2026