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Dear Sir or Madam,

### **A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project**

#### **PLANNING ACT 2008 SECTION 56: NOTIFYING PERSONS OF ACCEPTED APPLICATION THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009: REGULATION 8 THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017: REGULATION 16**

I am writing regarding the proposed A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project (the "Project"). The Project aims to construct, operate and maintain the dualling of all the remaining single lengths of carriageway of the A66 to create a continuous 70mph dual carriageway (with the exception of a short length of 50mph dualling between M6 Junction 40 and east of Kemplay Bank) across the North Pennines, between the M6 motorway and A1(M) junctions, including improvement of these two junctions.

The Project comprises eight schemes with the following main features:

- Online widening (adjacent to the existing road) of the carriageway and improvement to junctions within these lengths of the widened route
- Offline construction (new lengths of road following different routes but reconnecting into existing lengths of the A66 that are already dualled) including new junctions to connect to the local road network
- Improvement to and the construction of new cycleways, footpaths and bridleways
- Ancillary or related development, including works associated with the tie-in of the authorised development; street works, relocation of new road traffic signs, signals, street lighting, road restraints and carriageway markings; works to alter, remove or maintain street furniture or apparatus; works to facilitate traffic management, provide vehicle recovery services and to deliver information relating to the authorised development; and works to stop up, provide or re-provide private means of access to land or premises

- All schemes (with the exception of the A1(M) Junction 53 Scotch Corner scheme) include lengths of de-trunked A66 as a result of the Project

National Highways submitted its application for a DCO on 21 June 2022. This application was accepted for examination by the Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) on 19 July 2022. National Highways is writing to you because it is required to notify you of an accepted application.

In accordance with the 2008 Act and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, please find attached to this email a copy of a section 56 notice, providing formal notification of acceptance of the application

Also please see the following documents and links:

A copy of the accepted application

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a66-northern-trans-pennine-project/?ipcsection=docs&stage=app>

A map showing where the proposed development is to be sited

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010062/TR010062-000505-5.12%20DCO%20Location%20Plan.pdf>

A copy of the Environmental Statement

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a66-northern-trans-pennine-project/?ipcsection=docs&stage=app&filter1=Environmental+Statement>

Further information regarding the availability of the DCO Application documents and where you can view them is included in the attached section 56 notice.

Any person may make representations on the Application to the Secretary of State (that is: giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Application). Details of the way in which representations must be made are included in the enclosed section 56 notice.

**Representations must be received by the Inspectorate no later than 11.59pm Sunday 4 September 2022.** Please note that any submitted representations to the Inspectorate will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website for the Application.

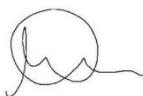
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