



## Northamptonshire County Council

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Date: 22 February 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2017: REGULATION 5 SCREENING OPINION**

#### **PROPOSAL: Construction of the Northampton North West Relief Road**

Thank you for your e-mail and attached letter with plan requesting a screening opinion in respect of the proposed NWRR.

The development is not listed under Schedule 1 of the EIA Regulations and therefore the requirement of an EIA is not mandatory. Nevertheless, the development requires screening under the current EIA Regulations, Schedule 2, paragraph 10 (Infrastructure Projects) (f) Construction of Roads, as the development exceeds 1 hectare. Also, the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) provides indicative thresholds to guide possible EIA development and advises that EIA is more likely to be required if the new road is over 2km in length.

Schedule 3 of the current EIA Regulations also lists the selection criteria for screening Schedule 2 development and notes that consideration should be given to the characteristics of the development, its location and the characteristics of the potential impact.

Based on the information provided as part of your screening request, we consider that the development will require Environmental Impact Assessment given that the area of the proposed scheme is 9.2 hectares and the geographical location of the proposed development is considered to be environmentally sensitive. We advise that the following topic areas are covered in the Environmental Statement:

- Air Quality/Dust/Health Impact

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- Traffic data. 4/5 weeks.*
- Noise & Vibration
  - Ecology
  - Arboriculture
  - Landscape/Visual Impact
  - Archaeology/Cultural Heritage
  - Geology and Soils
  - Transport
  - Flood Risk
  - Materials and Waste
  - Socio Economic Effects
  - Cumulative Effects
  - Alternatives
  - Climate Change

The ES should also include a statement of relevant expertise or qualifications as required by Regulation 18 (5) (b). Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Moor  
Principal Development Control Officer