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Dear Sir/Madam,

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1999: REGULATION 10 SCOPING OPINION FOR PROPOSED A45 DAVENTRY DEVELOPMENT LINK

Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in replying to your request regarding the above scheme. I refer to your letter received in May 2014 and the accompanying scoping report. The scoping report has been the subject of consultation in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations and copies of the responses received are attached for your information.

In accordance with the Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011, the Environmental Statement means a statement:

- a) that includes such of the information referred to in Part 1 of Schedule 4 as is reasonably required to assess the environmental effects of the development and which the applicant can, having regard in particular to current knowledge and methods of assessment, reasonably be required to compile, but
- b) that includes at least the information referred to in Part 2 of Schedule 4;

The submitted environmental statement is therefore required to be in accordance with these Regulations.

Topics proposed to be scoped into Environmental Statement

- Air Quality and Dust
- Archaeology and Cultural Heritage
- Biodiversity
- Traffic and Transportation

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- Agricultural Land
- Landscape and Visual Impacts
- Noise and Vibration
- Lighting
- Flooding, Hydrology and Water Resources
- Ground Conditions, Hydrogeology and Contamination
- Socio-economics
- Waste

Overall I can confirm that the approach that you are advocating in the scoping report is considered to be generally acceptable and appropriate and this is reflected in the nature of the consultation responses which have already been forwarded onto you for information. These specific points are set out in this Scoping Opinion and you are required to have regard to them. In particular I would draw your attention to the following:

Amenity Impacts

Please refer to the attached comments made by South Northamptonshire District Council's and Daventry District Council's Environmental Health Officers and the Canal & River Trust in particular air quality, lighting and noise.

Archaeology and Cultural Heritage

Detailed comments regarding Archaeology and Cultural Heritage have been provided by English Heritage, the County Archaeology Advisor and the Canal & River Trust. Please refer to these responses directly for further guidance.

Biodiversity

Detailed comments regarding ecological surveys and information have been provided by Natural England, the NIA's Natural Development Officer, the Canal & River Trust and Senior Environmental Planner at Northamptonshire County Council. Please refer to these responses directly for further guidance.

Traffic and Transportation

Detailed comments regarding traffic, transportation and access have been provided by Northamptonshire Highways, the Highways Agency, The Ramblers and the British Horse Society. Please refer to these responses directly for further guidance.

Agricultural Land

Please refer to the attached detailed comments made by Natural England.

Landscape and Visual Impact

Please refer to the attached comments from the Council's Senior Environmental Planner, Natural England and the Canal & River Trust. In particular I note that the assessment should be undertaken using the most up-to-date published guidelines available.

Flooding, Hydrology and Water Resources

Please refer to the attached detailed comments made by the Environment Agency and the Canal & River Trust.

Ground Conditions, Hydrogeology and Contamination

Please refer to the attached detailed comments made by the Environment Agency and the Canal & River Trust.

Waste

Please refer to the attached detailed comments made by the Environment Agency.

Cumulative Impacts

In assessing the likely effects of the development in respect of the various topics which are scoped in for Environmental Assessment consideration should be given to any cumulative impacts. In particular if there are other permitted developments nearby which if developed could give rise to significant environmental and amenity impacts. The Environmental Statement should address this possibility and the associated potential impacts.

Alternatives

An outline of the main alternatives considered should be addressed in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 4 (Part 2) of the EIA Regulations 2011.

Should you wish to seek further clarification and assistance on the contents of this opinion please let me know.

Yours faithfully,



Peter Moor
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Environment Agency

Daventry District Council (Environmental Health)

South Northamptonshire Council (Environmental Health)

NCC Senior Environmental Planner

Natural England

NCC County Archaeological Advisor

English Heritage

The Ramblers

The British Horse Society

Bugbrooke Parish Council

Weedon Bec Parish Council

Flore Parish Council

Canal & River Trust

Natural Development Officer - Nene Valley Improvement Area

Natural England

Network Rail

Highways Agency