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**Subject:** FORMAL RESPONSE: #18489 Application Further Information re: Planning Application R3.0138/21 A corridor between the A34 Milton Interchange and the B4015 north of Clifton Hampden  
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**For the attention of:** Emily Catcheside of Oxfordshire County Council

**Planning Application:** R3.0138/21

**Site:** A linear site comprising a corridor between the A34 Milton Interchange and the B4015 north of Clifton Hampden including part of the A4130 east of the A34 Milton Interchange, land between Didcot and the former Didcot A Power Station and the Great Western Mainline, land to the north of Didcot where it crosses a private railway sidings and the River Thames to the west of Appleford-on-Thames before joining the A415 west of Culham Station, land to the south of Culham Science Centre through to a connection with the B4015 north of Clifton Hampden.

**Proposal:** - The dualling of the A4130 carriageway (A4130 Widening) from the Milton Gate Junction eastwards, including the construction of three roundabouts; - A road bridge over the Great Western Mainline (Didcot Science Bridge) and realignment of the A4130 north east of the proposed road bridge including the relocation of a lagoon; - Construction of a new road between Didcot and Culham (Didcot to Culham River Crossing) including the construction of three roundabouts, a road bridge over the Appleford railway sidings and road bridge over the River Thames; - Construction of a new road between the B4015 and A415 (Clifton Hampden bypass), including the provision of one roundabout and associated junctions; and - Controlled crossings, footways and cycleways, landscaping, lighting, noise barriers and sustainable drainage systems.

**Our Reference:** 93193 (Tracker No: #18489)

Dear Emily,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 informing us that additional and amended information had been submitted for the above proposal.

National Highways has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as a strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network. The SRN is a critical national asset and as such we work to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

We will be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact on the safe and efficient operation of the SRN, in this case the A34.

Our previous response for this application, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021, indicated that we had no objection subject to the inclusion of a condition for a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). The additional information being consulted on mainly relates to addendums to the Environmental Statement in response to comments from the Environment Agency, which we have no comment on.

There has also been a Technical Note (TN) submitted in relation to comments made by Oxfordshire County Council regarding discrepancies on the Transport Assessment (TA). The TN shows that there was a minor labelling error in the TA, but that the modelling data is not affected and that the conclusions of the TA are still valid. There is therefore no suggestion that the impact on the SRN would be any different from what we have already judged to be acceptable (subject to conditions).

Based on the above, our recommendation therefore remains the same as our response dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 where we recommended no objection subject to a CEMP condition. Full wording of the proposed condition can be found in that response (attached for reference).

Please note that we are now called National Highways (not Highways England) and our team's inbox also changed to: [planningse@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:planningse@nationalhighways.co.uk) . The registered office address remains unchanged.

Regards

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