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Dear Ms Heron

The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations: Regulation 77 Approval of Local Planning Authority

Highways England is currently developing the M62 Junction 20 to Junction 25 scheme, with the intention that it will be consented under the Highways Act 1980 (as amended), and specifically through use of a general development order.

In accordance with Regulation 75 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (Habitats Regulations), screening has already concluded that this scheme:

- is likely to have a significant effect on a European site (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects), and
- is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site.

Specifically likely significant effects have been determined in connection with:

- South Pennine Moors Special Area of Conservation, and
- South Pennine Moors Phase 2 Special Protection Area

I am therefore writing to you in my role as applicant for this scheme, to seek your approval as local planning authority in accordance with the general development orders provisions in Regulation 77 of the Habitats Regulations.

Under the provisions of Regulation 77 I enclose details of the development which is intended to be carried out. These details are provided in the form of a Statement to Information the Appropriate Assessment (SIAA).

In parallel to seeking your approval I have provided the same details of the development to Highways England's nominee (Stuart Wilson) who is satisfying the specific functions

of the “competent authority” within Regulation 63 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

Please can you consider your approval within 14 days of receipt of this letter or confirm an alternative reasonable response date.

Yours sincerely



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