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Dear xxxx,

**Transport and Works Act 1992 (“the 1992 Act”)  
Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales)  
Rules 2006 (as amended) (“the Applications Rules”)**

**Proposed Transport and Works Act Order for the Leeds to Micklefield  
Enhancements.**

1. Thank you for your letter dated 5 April 2023 and attached documents received via email on 6 April 2023 in which you requested a screening decision under rule 7 of the Applications Rules to determine whether an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) is required in respect of your proposed application for a Transport and Works Act Order associated with the proposed Leeds to Micklefield enhancements works.

2. Based on the available information, including the responses from Consultees, the Secretary of State considers that the proposals described in your request are a project of a type mentioned in Annex II to Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU. Having regard to the characteristics and location of the project and the type and characteristics of potential impact, the Secretary of State considers that this project will not have a likely significant effect on the environment.

3. In accordance with rule 7(13) of the Applications Rules, the Secretary of State’s screening decision is that an **EIA is not required** in association with the proposed works as set out in the letter dated 5 April 2023 which form part of the Leeds to Micklefield Enhancements.

4. In reaching this screening decision, the Secretary of State, under rule 7(8), has consulted the bodies listed below and has considered their responses:

- Natural England
- Environment Agency
- Historic England
- Leeds City Council

5. Responses were received from Natural England, Environment Agency, Historic England and Leeds City Council. Copies of the consultation responses are included with this letter, the contents of which should be noted.

6. In reaching his screening decision, the Secretary of State has had regard to the selection criteria referred to in rule 7(11) of the Applications Rules and has taken into consideration the information within the documentation supplied for the screening opinion request.

7. In accordance with rule 7(14) of the Applications Rules, the Secretary of State notes the features of the proposed works and measures proposed to be taken in order to avoid or prevent what might otherwise have been significant adverse effects on the environment as set out in your screening request letter dated 5 April 2023.

8. As acknowledged in your supporting documents an appropriate level of detail on the scheme's: Cumulative and combined effects; Ecology, nature conservation and biodiversity; Water - hydrology and surface water; Land - transport and access; Land - landscape and visual; Land - cultural heritage; Soil - geology and ground conditions; Residues and emissions – materials and waste; Noise & Vibration; and Air pollution should be submitted with any subsequent application for an order under the 1992 Act.

### **Distribution**

9. Copies of this letter are being sent to those organisations which were consulted on the request for a screening decision, as listed at the beginning of this letter.

10. In accordance with Rule 7(15) a copy of this decision will be placed on our website at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/twa-inspector-reports-and-decision-letters>.

Yours sincerely,

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