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Dear Sir/Madam

TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT 1992

Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 (the 2006 Rules)

Proposed Northumberland Line Order 202[*]

We hereby make an application to the Secretary of State for Transport on behalf of Northumberland County Council (**the Applicant**) of County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF under section 6 of the Transport and Works Act 1992 for an Order under sections 1 and 5 of that Act in the terms of the draft Order accompanying this application.

The purpose of the proposed Order is to confer on the Applicant certain powers to facilitate the implementation of the Northumberland Line project (**the Project**), which will re-introduce passenger rail services to the existing railway line between Ashington and Newcastle.

The primary works required for the Project are proposed to be authorised separately, by way of planning permissions under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or through the exercise of permitted development rights. The proposed Order would confer on the Applicant a number of powers in connection with the implementation of these works, including a power to compulsorily acquire land and rights over land, temporarily use land for construction works, close level crossings over the railway, and temporarily and permanently stop up and divert highways.

The proposed Order would also authorise a limited range of ancillary works required in connection with the Project, including the formation of temporary worksites and haul roads, new and improved means of access and the laying out of new public rights of way.

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In accordance with the waiver direction dated 5 February 2021 given by the Secretary of State under rule 18 of the 2006 Rules, the Applicant is submitting this application and accompanying documentation in electronic form only. As such, this letter of application is accompanied by an electronic version of each of the following documents required by rule 10 of the 2006 Rules:

- Draft Order;
- Explanatory memorandum;
- Statement of aims;
- Report summarising consultations undertaken;
- Declaration of status of applicant;
- Funding statement;
- List of consents, permissions or licences under other enactments;
- EIA screening decision received from the Secretary of State under rule 7 of the 2006 Rules;
- Waiver direction given by the Secretary of State under rule 18 of the 2006 Rules;
- Land and works plans;
- Rights of way plans
- Book of reference;
- Estimate of costs; and
- Request for a planning direction under section 90(2A) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

In addition, the Applicant encloses an electronic copy of a document entitled 'The Proposed Northumberland Line Order: A Guide to the Application' which explains the role of the proposed Order in relation to the wider Project.

All requests for further information, notices or other documents required to be served upon the Applicant should be sent, marked for the attention of Duncan O'Connor, to Pinsent Masons LLP, 30 Crown Place, Earl Street, London EC2A 4ES (reference: The Northumberland Line Order).

We would be grateful if you would also acknowledge receipt of this application.

Yours faithfully

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For and on behalf of Pinsent Masons LLP