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Dear Mr Macholc,

Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme – Proposed Bowland Section

Request for a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

Further to our previous discussions with your Authority, please accept this letter and Scoping Addendum (electronic link provided in my email dated 2nd February 2021) as a request for a second Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Opinion on the Proposed Bowland Section of the Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme (HARP).

This Addendum is required due to design changes, refinements and alternative methodologies which have arisen since the first Scoping Opinions were published by Ribble Valley Borough Council and Lancaster City Council. The design changes and refinements have in turn resulted in some changes to the proposed scope of the Proposed Bowland Section EIA. This Addendum outlines where changes have arisen in relation to the October 2019 Scoping Report, while also confirming where approaches, methodologies and anticipated outcomes remain the same.

The Addendum should be read in conjunction with the October 2019 EIA Scoping Report; while it does not supersede the 2019 Scoping Report, there is a requirement for an updated Scoping Opinion from Ribble Valley Borough Council. In many instances the nature and scope of the proposed EIA remains unaltered, and in these cases the relevant sections of the original Scoping Report remain valid. Therefore, the Scoping Report on which we are requesting a Scoping Opinion is the original October 2019 EIA Scoping Report as updated by the February 2021 EIA Scoping Addendum.

The Scoping Addendum is submitted under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The purpose of the EIA Scoping Addendum is to inform Ribble Valley Borough Council, statutory consultees, and key stakeholders about the proposed scope of the EIA, the findings of which will be presented in the Environmental Statement that will accompany any subsequent planning applications for the Proposed Bowland Section.

The Proposed Bowland Section is located between a compound approximately 850 m to the west of Newton-In-Bowland (launch site) and a compound approximately 3.5km southeast of Wray, Lancaster (reception site). Further details of the location of all works proposed as part of the Proposed Bowland Section are provided within the Scoping Addendum in accordance with the information requirements set out in Regulation 15.

Please note that the Scoping Addendum, together with a request for a Scoping Opinion, has also been submitted to Lancaster City Council.

I trust that the information provided is sufficient for you to provide a Scoping Opinion, but if there is any further information you require, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely



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