



## Re: National Highways for a Order Granting Development Consent for the A46 Coventry-Junction (Walsgrave) Project

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**Steven Parker**

NSIP Officer - Energy Team

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Dear Mr Parker

Thank you for your email and confirmation that our submission has been received and accepted, as a late submission, by the Secretary of State for Transport which we appreciate.

Yours sincerely

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**Sheila Cooper**

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Dear Ms Cooper,

Your submission was forwarded to the Secretary of State for Transport (SoS) on Friday 9 January 2026.

The SoS has accepted this submission as a late submission for the 8 January 2026 deadline.

Kind regards,



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### **To Whom It May Concern - Response from -The Warwickshire Solihull and Coventry Local Access Forum**

*This response constitutes formal advice from the Warwickshire Solihull and Coventry Local Access Forum. The Planning Inspectorate and the Secretary of State is required, in accordance with section 94(5) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to have regard to relevant advice from this forum in carrying out its functions.*

We apologise for the late arrival of this response which was out of our control and hope, therefore, you will accept our apology and take it into consideration.

We are disappointed that the Inquiry has not taken into consideration our deepest concerns over the traffic issues surrounding the daily dangerously gridlocked traffic on the A46, Walsgrave Junction and on Clifford Bridge Road. We do not believe that the design of the proposed junction is an 'improvement' and will only exacerbate the traffic issues in the area. Emergency vehicles, service vehicles, private cars and public transport sit in gridlocked traffic every day which is unacceptable. Already pressurised NHS Staff including consultants, emergency staff, doctors, nurses and all other departmental and general staff have their days necessarily extended by unwelcome and unwanted car parking and road traffic issues which could have been mitigated by a truly improved junction design and the provision of a dedicated route into the hospital.

The cost of such a vital addition to the design of the Improvement A46 Coventry-Junction (Walsgrave) Project would have been mitigated by absorbing and incorporating the cost of a new dedicated hospital route, into the Project. The years of unwelcome disruption the Project will cause will merely move the problems from another junction on the A46 onto an extended ramp access onto Clifford Bridge Road where the traffic issues and narrow roads remain the same, where gridlocked traffic will remain the same.

We respectfully ask the Secretary of State and the Planning Inspectorate to review and reconsider our request for a dedicated access/egress route into the University Hospital Coventry before it is too late for appropriate mitigation to be incorporated into the plan. It is financially cost-effective to reconsider the issues of access into the hospital before it is too late.

Thank you for having regard to this advice from the Warwickshire Solihull and Coventry Local Access Forum.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheila Cooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Sheila" on the top line and "Cooper" on the bottom line, connected by a flourish.

**Sheila Cooper**

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