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Dear colleague,

I'm writing to inform you that on 7 March 2024, the Secretary of State for Transport approved the Development Consent Order (DCO) for the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project.

As you know, the A66 plays a huge role in the life of nearby communities. It connects people to jobs, education, health, goods, holiday destinations and other essential services.

The A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project will help support the regional and local economy. As you're aware, the A66 is currently prone to collisions and long delays. By dualling the remaining 18 miles of single carriageway, we will make the road between Penrith and Scotch Corner safer and more reliable for the thousands of people who use it every day.

Following the announcement, there is a six-week period in which parties can lodge an intention to legally challenge the DCO decision, via the Planning Inspectorate.

You can read more about the Secretary of State's decision on the [Planning Inspectorate's website](#).

For more updates on the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project, you can follow us on Twitter, Facebook or log on to our web page <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/a66-northern-trans-pennine>

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on A66NTP@nationalhighways.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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