



Meeting note

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Meeting with Venue	IAMP – International Advanced Manufacturing Park Temple Quay House / Teleconference
Attendees	IAMP Matt Verlander - Arup Mark Reynolds - IAMP Project Coordinator Jon Riley - Pinsent Masons (by phone) Helen Apps – Highways England (HE) (by phone) The Planning Inspectorate Susannah Guest - Infrastructure Planning Lead Mark Wilson - Infrastructure Planning Lead Richard Hunt – Senior EIA Advisor Kate Mignano – Case Officer
Meeting objectives	Project update Meeting
Circulation	All attendees and James Lough (Arup)

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

The developer was reminded of the Planning Inspectorate's openness policy that any advice given would be recorded and published on its website under s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) and that any advice given does not constitute legal advice upon which the applicants (or others) can rely.

Introductions were made by everyone present, and individual roles were explained.

Helen Apps from Highways England joined the meeting via teleconference for the first two agenda items only.

Project Update

The IAMP representatives explained that the scheme is being promoted by a development company (IAMP LLP) owned by the two local authorities; Sunderland City Council and South Tyneside Council.

The Inspectorate asked if IAMP would be including an explanation with the consultation material to demonstrate how the Councils are ensuring there is adequate separation between their roles as consultees and promoters of the project. IAMP agreed to provide further details to The Inspectorate and will consider how to ensure this is communicated to stakeholders and the public in the consultation material. They also explained that this point would be covered in the application documentation.

Submission of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application is expected end of March 2017.

Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

IAMP confirmed the draft SoCC was sent to the Heads of Planning in February and that the process has been carried out as prescribed. They noted that comments have been received and the draft SoCC has been amended; they anticipated that it would be sent to the Councils again and agreed shortly (anticipated to be early September).

The Inspectorate advised IAMP to consider engaging with local groups in the community regarding timing of consultation.

Area Action Plan (AAP)

The proposed scheme is being guided by an emerging Area Action Plan which will form part of the Local Development Plan for Sunderland and South Tyneside Councils. Consultation for the AAP will be taking place during the summer of 2016. Submission of the AAP is expected in December 2016 or shortly after.

A19 Testos and Downhill Lane Junction Improvements

Helen Apps from HE explained that the A19/A180 Testos junction and the A19 Downhill Lane junction schemes have been combined. She noted that the combined scheme is still in the early stages of development with preferred route options being narrowed down.

It was confirmed that the two project teams, IAMP and HE, are working closely together to ensure their schemes can progress in parallel.

The Inspectorate asked about the timing of consultation for the two projects. IAMP explained that both project teams were considering a joined up approach to consultation. While they would seek to explain the interrelationships

between the two projects in the consultation material, it would be made clear they were being promoted separately.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

In terms of EIA, IAMP is adopting a “no net loss” approach to ecological mitigation and regularly meet with an Environmental Forum group, including representatives from the Environment Agency and Natural England. As a result of this on-going dialogue, IAMP are hopeful that statutory consultees will not identify any new or unexpected matters of significance during scoping.

The Inspectorate asked when IAMP was planning to submit a scoping request. IAMP confirmed they plan to scope in August 2016. The Inspectorate advised the shapefile should be sent two weeks before any scoping request is submitted.

Surveys

IAMP confirmed that they are sharing ecological survey work with HE and that this work is ongoing. The Inspectorate asked if the habitat mitigation proposal includes formal habitat creation or management. IAMP confirmed that there is a mix of both for the proposed scheme and that statutory consultees are content with this approach.

IAMP are currently tendering for a geotechnical contractor.

Specific decisions / follow up required?

The Inspectorate to provide contact information to the Local Plans team.

IAMP to send material in respect of their role as both consultees and promoters.

IAMP to provide update on scope of ecological surveys.