

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL RESPONSE**

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**Introduction**

1. This response is from Cambridgeshire County Council (“CCC”), the authority responsible for, amongst other things, highways, archeology, ecology and biodiversity, as well as public right of ways. CCC is also the local lead flood authority.
2. There is a separate document through which other ExQs are to be answered as joint authorities. This is in addition to the aforementioned document.

**Public Rights of Way**

3. Pursuant to Part 3, Clauses 11, the Local Highways Authority (“LHA”) seeks;
  - a. Alternative diversionary routes for PRoW proposed to be stopped-up to be agreed with the LHA as appropriate;
  - b. When appropriate to seek consent from the LHA, in particular for example Clause 11(1) and 11(3);
  - c. Clause 11(4)(a) the period of not less than ‘28 days’ is too short, we consider a period of 6-8 weeks (no more than 56 days) is appropriate;
4. **Schedule 1, page 34:** in ‘*permissive paths*’ plans, it references plans in Annex A Landscape and Ecology Management Plan. The plans in Annex A are not at an appropriate scale to show the position of the path relative to other features, the exact location of egress onto the road network, and does not provide width or set back from vegetation or fencing.
5. **Schedule 2, page 46:** Requirement 17, ‘*Operational noise*’ – the Local Impact Report raised the impact of noise on equestrian users. This should be considered as part of the assessment contained at Requirement 17.

6. **Schedule 2, page 48:** Requirement 21, '*Permissive paths*' – see comment above (5).

### **Archaeology**

7. **Part 4, Supplemental Powers, page 45:** Clauses 11, 12 and 13. This is a new text responding to comment relating to bodies over 100 years. We welcome the changes. However there is no new text to address matters relating to further evaluations, updates to project design and post consent programme for investigation, monitoring and reporting.

### **Highways**

8. **Part 3, Clause 9, Page 10:** the Local Highways Authority (“LHA”) seeks a role in agreeing the design and standard of construction related matters. This could be achieved through the legal side agreement. The same in relation to inspections and to certify any alterations.
9. **Part 3, Street Works, Page 11:** CCC requests that the undertaker removes redundant apparatus from the highway.
10. **Part 6, Miscellaneous and General, page 31:** Clause 44(1) *Traffic regulation measures* – consent by the traffic authority missing.
11. **Schedule 2, Requirements, page 43:** Clause 6, *Detailed designs approval* - Vehicle and pedestrian access, parking and circulation remains for the district councils to approve. We consider it appropriate to consult the HA.

### **Ecology and Biodiversity**

12. **Schedule 2, Requirements, page 44:** *Stone Curlew* – a lot more information has been provided, but this remains lacking in the following ways.
  - a. In 10 (3) they include Works No's that cannot be undertaken ahead of the mitigation land being provided. These exclude *Work No.4 works to lay electrical cables and temporary construction laydown areas for the electrical cables including....* More clarity is required for example to include only those parts of *Work No 4* that are required in the mitigation land.
  - b. Consider whether work 1Biii should also be excluded (i.e. not included in the list on requirement 10) on the basis that there is a cable route proposed to the south east of ECO3 along the northern edge of the U6006 road.

- c. In 10 (4), decommissioning should also be included.
- d. We would also like to see monitoring, reporting and any subsequent remedial action secured in this requirement.

### **Floods and Water**

- 13. **Part 8, Schedule 12, Protection of Drainage Authorities, page 117:** Clause 90(1) would seek 28 days as opposed to 14 days for the submission of plans.
- 14. Clause 90(2) We would seek 2 months as opposed to 28 days to consider the plans.
- 15. Clause 94, We would wish to capture indemnity in this paragraph.
- 16. All of the above remain a live issue for the authority.

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