Planning Inspectorate Feedback on the Lion Link project Programme Document

Some key intended dates have been provided in the Applicant's Programme Document which is helpful, however there are several dates missing and more detail is needed. Please review the below feedback and provide as much information as possible where required.

- The Programme Document has not been published on the Applicant's website; please can you confirm when this will be published?

- No reference in Programme Document to this document being shared with local authorities/statutory consultees/others. Which stakeholders will the Applicant share the Programme Document with and when? What are the points of contention with the relevant stakeholder/s? How does the Applicant propose to mitigate/ resolve?

- The Issues Tracker has not been included in the Programme Document (although there is reference to it being reviewed by the Planning Inspectorate) - please confirm why this has not been included. Which stakeholders will this be shared with and when? How and when will the Applicant agree the Potential Main Issues for Examination (PMIE) with statutory consultees and local authorities?

- Please confirm why dates for the following have not been included in the Programme Document, and when will these be included in the Programme Document?

  EIA Scoping
  Non-statutory consultation
  Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)
  Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AOCM)
  Obtaining other consents or permissions
  Other relevant statutory consultees draft documents review
  Evidence Plan meetings
  Multiparty application readiness gate-check meeting
  Multiparty meetings

- The following components were not included in the Programme Document; please confirm if these will be included and provide the relevant information requested –

  - A draft programme for the preparation of an 'Information to Inform Habitats Regulations Assessment Report (HRA)'

  - Information about the draft DCO (including all schedules) and the Explanatory Memorandum, including information on how these will be developed and who will be engaged in the development.

-   Information on consultation activities, including preparation of the SoCC and Consultation Report.

-   Details about the preparation of the following application documents including how will these be developed and who will be engaged in the development (where relevant):

    Book of Reference (BoR)
    Statement of Reasons (SoR)
    Funding statement
    Works, Land, Public Rights of Way (PRoW) and other Plans
    Any relevant documents specified under Regulation 6 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009

-   Details pertaining to non DCO consents / permits / licences / permissions required (if any) and timescales for obtaining them.

-   Information on the Applicant's proposals for engaging with statutory consultees and local authorities has not been included. Please can this information be provided, including if the Applicant will be discussing a PPA with any of the statutory consultees or local authorities.

-   Details of risks to pre-app stage including how they are tracked and managed.

-   Approach to preparing Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI).

-   Details of how the design approach will be managed and communicated during pre-application.

-   The Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM) has not been established in the Programme Document. Please provide further information on this, and how the Applicant will seek input from the local authorities on the AoCM statement.

-   Evidence Planning
-   PADSS
-   Policy Compliance Document
-   Design Approach Document
-   Mature outline control documents

-   Compulsory Acquisition (CA) and Temporary Possession (TP) evidence (if required) – Will a Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker be provided? - Have negotiations been started / progressed? When will the tracker be provided?

-   Public Sector Equality Duty supporting evidence.