



Meeting note

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Meeting with	Highways England (HE)
Venue	Teleconference
Attendees	Highways England Salvatore Zappala – Highways England Fay Tresidder - Mott MacDonald Zoe Walne - Mott MacDonald Abbie Hooper - Mott MacDonald Julian Boswell - Burges Salmon Cathryn Tracey – Burges Salmon The Planning Inspectorate Susannah Guest – Infrastructure Planning Lead Hannah Nelson – EIA and Land Rights Advisor Emma Cottam – EIA and Land Rights Advisor Callan Burchell – Assistant Case Officer
Meeting objectives	Project update for the M20 Junction 10A scheme
Circulation	All attendees

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 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) (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.

Progress Update

HE provided an overview of progress since the last meeting. HE confirmed their intention to submit the application in Summer 2016 and noted that they intended to submit a suite of draft documents to the Planning Inspectorate for comment in April/May 2016.

The Inspectorate requested further information on the documents that might be submitted and HE outlined that they intended to submit the following 3 packages for review:

1. Development Consent Order (DCO), Explanatory Memorandum and Works Plans
2. Book of Reference, Statement of Reasons and Land Plans with a draft Funding Statement
3. Consultation Report and draft Habitats Regulations Assessment report

HE noted that they had taken on board the Inspectorate's comments from the previous meeting in respect of the approach to reporting the assessment of the 'alternative A' and 'alternative B' options in the Environmental Statement (ES). HE intends to write subsections in each chapter of the ES to consider the alternative options. In respect of how the DCO would deal with an 'alternative', HE indicated that they would share further information with the Inspectorate on this point. The attendees noted some examples of other DCO applications where options or alternatives had been included.

A number of key environmental issues were outlined by HE. HE explained that the first meeting to discuss potential mitigation strategies with Natural England has been arranged. HE outlined that they have had engagement with Ashford Borough Council regarding air quality and noise and indicated that a similar meeting was proposed with Kent County Council to discuss the emerging ES. The Inspectorate shared their concerns with HE as to whether there would be sufficient time to take on board the outcomes of these meetings in advance of their anticipated submission date and noted the risks of seeking to make changes to an application during the examination period.

HE advised that they have been discussing their Flood Risk Assessment and Water Framework Directive Compliance Assessment with the Environment Agency (EA) and are in the process of providing more drawings to the EA on the matter.

HE updated the Inspectorate on the progress of the traffic modelling. HE outlined that the base case has been agreed with Kent County Council and Ashford Borough Council.

HE outlined that statutory consultation is currently taking place and will end on 5 May 2016. The updated consultation material has provided a full red line boundary and has explicitly outlined the approach to the alternative options. HE noted that this additional consultation would be fully explained within the Consultation Report.

The meeting briefly discussed matters relating to later stages of the Planning Act 2008 process including deposit locations, provision of hard copy documents and venue specifications as required by the Inspectorate.

Specific decisions / follow up required?

- The Inspectorate would be contacting the relevant host authorities
- The Inspectorate would provide information on venue requirements

- Upon receipt of any draft documents send by Highways England, the next meeting would be arranged to discuss matters arising and the logistics any future submission