



## Meeting note

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<b>Venue</b>	Conference Room 6, Temple Quay House, Bristol
<b>Attendees</b>	Sophie Diver, Simon Hayton, Andy Goodwin, Graham Dakin, Robert Ranger, Chris Orman, Zena Madden
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Discussion regarding the scheme and documents received to date.
<b>Circulation</b>	As Attendees

### **Summary of key points discussed and advice given:**

At the beginning of the meeting the attendees were introduced, the Planning Inspectorate's openness policy was explained, and a brief agenda was outlined as follows: -

1. Information on the project (HA)
2. Progress update on the preparation of the application (HA)
3. Feedback for documents received so far (PINS)
4. Any further questions

### **1. Information on the project**

The scheme has been one of four schemes selected as an accelerated delivery project. The scheme is the only one of the four schemes selected that isn't a managed motorway scheme. A timetable has been proposed by the HA, in the hopes of reducing the time the scheme is with the planning inspectorate: -

- 8<sup>th</sup> January – Submission
- February – April- Pre Exam
- May- September- Examination
- September-November- Recommendation.

The Planning Inspectorate confirmed that this timetable was possible within the legislative framework of the 2008 NSIP regime, but emphasised strongly that it was ambitious, and dependant upon highly effective pre-application engagement with parties to the examination as well as other factors beyond the control of either HA or PINS.

## **2. Progress update on the preparation of the application**

HA explained that responses to the recent round of targeted consultation are being analysed and full regard will be had to them; subject to this, documents for submission are being prepared. HA continues to anticipate a submission date for the application of 8 January 2013.

In order to achieve their ambitious timetable, HA has been engaging positively with technical consultees, local authorities and others. In response to a question, HA confirmed that they have begun consulting with land owners in the hope of anticipating any issues relating to proposed compulsory acquisition of land and rights.

## **3. Feedback on documents received**

- Advice was given by PINS under S51 of the PA2008, which will be set out in a separate letter.

## **4. Questions**

HA asked whether a Planning Statement would be valuable, and whether or not regard would be had to a draft National Policy Statement if one were published before the determination of the application.

PINS advised that other applicants had found Planning Statements to be useful to support applications, and that it was open to the HA to produce one. The weight to be given to any relevant and important matter, potentially including a draft statement of policy, is for the decision maker to determine; but it is likely that a draft NPS would be accompanied by an indication from the Secretary of State of how much weight it is expected to be given.

The arrangements for the payment of statutory fees were also discussed.

## **Specific decisions / follow up required?**

- PINS to ensure that arrangements are in place to appoint an Examining Authority, on the basis that the application is to be submitted in January.
- A line of communication to be established between legal officers in HA and PINS to provide advice on the drafting of the proposed Statutory Instrument and compulsory acquisition documents.