



Meeting Note

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Meeting with	Central Bedfordshire council
Meeting date	12th August 21012
Attendees (Planning Inspectorate)	Kathrine Haddrell } Janet Wilson } NI Case Team Stella Perrett } Frances Russell } Environmental Services
Attendees (non Planning Inspectorate)	Paul Cook, Head of Transport Strategy, Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) Mark Lewis, Amey on behalf of (CBC)
Location	Temple Quay House

Meeting purpose	To introduce the Planning Inspectorate to the Woodside Link project and for National Infrastructure (NI) staff to outline the application process to the project team
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Summary of key points discussed and advice given	<p>After introductions, NI explained that a high level note is being taken and the finalised note will be published.</p> <p>CBC handed out a consultation document on the scheme which was produced in 2009 and gave an overview of the project, and the environs, including a large industrial area and a large housing development. CBC also mentioned the A5 – M1 link which is awaiting a decision from the Secretary of State, which is due shortly.</p> <p>CBC Described their 2009 public consultation, from which the preferred route was option 1.</p> <p>CBC stated that they had received legal advice that the proposed link scheme might be an NSIP. NI noted that they cannot give legal advice but that they would be as helpful as they can at pre-application stage, including providing comments on draft documents such as the DCO and would be able to attend at least one outreach event with officers/elected members and members of the local community. CBC offered to provide a summary of the legal advice they had been given.</p> <p>CBC said they are working towards the end of January to submit the DCO application.</p>
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	<p>NI gave a short presentation on the Planning Act 2008 and the stages in the process.</p> <p>CBC confirmed that they are undertaking environmental surveys.</p> <p>NI advised that all consultation should be very clear; including consultation with adjacent local authorities and that the Council would need to provide comments from a Planning Authority view, as will other county development projects.</p> <p>NI asked CBC whether there were any issues with compulsory purchase of land. CBC stated that thus far all the land-owners are on board. CBC currently dealing with public open spaces and National Grid regarding a power cable, which can possibly be routed underground.</p> <p>NI team thanked CBC for attending and advised contact KH with any queries.</p>
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Specific decisions/ follow up required?	CBC to provide summary of legal advice.
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Circulation List	All attendees.