



Meeting note

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Meeting with	John Barnard – Norfolk County Council
Venue	Temple Quay House
Attendees	Mark Wilson Daniel Hyde
Meeting objectives	To update The Planning Inspectorate on the scheme and a likely submission date.
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

Norfolk County Council informed the Planning Inspectorate that they are going to submit their section 42 consultation documents to PINS in order to notify PINS under section 46 at the End of July/beginning of August.

As the case leader has been newly assigned to this scheme, a potential site visit was suggested closer to the submission date.

Norfolk County Council advised the Planning Inspectorate that the Statement of Community Consultation has now been published and can be viewed online.

The Planning Inspectorate enquired about how the Council, as the applicant and a statutory consultee, would ensure these roles would be kept separate and the veracity of the process protected; Norfolk County Council explained that two different teams would work separately on these two different aspects of the application. The respective teams are based in different buildings. The Planning Inspectorate built on this point by issuing Norfolk County Council with a section of the consultation report from the M1 Junction 10a – Grade Separation scheme in Luton, where the applicant was both the applicant and a statutory consultee.

Norfolk County Council informed the Planning Inspectorate that they were unsure as to whether the three relevant local authorities will submit one single Written Representation, Local Impact Report and other documents together, as the Greater Norwich Development Partnership or each submit one individually.

Norfolk County Council asked the Planning Inspectorate whether other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) have had many responses in terms of consultation. The Planning Inspectorate explained the different experiences on

different NSIPs and how it is mostly a matter of the nature of the communities affected and the complexity of the scheme.

The Planning Inspectorate enquired about the different objectors to the scheme, Norfolk County Council highlighted the groups who have made their positions clear in the past.

Norfolk County Council then explained to the Planning Inspectorate the rationale behind not connecting the scheme to the A47 Norwich Southern Bypass to the west of Norwich.

Norfolk County Council then explained the eastern end of the scheme, the Poswick hub, which is part of the NSIP, has planning permission but is due to begin its public inquiry for side road orders the week following the meeting.

PINS asked whether the DCO application would contain a significant element of compulsory acquisition. Norfolk County Council advised the Planning Inspectorate that there are still significant pieces of land to be acquired and the majority of the route would need to be compulsorily acquired.

Norfolk County Council commented that some environmental and other consents may need to be sought in conjunction with the DCO application. The Planning Inspectorate advised that there is now a Consents Services Unit (CSU) set up as a separate team in the Planning Inspectorate to help co-ordinate consents with the DCO process. The Planning Inspectorate gave Norfolk County Council a prospectus which described the work that the CSU carry out.

Norfolk County Council described the changes to the scheme as a result of early consultations.

The Planning Inspectorate then explained the importance of the consultation report, and how Norfolk County Council should set the context for the current proposal including how the project has evolved. In particular, it would be important to capture any informal consultation undertaken, alongside reporting the statutory consultation they were embarking on. Advice Note 14 sets out advice about "How to compile a Consultation Report".

Norfolk County Council then informed the Planning Inspectorate that their intention was to publish the section 48 notification on 12 and 19 July.

The Planning Inspectorate spoke briefly about the pre-examination process moving into the examination. The Planning Inspectorate also briefly described the Preliminary Meeting and the various hearings, and how different hearings may warrant different venues.

Specific decisions / follow up required?

No specific decisions or follow up.