



Meeting Note

File reference	TR010016
Status	Final
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Meeting with	Highways Agency
Meeting date	11 March 2013
Attendees (Planning Inspectorate)	Kathrine Haddrell – Senior Case Manager Hannah Nelson - EIA and Land Rights Adviser Siân Evans - Case Officer
Attendees (non Planning Inspectorate)	Sarah Kearns – Highways Agency Jimmy Homes – Highways Agency Darren Powell – Grontmij
Location	Planning Inspectorate Offices, Temple Quay House, Bristol

Meeting purpose	To discuss the A63 Castle Street Improvement Scheme, Hull
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Summary of key points discussed and advice given	<p>The Planning Inspectorate advised on its openness policy as well as not being able to advise on the merits of a specific project. The Planning Inspectorate referred to s.51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) and noted that any advice given under s.51 does not constitute legal advice on which applicants or others can rely.</p> <p>Introductions</p> <p>Kathrine Haddrell explained that she is case leader for the scheme at the moment but this could change, depending on when the scheme is submitted. However for the moment she is the main point of contact at the Planning Inspectorate, unless it is a matter concerning Environmental Impact Assessment, in which case the Environmental Services team should be contacted directly. Jimmy Homes is the main point of contact for the Highways Agency (HA).</p> <p>Background</p> <p>The HA advised that the scheme had been under consideration for 15-20 years. In 2009 there was public consultation on 3 preferred and 3 non-preferred options. This resulted in the choice of 1 preferred route which was announced in March 2010. This was put on hold until December 2012 when there was an announcement of a ministerial commitment to provide funding for construction in 2014/15.</p>
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	<p>The HA advised that there were issues such as design of the bridges, listed buildings, location of a burial ground, flooding and archaeology. They also advised that there were gas pipe lines that need to be diverted. The Planning Inspectorate advised that these can be Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects in their own right and pointed the HA to section 20 of the PA2008. The Planning Inspectorate recommended the HA obtain their own legal advice.</p> <p>Planning Inspectorate advice The Planning Inspectorate gave an overview of the PA2008 process and highlighted the importance of consultation and showing how that consultation has shaped the scheme in their consultation report. It is also important, if comments are not taken into account, to explain why. The Planning Inspectorate advised that if changes are made to the scheme it may be necessary to re-consult. The Planning Inspectorate advised that the HA can choose whether to send consultation documents out in hard copy or electronically.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate advised the HA to look at section 55 checklists for previous applications. These can be found on the National Infrastructure pages of the Portal website. They also recommended looking at the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Notes.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate advised the HA to consult with the relevant statutory bodies to agree the need for any environmental licenses and provide evidence of this within any subsequent DCO application.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate enquired as to whether there will be a need for requirements and section 106 and advised the HA to ensure that the local authority is aware of their role in discharging any requirements.</p> <p>Department for Transport Consultation The consultation was discussed as it is possible some road schemes will fall out of the PA2008. The HA advised that this was not likely to apply to this scheme.</p> <p>Timetable The HA intend to publish their Statement of Community Consultation in July 2013. They hope to submit their application to the Planning Inspectorate in April 2014. The Planning Inspectorate advised that it is helpful for draft documents to be sent prior to the application being submitted.</p>
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Specific decisions/ follow up required?	
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Circulation List	All attendees