



Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS)	
Project name:	A19/A184 Testos Junction Improvement
Address/Location:	Testos Roundabout junction between the A19/A184 near West Boldon. The proposed development site lies within the administrative districts of both South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council as the DCO boundary extends south from the Testos junction to the Downhill Lane Roundabout.
Planning Inspectorate Ref:	TR010020
Date(s) screening undertaken:	First screening – 5 January 2015 following the applicant's request for a scoping opinion Second screening – 1 February 2018 following the submission of the application on 14 July 2017
EEA States identified for notification:	First screening: None identified Second screening: None identified

FIRST TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING UNDERTAKEN BY THE INSPECTORATE ON BEHALF OF THE SOS	
Document(s) used for transboundary Screening:	EIA Scoping Report: A19 Testos Junction Improvement ('the Scoping Report')
Screening Criteria:	The Inspectorate's Comments:
Characteristics of the Development	<p>The proposed development would improve the junction of the A19 and A184 at Testos roundabout. The A19 would be raised on an embankment to allow it to pass over an enlarged roundabout on two bridges and linked to it by slip roads. Traffic on the A19 would flow freely over the raised embankment above the roundabout, while traffic using the A184 would still travel around the roundabout which would be enlarged. Works associated with the proposed development comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of a new grade separated junction including bridges and embankments and enlargement of the existing roundabout; • Connector roads; • Slip road closures on the A19 and the removal of West House Accommodation Bridge; • Drainage infrastructure;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gantries, road signage, lighting and CCTV; • Diversion of utilities; • Works to accommodate non-motorised users (NMU), and • Works to facilitate the construction of the proposed development including access, a construction compound and laydown / storage areas. <p>The construction period is anticipated to last for 18 months and (subject to the consenting process) construction works could commence in Winter 2016/2017 with completion in Spring/Summer 2018.</p> <p>Operational maintenance requirements of the proposed development would be similar in comparison to those required for the current junction configuration.</p>
Geographical area	The information provided in the Scoping Report does not identify any potential environmental impacts on any area under the jurisdiction of any other EEA States.
Location of Development (including existing use)	<p>The proposed development would be located on the A19/A184 Testos Roundabout, extending south on the A19 to the Downhill Lane Roundabout near West Boldon in the administrative districts of South Tyneside and Sunderland.</p> <p>The majority of the proposed development would be located on land within the footprint of the existing highway, however some agricultural land take either side of the A19 would be required to facilitate the proposed development.</p> <p>The Boldon Business Park is located adjacent to the north eastern extent of the proposed development. An additional commercial site is located to the northwest of the A19/A184 roundabout, currently occupied by a car rental business. An electricity substation is located to the south east of the A19/A184 roundabout. Agricultural land is located along the length of the proposed development to the west, and to the south and east of the electricity substation.</p>
Cumulative impacts	<p>The Scoping Report identifies two other developments which have the potential to result in cumulative effects with the proposed development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A19/1058 Coast Road Junction Improvement • International Advanced Manufacturing Park
Carrier	Potential pollution via air, land and water.
Environmental Importance	No European protected sites have been identified within 2km of the proposed development. The Mount Pleasant Marsh Local Wildlife Site (LWS) is located within the proposed DCO application site boundary immediately adjacent to the southeast of the A19/A184 roundabout. A total of 28 LWSs are located within 2km of the proposed development. Six statutorily protected ecological sites are located within 2km of the

	<p>proposed development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Farm Meadow Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) • Hyton Castle Cutting SSSI • Hyton Dene Local Nature Reserve (LNR) • Tileded LNR • Primrose Nature Reserve LNR, and • Station Burn, Boldon Colliery LNR. <p>Seventy two cultural heritage assets have been identified within a 1km radius of the proposed development comprising 39 archaeological remains, 24 historic buildings and 9 historic landscape types. West Boldon Conservation Area is located approximately 1km to the east of the proposed development.</p> <p>A designated Area of High Landscape Value (AHLV) is located to the west of the proposed development at Boldon Hills, approximately 1km southwest of the existing A19/A184 roundabout.</p>
Extent	<p>Not identified in the Scoping Report.</p> <p>Due to the location and nature of the proposed development, no significant effects have been identified which could impact on another EEA Member State.</p>
Magnitude	<p>No other impacts have been identified which could impact on another EEA Member State.</p>
Probability	<p>No other impacts have been identified which could impact on another EEA Member State.</p>
Duration	<p>No other impacts have been identified which could impact on another EEA Member State.</p>
Frequency	<p>No other impacts have been identified which could impact on another EEA Member State.</p>
Reversibility	<p>No other impacts have been identified which could impact on another EEA Member State.</p>
<p><u>Transboundary screening undertaken by the Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS</u></p> <p>Under Regulation 24 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (the EIA Regulations) and on the basis of the current information available from the Applicant, the Inspectorate is of the view that the proposed development is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment in another EEA State.</p> <p>In reaching this view the Inspectorate has applied the precautionary approach (as explained in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 12: Transboundary Impacts Consultation); and taken into account the information currently supplied by the Applicant.</p> <p>Action:</p>	

No further action required at this stage

Date: 5 January 2015

Note: The Inspectorate's duty under Regulation 24 of the EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

SECOND TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING UNDERTAKEN BY THE INSPECTORATE ON BEHALF OF THE SOS

Document used for transboundary Screening:	Environmental Statement (July 2017) and Habitats Regulation Assessment (July 2017)
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Date	Re-screened on 1 February 2018 after submission of the application documents
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Transboundary re-screening undertaken by the Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS

Following submission of the DCO application which included the Environmental Statement and the applicant's HRA report, the Inspectorate has reconsidered the transboundary screening decision undertaken on 5 January 2015.

The Inspectorate considers that no new matters, outside of those identified in the previous transboundary screening decision, have been identified and therefore the Inspectorate has reached the same conclusion as in the previous screening decision dated 5 January 2015.

Conclusions

The transboundary screening of the Proposed Development has been considered taking into account the transitional provisions in Regulation 37 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations). The Applicant has requested the SoS to adopt a scoping opinion in respect of the development to which the screening relates prior to 16 May 2017 (the date of the commencement of the 2017 EIA Regulations). The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (the 2009 EIA Regulations) are therefore considered to be the applicable EIA Regulations.

Under Regulation 24 of the 2009 EIA Regulations and on the basis of the current information available from the Applicant, there is no change to the previous conclusion (dated 5 January 2015), and the Inspectorate remains of the view that the Proposed Development is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment in another EEA State.

In reaching this view the Inspectorate has applied the precautionary approach (as explained in Advice Note 12: Transboundary Impacts Consultation); and taken into account the information currently supplied by the applicant.

Action:

No further action required at this stage.

Date: 1 February 2018

Note: The SoS' duty under Regulation 24 of the 2009 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process

Note:

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in Annex 4 to its Advice note twelve, available on our website at <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>