



## Meeting note

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<b>Meeting with</b>	Highways England
<b>Venue</b>	Teleconference
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Highways England (HE)</b> Sheena Crombie Helen Apps Dan Johnston (Jacobs) Ben Wade (Costain) <b>The Planning Inspectorate</b> Richard Kent David Price
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Discussion of the approach to the assessment of cumulative impacts for the A19 Testos Junction
<b>Circulation</b>	Attendees plus Paul Ahdal (HE), Susannah Guest (the Planning Inspectorate)

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

The participants introduced themselves and their roles. The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) explained their openness policy and their legal obligation in relation to any advice given which will be recorded and placed on the Inspectorate's website under s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008)(as amended). The Inspectorate also advised that any advice given does not constitute legal advice on which the developer or others can rely.

HE clarified that the A19 Testos Junction and the adjacent Downhill Lane Junction on the A19 are being progressed as entirely separate and standalone development consent order (DCO) applications. At this stage, the application for the Testos Junction scheme is proposed to be submitted in June 2017 with the application for Downhill Lane following approximately 9 months later (though these may be subject to change).

The Inspectorate queried whether, given the nature and proximity of the schemes, there were aspects of the proposed Testos scheme that have been "over engineered" and that would not come forward in the eventuality that the Downhill Lane Junction does not progress (ie. has the Testos Junction been designed as an entirely standalone scheme). HE confirmed that this is the intention, although some aspects of the Testos scheme (e.g. drainage design capacities) could be 'oversized' so as to allow

for the development of the Downhill Lane junction in the future. The Inspectorate advised that this is likely to be an issue of interest for the examination particularly where (as part of the DCO application for the Testos scheme) HE are seeking consent for works / aspects of the design beyond what is necessary for the scheme alone (on the basis that the Downhill Lane junction will follow).

HE explained their process relating to the identification of potential cumulative impacts with the proposed Testos Scheme. They explained how this had progressed in 2014/15 during the pre-application stages for the scheme as it was being promoted at this time. The process included developing a 'long list' of projects (100-200 no.) assessed against screening criteria to determine whether they can reasonably be taken into account as part of the assessment. From there a c. 15 project 'shortlist' is developed for those projects to be assessed in detail as part for the cumulative impact assessment. Both the long list and shortlist processes would be reported on as part of the ES. The Inspectorate referred HE to further guidance set out within their Advice note seventeen: Cumulative effects assessment.

HE explained that they consider the key developments (in terms of potential cumulative effects) to be the Downhill Lane Junction and the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP), both of which are to be accounted for in the "worst case" assessment assumptions as part of the traffic modelling scenarios for the proposed development. As such HE confirmed that there will not be a "Testos junction alone" scenario within the modelling.

The Inspectorate and HE then briefly discussed the potential submission of a further scoping opinion request to be made in respect of the Testos Junction scheme (further to a previous request made in 2014). The value of this approach was discussed particularly in light of the limited changes made to the proposed scheme between the previous description of the development and the currently proposed development. HE decided to give further consideration to their approach and inform the Inspectorate accordingly.

Some additional matters were briefly discussed in relation to the project's registration on the Inspectorate's website and the applicants approach to a further round of targeted non-statutory consultation in preparation for the submission of the application. It was agreed that these matters would be considered further at the next overarching project meeting between the HE and the Inspectorate on 9 November 2016.