

## Meeting note

File reference A19/A184 Testos Junction Improvement Scheme

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Meeting with Highways England
Venue Teleconference
Attendees For the developer

Paul Ahdal, Helen Apps, Graeme Willis, Ben Wade, Tom Steele,

Phil Emison, Tom Henderson

For the Planning Inspectorate

Susannah Guest, Tom Carpen and Richard Kent

**Meeting** To discuss progress and forward programme for the A19/A184

**objectives** Testos Junction project

**Circulation** Attendees

## Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

The developer was reminded of the Planning Inspectorate's openness policy that any advice given will be recorded and published on the Infrastructure Planning website under s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) (PA2008) and that any advice given does not constitute legal advice upon which developer (or others) can rely.

## **Project Update**

Highways England explained that they had launched a 5 week statutory consultation period, and had duly notified the Inspectorate with regard to PA2008 s46. Highways England provided an overview of the material that was available via their website and noted that a flyer had been sent to over 30,000 households. Highways England confirmed that conversations were on-going with key stakeholders, land owners and relevant utility providers in the area.

Following from previous discussions with The Inspectorate, Highways England noted that they are drafting the methodology in respect of a cumulative effects chapter and hope to discuss this further with The Inspectorate in due course.

The discussion noted that in 2015, Highways Agency had provided a suite of draft documents to The Inspectorate for review and comment. Comments on those documents had been provided to Highways Agency and published on the s51 advice log. Highways England explained that they wished to submit a further round of draft documents before formal submission and the Inspectorate noted that it would be

extremely valuable if Highways England could provide an annotated version of the previous comments to explain if, and how, those comments had been taken into account. The Inspectorate also noted the "s55 checklist"; this forms the basis of work undertaken by the Inspectorate during the Acceptance stage that follows the formal submission of an application. The Inspectorate advised Highways England to have regard to this checklist in drafting their documents, particularly in respect of the proposed content of a Consultation Report and the relevant evidence included in its appendices.