

A19/A184 Testos Junction Improvement: Comments on the Planning Statement

These queries relate solely to matters raised by the drafting of the Planning Statement, and not the merits of the proposal. They are limited by the time available for consideration, and raised without prejudice to the acceptance or otherwise of the eventual application. They are provided to assist the preparation of the next iteration.

Q No.	PS Para	Extract from Planning Statement	Question/Comment
1	General	e.g. Para 1.6.2 (final sentence), 2.2.2 (<i>Road RIS</i>), 2.4.11 (first sentence), 5.2.7 (final sentence)	A number of typo's and/or missing text were identified throughout the Planning Statement and we would therefore advice HE to undertake a full review thereof. We assume this will be rectified in the final application version
2	1.2.4	"The Scheme falls within the 12.5ha threshold as the area of land (the "Order Land") contained within the DCO boundary is 65.18ha therefore the Scheme is classed as an NSIP "	Has the speed limit criterion been considered?
3	2.2.1	"In March 2015, pursuant to Section 3 of the Act, the Road Investment Strategy (RIS) for the period 2015/16-2019/20 was presented to Parliament."	"the Act" is the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) according to the Glossary. PA2008 s3 is not the correct reference for this.
4	2.4.3	"Predictably, peak periods cause the greatest congestion in the area and therefore the Scheme is designed to provide the free flow of traffic."	"Predictably, peak periods..." Please clarify "peak periods". Something potentially missing here as it doesn't flow.
5	3.6.1	"In June 2013, the Government announced £15 billion of planned investment into infrastructure for 2014-2015,"	In which document was this announced? We assume this is in reference to the IBF 2013?
6	5.2.3	"It is therefore relevant to establish the provisions of the any relevant development plans."	"of the any relevant" should this be "...establish the provisions of any relevant development plans."
7	5.2.7	"International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP) was awarded City Deal status and is proposed to be included as part of the local development plan for both councils."	Useful to have a plan showing the location of the IAMP in relation to the junction proposals – or cross-reference if elsewhere already
8	5.3.2	"...when deciding the approval of NSIP, the Secretary of State must consider any NPS..."	Suggest rewording "...when deciding a NSIP application, the Secretary of State must have regard to any NPS..."

9	5.3.10 Table 5.1	<i>"The Scheme reduces congestion at the junction supporting the operations of a key regional employer, Nissan"</i>	Nissan has not been mentioned before in the justification for the proposal. HE may wish to consider whether this is necessary?
		<i>"There are currently uncontrolled pedestrian crossing on the A184 approaches,"</i>	"crossings"?
10	5.3.14	<i>"The document is clear that development proposals that are considered sustainable..."</i>	It actually refers to approving proposals <u>that accord with the development plan</u> without delay (para 14). Para 15 says " <u>Policies in Local Plans</u> should follow the approach of the presumption in favour of sustainable development so that it is clear that development which is sustainable can be approved without delay."
11	5.3.15	<i>"NSIP"</i>	NSIPs?
12	5.3.17		There are 12 core principles in all. How does the scheme impact on all the core principles and/or should there be some comment on how the scheme impacts on the others?
13	5.3.18	<i>"Paragraph 19 of the NPPF..."</i>	The quotation used is actually from para 30, in the context of "Promoting sustainable transport"
		<i>"...reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and reduce congestion."</i>	How does the scheme impact on both of these factors?
14	5.3.19	<i>"...Supportsustainable..."</i>	Support sustainable?
15	Sub-heading under 5.3	<i>Road Investment Strategy (2015 – 2020) (March 2015)</i>	There were <u>amendments to the RIS</u> published in March 2016. They should be addressed for completeness even if just to say they are not relevant.
16	5.3.24	<i>"Page 36 of the RIS sets out the problems that increased congestion across the strategic road network would <u>cause</u> if action"</i>	Add "by 2040"
17	5.3.32	<i>"Government intends to invest £28 billion on enhancements and maintenance of national and local roads to... build all available Highways Agency road projects, tackling the most congested parts of the network... [and] ...identify and fund solutions to tackle some of the most notorious and longstanding road hot spots in the country".</i>	This is not a wholly accurate quote, despite being in quotation marks. The applicant could also mention " <i>upgrade the national non-motorway network managed by the Highways Agency with a large proportion moved to dual-lane and grade-separated road standard to ensure free-flowing traffic nationwide</i> "

18	5.3.33	"The A19/A184 Testos junction is identified in Table A.4 of the IBF as a road Scheme which the Government is committed to funding as part of the current..."	"the [then] current"?
19	5.3.35	"The Department for Transport's (DfT)"	"Transport"
		"These objectives include:"	The following bullets are a combination of the objectives and selected text from the supporting material. Suggest this should be made clear.
20	5.3.39	"The A19/A184 Testos Junction Improvement is identified in Annex A as part of the Major Improvements Investment Plan Scheme Schedule 2015 - 2020 which is committed to meeting the objectives set out in the Highways England Delivery Plan"	What does this mean?
21	5.4.3	"The development plan identifies the following policies that support the Scheme."	Are there any that do not; if not, say so – otherwise a one-sided evaluation
22	5.4.3 Table 5.3	"Scheme improves accessibility along the A19 corridor."	The policy refers to 'between' not 'along'
23	5.4.8	"at a Local Authority as..."	"...at a Local Authority level...?"
24	5.4.9	The initial optioneering of the Scheme considered the impacts on such designations as the underlying principal of these policies is to protect land from intrusive development. This is one of the principal reason why an on-line solution has been selected.	"...optioneering..."? "...principle..." "...reasons..."
25	5.4.10	"As identified earlier in this chapter, the Joint LAA is a technical evidence base..."	"As identified earlier in this chapter, the Joint LAA is a technical evidence based..."
26	5.4.16	"The design has sought to minimise environmental impacts and where appropriate, environmental mitigation is provided."	This hasn't really been addressed in the previous paragraphs?
27	5.5.8	"...improving education pathways to employment and..."	Please clarify.
28	6.1.1	"It has been prepared to demonstrate there is a clear case for Scheme grounded in national..."	"...demonstrate [that] there..." and "...for [the] Scheme..." ?