



## Meeting note

### File reference

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<b>Meeting with</b>	Highways England
<b>Venue</b>	Telecom from Temple Quay House, Bristol
<b>Attendees</b>	Monica Corso Griffiths – Project Manager Katy Leach – Assistant Project Manager Simon Betts – AECOM Planning Lead  Susannah Guest - Infrastructure Planning Lead Richard Hunt – Senior EIA Advisor Callan Burchell - Assistant Case Officer
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	A38 Project Update Meeting
<b>Circulation</b>	All 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 planning portal website under s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) (PA 2008) and that any advice given does not constitute legal advice upon which the applicants (or others) can rely.

Introductions were made by everyone present, and individual roles were explained.

The developer provided a general update on the A38 scheme outlining the changes to the programme due to delays in Traffic Modelling in respect of the base year and forecasting. The developer agreed to provide an update on the likely timing of any Scoping Request to the Inspectorate.

The developer informed the Inspectorate that the Consultation Report from the previous round of consultation was now available to view on Highways England's website.

The developer informed the Inspectorate that the Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) was in progress. The developer explained that the EAR is an internal Highways England process that takes on board feedback from Stakeholders. For instance, Flood Risk Assessment discussions with the Environment Agency would feed into the EAR.

The developer highlighted that in May 2016 archaeology surveys will be taking place in advance of ground investigation works in July 2016.

The developer informed the Inspectorate that they have had meetings with the Little Eaton Stakeholder Reference Group (LESRG). At a recent meeting, the developer noted that the discussions mostly referred to the non-motorised user (NMU) proposals where attendees made various comments. The developer explained that they were considering whether any of the suggestions could be included within the scheme evolution. The developer outlined its intention to gain a similar level of engagement and detail regarding the NMU proposal schemes for Markeaton and Kingsway engagement and once all comments on the NMU proposal had been received they would then further develop the schemes NMU strategy.

The developer also provided an update on the traffic modelling and Environmental Statement to the LESRG meeting. The Inspectorate proceeded to question the detail of NR54 crossing. The developer informed the Inspectorate that the plans are not designed in detail yet; however the developer outlined the intention for the NR54 to go under the A38 and follow the slip road.

The developer updated the Inspectorate on the Markeaton junction. The developer noted that the original assumption was for a non-signalized junction; however, the developer now believes that a signalized junction may be more appropriate to manage future traffic demand at the junction.

The developer highlighted that steering group meetings have been taking place with Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council. At the previous meeting the Clear Air Zone was discussed.

The developer noted that meetings have taken place with Derby City Council to look into Public Open Space and exchange land requirements. The developer has held meetings with the Planning Departments (Development Control and Policy) and Parks & Leisure departments within Derby City Council.

### **Lessons Learnt**

The Inspectorate stressed that early engagement (as different from statutory consultation) with landowners is strongly recommended. The Inspectorate made the developer aware that the compulsory acquisition process must be well documented and that an application will need to demonstrate that it is being sought as a last resort. The Inspectorate requested that the developer must ensure all land within the red line boundary identified for compulsory acquisition can be fully justified at submission. The developer made the Inspectorate aware that early compulsory acquisition engagement has been taking place and they are documenting all forms of engagement.

The developer highlighted that they have been engaging early with the Environmental Agency and are aware of National Networks National Policy Statement paragraph 5.96.

The Inspectorate reinforced the importance of checking all consultation material to ensure it was clear and complete.

## **Actions / Next steps**

- HE to up-date on likely scoping timetable
- Next meeting suggest Mid-July after next LERG