

Meeting note

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Meeting withHighways EnglandVenueTeleconference

Attendees Highways England - Katy Leach (Assistant Project Manager),

Simon Betts (AECOM Planning Lead), Karen Molloy (Project

Manager)

The Planning Inspectorate - Susannah Guest (Infrastructure

Planning Lead), Richard Hunt (Senior EIA Advisor)

Meeting objectives

Project update meeting

Circulation All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

The Planning Inspectorate advised on its openness policy, explaining that any advice given would be recorded and placed on the National Infrastructure website under section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which developers (or others) could rely.

Introductions were made by everyone present, and individual roles were explained. It was noted that the key purpose of the meeting was to update on project team members and provide a brief overview of activities since the last conference call.

Highways England noted that the options identification work was drawing to a close and that they anticipated that a Preferred Route Announcement would be forthcoming. Highways England summarised the key topics of discussion at the most recent Stakeholder Reference group, including a high level review of the key findings from the recent environmental assessment work. In response to queries from The Planning Inspectorate, Highways England provided some background context to topics such as air quality, noise and archaeology.

Highways England noted the on-going engagement with the relevant local authorities and also noted a recent presentation given to D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership. Highways England updated that conversations were progressing in respect of

construction planning and particularly traffic management during the construction phase. Progress had been made as well in respect of defining land requirements.

The developer provided an overview of the key milestones in their project timetable.