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STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground ("SoCG") has been prepared in respect of the proposed A19 Downhill Lane Junction Improvement ("the Application") made by Highways England Company Limited ("Highways England") to the Secretary of State for Transport ("Secretary of State") for a Development Consent Order ("the Order") under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("PA 2008").
- 1.1.2 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere within the Application documents. All documents are available in the deposit locations and/or the Planning Inspectorate website.
- 1.1.3 The SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority where agreement has been reached between the parties to it, and where agreement has not (yet) been reached. SoCGs are an established means in the planning process of allowing all parties to identify and so focus on specific issues that may need to be addressed during the examination.
- 1.1.4 The Interrelationship Document sets out how Highways England and IAMP LLP will collaborate across the IAMP ONE, IAMP TWO, A1 Birtley to Coal House, A19 Testo's junction and the A19 Downhill Lane schemes and provides a high level explanation of the integration between the aforementioned schemes. This document sets out the specific issues between Highways England and IAMP LLP in respect of the A19 Downhill Lane improvement scheme.

1.2 Parties to this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.2.1 This SoCG has been prepared by (1) Highways England as the Applicant and (2) IAMP LLP.
- 1.2.2 Highways England became the Government-owned Strategic Highways Company on 1 April 2015. It is the highway authority in England for the strategic road network and has the necessary powers and duties to operate, manage, maintain and enhance the network. Regulatory powers remain with the Secretary of State. The legislation establishing Highways England made provision for all legal rights and obligations of the Highways Agency, including in respect of the Application, to be conferred upon or assumed by Highways England.
- 1.2.3 IAMP LLP is a Limited Liability Partnership set up by Sunderland City Council and South Tyneside Council to progress and deliver the International Advanced Manufacturing Park ("IAMP") on 150 ha of land to the north of the existing Nissan plant, to the west of the A19 and to the south of the A184. IAMP will provide approximately 390,000 sqm of manufacturing floor space. The first part of IAMP, known as IAMP ONE, has received planning permission and is under construction. The second, larger part of IAMP, is known as IAMP TWO. The Secretary of State has directed that IAMP TWO is nationally significant, bringing it within the consenting regime of the Planning Act 2008. IAMP LLP is preparing an application for a DCO for IAMP TWO and delivering the project, should it be consented.

1.3 Terminology

- 1.3.1 In the tables in the Issues chapter of this SoCG, “Not Agreed” indicates a final position, and “Under discussion” where these points will be the subject of on-going discussion wherever possible to resolve, or refine, the extent of disagreement between the parties. “Agreed” indicates where the issue has been resolved.
- 1.3.2 It can be taken that any matters not specifically referred to in the Issues chapter of this SoCG are not of material interest or relevance to IAMP LLP, and therefore have not been the subject of any discussions between the parties. As such, those matters can be read as agreed, only to the extent that they are either not of material interest or relevance to IAMP LLP.

2 RECORD OF ENGAGEMENT

- 2.1.1 A summary of the meetings and correspondence that has taken place between Highways England and IAMP LLP in relation to the Application is outlined in Table 2-1.
- 2.1.2 A number of meetings noted below were held prior to the incorporation of IAMP LLP in July 2016. The meetings prior to this date were attended by representatives of the local authorities and their appointed consultants.

Table 2-1 - Record of Engagement

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed
15/09/15	Workshop	DLJ options review and development workshop
07/12/15	Meeting	DLJ options review meeting
15/03/16	Forum	North East Access Forum covering all aspects of non-motorised use at the DLJ, the immediate locality and area.
29/04/16	Meeting	Coordination meeting to discuss consultation and DCO preparation activities.
26/05/16	Forum	Joint participation at Local Access Forum
10/06/16	Meeting	Coordination meeting to discuss consultation and DCO preparation activities.
21/06/16	Meeting	Environmental Assessment coordination meeting
14/12/16	Forum	Joint participation at Local Access Forum
20/03/17	Meeting	Coordination meeting to discuss consultation and DCO preparation activities inc. red line boundary
12/06/2017	Meeting	Discussion regarding the interface with Washington Road bridge
05/10/2017	Meeting	Discuss the projections for IAMP growth
16/10/2017	Meeting	Traffic modelling review
17/10/2017	Meeting	IAMP programme update
20/03/2018	Meeting	Design coordination - Southern pond, NMU routes, A1290 widening
24/04/2018	Meeting	Traffic modelling coordination
10/05/2018	Meeting	Traffic modelling discussions
21/05/2018	Meeting	Design review meeting and DCO coordination meeting

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed
08/06/2018	Meeting	Lands review
25/06/2018	Meeting	Review IRD programme. Discussed EIA receptors, NMU routes etc.
22/08/2018	Meeting	A19 working group
07/09/2018	Meeting	Lands review
04/10/2018	Meeting	Specialist review of traffic modelling methodology, assumptions and scenarios
07/12/2018	Meeting	IAMP design coordination meeting
11/12/2018	Meeting	IAMP coordination meeting with legal representatives to discuss DCO coordination
14/12/2018	Meeting	IAMP TWO red line boundary review
09/01/2018	Meeting	Review IRD prior to submission and IAMP red line boundary
06/02/2019	Meeting	Full scheme update for IAMP TWO
25/06/19	Meeting	Programme and land assembly review
01/10/19	Meeting	Land assembly review
08/10/19	Meeting	Construction programme review and land assembly discussion

2.1.3 It is agreed that this is an accurate record of the key meetings and consultation undertaken between (1) Highways England and (2) IAMP LLP in relation to the issues addressed in this SoCG.

3 ISSUES

3.1 Issues related to the application documents

Application document reference	Paragraph Reference	IAMP LLP Comment	Highways England Response	Status
Written Submission of Applicant's case put orally at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing on 17th October 2019 (TR010024/APP/7.19)	Appendix A	We are in broad agreement with Highways England about the temporary and permanent footprint of the DLJ project. HE is working with us on a plot-by-plot analysis for areas where the footprints of IAMP TWO and the DLJ project overlap.	<p>The applicant has discussed the scheme footprint with IAMP LLP and has agreed the position stated in Appendix A to the Written Submission of Applicant's case put orally at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing on 17th October 2019. For ease of reference this states that:</p> <p><i>IAMP LLP have confirmed that they have no issue with the compulsory acquisition of their interests.</i></p> <p><i>Regular discussions have taken place with IAMP LLP and their agent with regard to land matters.</i></p>	Agreed.
Interrelationship Document (TR010024/APP/7.3(2)).	Whole Document	The relationship between the Scheme and the International Advanced Manufacturing Park is outlined in Highways England's application document reference 7.3: Inter-relationship with Testo's Junction, A1 Birtley to Coal House	The interrelationship document has been written by the applicant with contributions from IAMP LLP and represents the latest available information at the time of its submission. The Applicant consulted with IAMP LLP to update the interrelationship document for Deadline 3.	Agreed.

3.2 Issues related to other matters

Issue	Paragraph Reference	IAMP LLP Comment	Highways England Response	Status
Design			<p>A summary of the approach to integrating the design of the schemes is given in the interrelationship document, (Application Document reference: TR010024/APP/7.3(2) paras 3.4.17-21). The parties will continue to coordinate the designs to ensure that each scheme can be delivered efficiently without prejudicing each other's benefits.</p>	Agreed.
Programme and construction phasing		<p>We have been liaising with Highways England to reach agreement on a range of matters relating to construction, such as temporary topsoil storage within the boundary of IAMP TWO, surface water drainage, Highways England's tie in to the A1290 as widened by IAMP ONE, and the management of construction traffic. Those discussions are positive.</p>	<p>A summary of the approach to construction programme and phasing is given in the interrelationship document, (Application Document Reference: TR010024/APP/7.3(2) paras 3.4.7-10).</p> <p>The applicant will continue to hold programme coordination meetings with IAMP LLP at suitable intervals to ensure the construction phasing for each scheme is optimised to ensure efficient delivery, minimising impacts so far as reasonably practicable throughout the construction phase.</p> <p>Highways England has established a regular traffic management forum as part of the ongoing consultation with road users and stakeholders for the Testo's scheme. Representatives from IAMP LLP and the Local Authorities attend this meeting. Highways England</p>	Agreed.

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			will continue to convene this forum for the duration of the DLJ construction programme.	
Land assembly		<p>We are in broad agreement with Highways England about the temporary and permanent footprint of the DLJ project.</p> <p>IAMP LLP is aware of the temporary and permanent land overlaps and the measures proposed to address those. At this stage, IAMP LLP does not envisage that these will unnecessarily constrain the IAMP TWO development.</p>	<p>Highways England and IAMP LLP will work collaboratively where there is overlap. In summary, land can be put into the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No overlap in timing in respect of land which is permanently required for both schemes – Highways England will acquire the plot in accordance with the made DCO (subject to the Secretary of State’s approval) prior to IAMP LLP’s proposed use of the plot in their current construction programme. Following the completion of the Applicant’s works, and subject to IAMP LLP obtaining the necessary consents, IAMP LLP will then acquire the land under its DCO or agree the voluntary acquisition of the rights/use with Highways England. - No overlap in physical works in respect of the mainline A19 which is temporarily required by IAMP LLP - IAMP LLP has included the land within its scheme boundary to ensure it is able to construct its proposed new bridge over the A19, which IAMP LLP is proposing temporary traffic regulation measures 	Agreed.

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			<p>in respect of.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overlap on land required for temporary or permanent basis – depending on the final detail of the construction programmes of the respective schemes, the parties will work collaboratively in minimising conflicts. <p>As IAMP LLP is currently finalising its DCO application following statutory consultation, the overlap in construction programme is not yet finalised.</p> <p>Highways England has carried out an exercise with IAMP LLP wherein the provisional land assembly proposals have been considered and it is considered, at this stage, that no incompatibility will arise. That will be subject to ongoing review.</p>	