

Meeting note

Project Name A19 Downhill Lane Junction Improvement

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Meeting with Highways England

Venue Teleconference

Attendees The Planning Inspectorate

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Meeting objectives

Project update

Circulation All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

Welcome and Introductions

The Applicant and the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) team introduced themselves and their respective roles. The Inspectorate outlined its openness policy and ensured that those present understood that any issues discussed and advice given would be recorded and placed on the Inspectorate's website under section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008).

Update on progress

The Applicant provided an update on activities undertaken to date on the proposed development, which included confirmation that their statutory consultation closed on 22 October 2017; a brief outline of responses received during consultation and that preparation had begun on drafting the Consultation Report. The Applicant enquired on the appropriate time to submit a suite of draft documents to the Inspectorate for review in advance of the anticipated submission date.

The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to consider allowing sufficient time for a review of draft documents prior to the submission of the application. A full review of a suite of draft documents by the Inspectorate usually takes about 6-8 weeks, followed by a formal meeting - although this will depend on the number of documents and the particular issues identified. The Applicant confirmed their intention to use this review process and that a shortlist of documents would be provided to the Inspectorate as soon as possible, however it would be anticipated that the draft documents (draft Development Consent Order (DCO), Explanatory Memorandum, Land/Works Plan, Streets, right of ways and access plans, Statement of Reason, Book of Reference (BoR) and Consultation Report) would be submitted by 5 January 2018.

The Applicant noted that the A19 Downhill Lane project team is similar to the team associated with the A19 Testo's Junction Improvement project (presently in Examination) and they have taken the experience/feedback gained during the Testo's Pre-application/ Acceptance stages forward when drafting the suite of documents for this scheme.

The Applicant noted that they anticipated submitting their DCO application at the end of April 2018.

Development assumptions and baseline and cumulative effects

The Applicant briefly explained the interrelationship between the A19 Downhill Lane Junction improvements scheme with the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP) and the A19/A184 Testo's Junction Improvement scheme and advised they have assessed the 'worst-case-scenario' with regard to their assumptions. The Applicant noted that the A19 Downhill Lane scheme is being created to be fully compatible with both IAMP and Testo's.

The Applicant advised they are continuing to work closely with IAMP and are aiming to issue an inter-relationship document in due course. The Inspectorate noted that all advice they have issued to IAMP has been published on the IAMP project page of the National Infrastructure website.

Land procurement

The Applicant briefly updated the Inspectorate on progress made regarding land procurement and noted they have remained in dialogue with the IAMP to ensure their draft BoR is consistent and accurate.

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The Inspectorate noted that Highways England's website presently reflected both the A19/A184 Testo's and the A19 Downhill Lane project on one page and therefore the Applicant may wish to update this project page to reflect their respective project timeline/programme. The Applicant advised they will update their website accordingly.

Specific decisions/ follow-up required?

The following actions were agreed:

- Draft documents feedback meeting to be scheduled shortly after receipt of the draft document shortlist to be issued by the Applicant.
- Agreed that a feedback meeting could tentatively be held in mid-February 2018, taking into consideration the Examination timetable for the A19/A184 Testo's project.
- Feedback meeting to be held in Temple Quay House, Bristol.