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Deadline 1

Approach to haul roads and archaeological protection

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The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

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- 1.1.1 This Technical Note has been prepared in response to a Preliminary Meeting action to confirm the Scheme's approach to haul roads and, in particular, the protection of archaeology.
- 1.1.2 The indicative Scheme proposals for haul routes are described in paragraphs 2.4.17 to 2.4.20 in Environmental Statement (ES), Chapter 2 The Scheme [APP-040]. An illustration of likely haul roads required during the construction phase of the Scheme is provided within the ES at Figure 2.7 [APP-061].
- 1.1.3 All haul routes are within the proposed scheme boundary and as such baseline evidence and information has been obtained for all of the proposed haul roads. The impact of haul roads has been assessed within relevant chapters of the ES, including Air Quality [APP-043], Noise and Vibration [App-047], Landscape and Visual [APP-045] and Cultural Heritage [APP-044].
- 1.1.4 The general approach to haul roads is as follows:
- a. Wherever possible, construction plant would travel along the alignment of the Scheme using the footprint of the proposed embankments and cuttings, for example from the main site compound to the western tunnel portal. No haul roads are proposed within the WHS, other than those within the footprint of the proposed new road alignment. Paragraphs 2.4.17 – 2.4.20 of the Environmental Statement set out the Scheme's proposals for haul routes, and the routes are shown indicatively on Figures 2.7A-E of the ES [APP-061].
 - b. In relation to archaeological remains, item MW-CH5 of the OEMP [APP-187] sets out that the main works contractor must prepare a Method Statement after consultation with HMAG (for sites within the WHS) and WCAS (for sites outside the WHS) as to how it intends to preserve in situ sensitive archaeological remains and prevent deformation of topsoil / subsoil horizons (including no-dig solutions). Item MW-CH5 specifically explains that such a Method Statement should deal with haul roads. The Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (section 3.6) [APP-220] indicates that in archaeologically sensitive areas the approach to haul roads would include a combination of appropriate protective barrier membrane, suitable fill material to bury archaeological remains and vehicle / plant control measures; and this will be followed through the Detailed Archaeological Mitigation Strategy to be submitted at Deadline 2.
 - c. Operational impacts of the haul roads would be managed through industry Best Practice Measures, along with a Heritage Management Plan developed by the Contractor on the basis of the Detailed Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (DAMS), as outlined within the

Outline Environmental Management Plan (OEMP) (PW-AIR1, MW-AIR1, PW-CH1, MW-CH1) [APP-187].

- d. Upon decommissioning, where land is not required as part of the Scheme, the haul roads would be returned to the existing land use, pursuant to the provisions of the DCO.
- 1.1.5 Construction traffic outside of the Scheme boundary would utilise the public highway and would be controlled by measures identified within the Contractor's Traffic Management Plan, developed pursuant to paragraph 9 of Schedule 2 of the draft DCO [APP-020], which will include the details set out in item MW-TRA2 of the Outline Environmental Management Plan [APP-187], compliance with which is secured through paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 of the draft DCO.

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