



Meeting note

Project name	A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross
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Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	29 March 2018
Meeting with	Highways England
Venue	Planning Inspectorate offices
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate Susannah Guest – Infrastructure Planning Lead Karen Wilkinson – EIA and Land Rights Advisor James Bunten – Case Officer The Applicant Josh Hodder – Project Manager William Spencer – DCO team David Grattan – DCO lead (Arup) Michael Baker – Stakeholders and Land Lead (Arup)
Meeting objectives	Consultation feedback meeting
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

Project update

The Applicant provided a brief overview of the scheme which proposes to upgrade the 8.7 mile section of the A30 single carriageway between Chiverton Cross and Carland Cross and improve the three junctions at Chiverton Cross, Chybucca and Carland Cross.

The Applicant also noted that the Development Consent Order (DCO) would include powers to de-trunk the road for Cornwall Council to deliver separate improvement works under the Highways Act 1980 regime. There was brief discussion regarding other works to the local road network, with the Applicant confirming that the DCO would only include works that were deemed essential to the NSIP scheme.

Consultation feedback

The Applicant provided a summary of the level of response received during the Statutory Consultation phase, which ran from 29 January to 12 March 2018. The Applicant noted

that the seven public events held received a combined attendance of over 800. The Applicant explained that a total of 850 responses had been received; a mix of electronic and paper submissions, and briefly outlined the range of topics identified within the responses.

The Applicant highlighted the percentage of responses that related to particular sections of the scheme (Chiverton to Chybucca; Chybucca to Zelah; and Zelah to Carland Cross) and identified common themes for support and concern that had been raised.

The Applicant set out the level of response received from Statutory Consultees and affected landowners. The Inspectorate queried ongoing dialogue with affected Statutory Undertakers (SU). The Inspectorate encouraged progress with regards to agreeing Protected Provisions ahead of submission.

There was discussion regarding Cornwall Council (CC) and its role as the host local authority. The Applicant expressed concern about the lack of response from CC to the detailed Preliminary Environmental Information provided at consultation. The Applicant confirmed that it held monthly meetings with CC to prepare for submission and encouraged early drafting of Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) and its Local Impact Report. The Applicant noted it had referred CC to the Inspectorate's [Advice note two](#)¹.

The Inspectorate queried the number of landowners that had been identified and consulted. The Applicant stated that a total of 1000 affected persons had been consulted, of which 40 landowners would be directly affected by the scheme.

Programme of submission

The Applicant summarised its preferred programme of submission, which included provision of draft documents for review in late April ahead of an anticipated submission date in late August.

The Applicant outlined the suite of draft documents it anticipated sending to the Inspectorate for review: draft DCO and Explanatory Memorandum (EM), land plans and Book of Reference (BoR), and a Consultation Report.

There was brief discussion regarding timescales for feedback on draft documents. The Inspectorate advised it would be more constructive to submit fuller versions of draft documents for review, with the aim of agreeing a clear timeframe for feedback. The Applicant noted it would keep the Inspectorate updated as to when draft documents would likely be provided.

The Applicant's attention was drawn to the latest example documents published to the Planning Inspectorate's website: [National Grid's 'Guide to the application' and 'Statement of Commonality'](#). All applicants were being advised to prepare equivalent documents as part of their applications for development consent.

¹ Advice note two: The role of local authorities in the development consent process

Specific decisions/ follow-up required?

The following actions were agreed:

- The Applicant to notify of the likely date for draft documents.
- Liaise to agree a date for the next meeting.