

POSITION STATEMENT:
Update on the Statement of Common Ground with
Highways England.
2nd September 2019

Planning Inspectorate Ref:	TR010027
Warwickshire CC Ref:	NIP1910027
Site Location:	M42 Junction 6
Scheme Description:	Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the M42 Junction 6
Highway Officer:	Ben Simm – Senior Development Management Officer

Warwickshire County Council has prepared this position statement to provide an update on the application and in relation to the Statement of Common Ground with Highways England. This note accords with the statement provided at the Issue Specific Hearing 4 on the 21st August 2019.

Warwickshire County Council has reviewed the response provided by Highways England to our submitted Local Impact Report. The County Council welcomes the response received and the responses provided by the applicants to the matters which have been raised.

Having reviewed the response Warwickshire County Council has comfort that through the continued joint working approach with the applicants, in accordance with the Statement of Common Ground, the matters can be addressed.

In addition, Warwickshire County Council will seek to include a mechanism which enables its consultation on ecological matters alongside Solihull MBC, relating to those matters raised within our submitted Local Impact Report. Initial discussions with Highways England have indicated that this a potential way forward for themselves.

Warwickshire County Council has concluded that this is a sensible way to gain common agreement on the ecological matters and for the process and mechanism to be agreed and set out within the Statement of Common Ground.

Therefore the County Council will withdraw from future hearings and discussions on the application, as it has been demonstrated that the project can be suitability mitigated, and the delivery of the scheme will have a negligible impact upon the operation of Warwickshire's highway network.