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16 Summary

16.1 Introduction

- 16.1.1 This chapter summarises likely significant residual effects reported in this Environmental Statement (ES) (application document TR010029/APP/6.1) Chapters 5 to 15. Each topic chapter provides an assessment of the likely significant effects with the implementation of mitigation measures (i.e. residual effects).
- 16.1.2 The Case for the Scheme (application document TR010029/APP/7.1) provides the wider benefits of the Scheme. Table 16.1 below provides a high-level summary of the environmental receptors, the mitigations proposed as part of the implementation of the Scheme and whether there would be adverse or beneficial significant residual effects once the Scheme is implemented.

Table 16.1: Summary of significant residual environmental effects detailed in the individual topic chapters (Chapters 5 to 15)

| Receptor (s) | Description of effects | Adverse / beneficial | Construction / operation | Temporary / long term | Mitigation requirements | Mitigation delivery mechanism | Significance of residual effects (s) after mitigation |
|---|---|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|---|
| Air quality - no significant residual effects have been identified during construction and operation | | | | | | | |
| Noise and vibration – no significant residual effects have been identified during construction and operation | | | | | | | |
| Biodiversity | | | | | | | |
| Veteran Trees | Loss of two veteran trees | Adverse | Construction | Permanent | Veteran trees that are lost will be replaced with suitable native species (eight trees for each tree removed, total of 16). Retained veteran trees will be protected. Measures to provide continuity of dead-wood resource for invertebrates is proposed including 'veteranisation' of at least two retained trees (this will include measures such as ring-barking of the main stem and/or major limbs), retention of felled trees for dead wood habitat and planting of suitable tree species. A departure from Highways Standards has been proposed to allow the retention of Tree T059. | As set out in the Outline CEMP (TR010029/APP/7.2) to be implemented through the CEMP (as secured by the DCO requirement 4 (application document TR010029/APP/3.1)). | Moderate adverse |
| Ingrebourne Valley SMI | Loss of 9.3% of terrestrial habitat during construction, of which 1.9% would be permanent. Loss primarily of woodland, scrub, semi-improved grassland and the shading of watercourses. Changes to local hydrology and water quality. Ground and surface water pollution, noise and visual disturbance. Permanent loss of 1.9% of SMI cannot be avoided. | Adverse | Construction | Temporary and permanent | Habitat within the SMI that is outside the works area will be retained and protected. Mitigation for pollution and disturbance is in the Outline CEMP. Woodland and grassland habitat will be replaced on new earthworks, around new ponds and elsewhere within the Scheme. Enhancement of Ingrebourne River and Weald Brook within the Scheme. Widespan bridges to allow movement of species along river corridors. Control / removal of non-native goldenrod to reinstate grassland habitat. To compensate for permanent loss of land within SMI, long-term management of reinstated and exiting habitats adjacent to the new loop road will be carried out in defined Ecological Compensation Areas (ECAs) under a Landscape and Ecological Management and Monitoring Plan (LEMP). | As set out in the Outline CEMP (TR010029/APP/7.2) to be implemented through the CEMP (as secured by the DCO requirement 4 (application document TR010029/APP/3.1)) and the Outline LEMP (Appendix 7.16, TR010029/APP/6.3) to be implemented through the LEMP (as secured by the DCO requirement 5 (application document TR010029/APP/3.1)). | Temporary moderate adverse but becoming slight adverse on establishment of mitigation and compensation habitat. |

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| Ingrebourne River | Permanent loss of open watercourse channel resulting from 80 m extension of Grove culvert. Potential increase in habitat fragmentation / reduction in connectivity for aquatic and marginal species as a result of culvert extension and bridges. Temporary disturbance to floodplain and riparian habitats during construction. Potential deterioration of water quality from pollution during construction. | Adverse | Construction and operation | Temporary and permanent | Best practice pollution prevention measures to be adopted and adhered to. Incorporation of natural bed into design of the Grove culvert extension. Measures to prevent “wash-out” of bed material downstream of the Grove culvert extension. Minimising A12 eastbound on-slip footprint by construction of retaining wall. Bridge structures set as high and wide as feasible to limit effect on ecological connectivity. Realignment of approximately 170 m of existing straight channel to new sinuous course between Grove Farm and the Weald Brook confluence downstream of the culvert extension including the restoration of more naturally functioning channel. Lowering of approximately 7,500 m ² of floodplain, creation of backwaters on the Ingrebourne between Grove Farm and the Weald Brook confluence. Enhancement of riverine habitats elsewhere within the Ingrebourne WFD waterbody (GB106037028130) to be delivered by the Environment Agency, funded by the Applicant. | As set out in the Outline CEMP (TR010029/APP/7.2) to be implemented through the CEMP (as secured by the DCO requirement 4 (application document TR010029/APP/3.1)) and appropriate design. | Moderate adverse within the DCO boundary in relation to the permanent loss of open water habitat only. (Neutral in relation to Ingrebourne WFD waterbody taking into account off-site enhancement works) |
| Terrestrial invertebrates (including stag beetle and alder flea-weevil) | Loss of habitat and harm to adults, eggs and larvae. Adverse effect on the conservation status of invertebrate species until new habitats become established. | Adverse | Construction | Temporary | Habitat loss will be minimised and habitat outside the works area will be retained and protected. Woodland, wood edge and flower-abundant grassland habitat will be replaced on new earthworks, around new ponds and elsewhere within the Scheme. New habitat within the ECA will benefit invertebrates and be managed appropriately in line with the Outline LEMP. To provide continuity of deadwood habitat, felled trees will be retained appropriately, and trees will be veteranised. Cherry plum will be planted to provide an important foraging resource for invertebrates in early spring. | As set out in the Outline CEMP (TR010029/APP/7.2) and Outline LEMP (Appendix 7.16, TR 010029/APP/6.3) to be implemented through the CEMP (as secured by the DCO requirement 4 (application document TR010029/APP/3.1)) and the Outline LEMP (Appendix 7.16, TR010029/APP/6.3) to be implemented through the LEMP (as secured by the DCO requirement 5 (application document TR010029/APP/3.1)). | Temporary moderate adverse becoming neutral on establishment of mitigation and compensation habitat |
| Otter | Loss of habitat and fragmentation of territories. Disturbance of individuals. | Adverse | Construction | Temporary | New meanders and reprofiling of the rivers and flood-plain will be created. Safe mammal passage through culverts will be included through length of extended and existing culverts. Mitigation for pollution and disturbance will be set out in the CEMP. | As set out in the Outline CEMP (TR010029/APP/7.2) to be implemented through the CEMP (as secured by the DCO requirement 4 (application document TR010029/APP/3.1)). | Temporary moderate adverse becoming neutral on establishment of river habitat. |

Road drainage and the water environment – no significant residual effects have been identified during construction and operation

Landscape and visual

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| Landscape receptors | Three landscape receptors (Alder Wood, Maylands Golf Club and the A12 Corridor) will experience significant effects during construction due to the removal of vegetation and introduction of new road elements will alter the character of the landscape on a local scale. | Adverse | Operation | Permanent | Vegetation loss will be mitigated by the introduction of proposed planting, this will be to assist the integration of the Scheme into the wider landscape. | As set out in the Outline CEMP (TR010029/APP/7.2) to be implemented through the CEMP (as secured by the DCO requirement 4 (application document TR010029/APP/3.1)). | Moderate adverse in year 15 |
| Visual receptors | Six visual receptors will experience significant effects during construction from the removal of vegetation and introduction of new road elements and associated infrastructure including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of Grove Farm Residents of Maylands Cottages Residents of Johns Terrace, Harrods Park Patrons of Maylands Golf Club Users of the public rights of way (PRoW) north of Jermain's Wood Users of the bridleway following Nag's Head Lane | Adverse | Operation | Temporary and permanent | Vegetation loss which will open up views of the Scheme will be mitigated by the introduction of proposed planting, this will be to assist the integration of the Scheme into the wider landscape and screen sensitive visual receptors. | As set out in the Outline CEMP (TR010029/APP/7.2) to be implemented through the CEMP (as secured by the DCO requirement 4 (application document TR010029/APP/3.1)). | <p>Moderate adverse in year 15 for residents of Grove Farm</p> <p>Large adverse in year 1 for residents of Maylands Cottages but overall slight adverse by year 15</p> <p>Moderate adverse in year 1 for patrons of Maylands Golf Club but overall slight adverse by year 15</p> <p>Moderate adverse in year 1 for residents of Johns Terrace, Harrods Park, users of the PRoW north of Jermain's Wood and users of the bridleway following Nag's Head Lane but overall slight adverse by year 15</p> |
| Geology and soils – no significant residual effects have been identified during construction and operation | | | | | | | |
| Cultural heritage – no significant residual effects have been identified during construction and operation | | | | | | | |
| Materials and waste - no significant residual effects have been identified during construction. The operational stage has been scoped out. | | | | | | | |
| Peoples and communities | | | | | | | |
| Private dwellings (land take, severance and amenity) | Land take is required to be taken from Grove Farm as the property will be enclosed by the new loop road during construction. | Adverse | Operation | Permanent | Landscaping works to provide a visual and noise buffer between the new loop road and receptor. No further mitigation is proposed above and beyond what is set out within the Noise and Vibration and Landscape and Visual chapters (Chapter 6 and 9) of the ES. | As set out in the Outline CEMP (TR010029/APP/7.2) to be implemented through the CEMP (as secured by the DCO requirement 4 (application document TR010029/APP/3.1)). | Large adverse |

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| | Grove Farm and Maylands Cottages will experience significant effects on amenity due to the creation of the new loop road. This is due to the removal of vegetation which currently screens the road from Maylands Cottage. | Adverse | Operation | Permanent | Landscaping works to provide a visual and noise buffer between the new loop road and receptor. No further mitigation is proposed above and beyond what is set out within the Noise and Vibration and Landscape and Visual chapters (Chapter 6 and 9) of the ES. | As set out in the Outline CEMP (TR010029/APP/7.2) to be implemented through the CEMP (as secured by the DCO requirement 4 (application document TR010029/APP/3.1)). | Large adverse |
| Community assets (amenity) | The construction of the Scheme and associated works is expected to have a significant impact on Maylands Golf Club with regard to visual and noise amenity. | Adverse | Construction | Temporary | Mitigation to amenity would be provided as outlined within the noise and landscape chapters (Chapter 6 and 9) of the ES. | As set out in the Outline CEMP (TR010029/APP/7.2) to be implemented through the CEMP (as secured by the DCO requirement 4 (application document TR010029/APP/3.1)). | Temporary moderate adverse |
| Driver stress | Improvement to the traffic flows that would be generated following the completion of the works. | Beneficial | Operation | Permanent | n/a | | Moderate beneficial |
| Climate - no significant residual effects have been identified during construction and operation | | | | | | | |
| Cumulative effects | | | | | | | |
| Human (including community and private assets, sensitive receptors and vulnerable groups) | Significant in-combination effects in relation to human receptors are expected during construction. This is due to land take and visual impact, including very large landscape adverse effects upon Grove Farm and large adverse effects on Maylands Cottages. | Adverse | Construction | Temporary | Mitigation is outlined in the relevant ES chapters. | Mitigation to be implemented through the Outline CEMP (TR010029/APP/7.2) to be implemented through the CEMP (as secured by the DCO requirement 4 (application document TR010029/APP/3.1)). | Temporary large adverse for human receptors which will reduce to slight in-combination effects during operation overall |
| Ecological receptors – protected species and existing habitats | Significant in-combination effects in relation to ecological receptors are expected during construction due to disturbance. | Adverse | Construction | Temporary | Mitigation is outlined in the relevant ES chapters. | Mitigation to be implemented through the Outline CEMP (TR010029/APP/7.2) to be implemented through the CEMP (as secured by the DCO requirement 4 (application document TR010029/APP/3.1)). | Temporary moderate adverse for ecological receptors which will reduce to slight in-combination effects during operation overall |
| Landscape and townscape | Significant in-combination effects in relation to landscape receptors are expected during construction. This is due to effects on Landscape Character Areas. | Adverse | Construction | Temporary | Mitigation is outlined in the relevant ES chapters. | Mitigation to be implemented through the Outline CEMP (TR010029/APP/7.2) to be implemented through the CEMP (as secured by the DCO requirement 4 (application document TR010029/APP/3.1)). | Temporary moderate adverse for landscape receptors which will reduce to slight in-combination effects during operation overall |
| Human - all travellers, i.e. vehicle travellers, cyclists, and pedestrians | Significant beneficial in-combination effects on vehicle travellers through improved traffic flow and reduced congestion. | Beneficial | Operation | Permanent | n/a | | Moderate beneficial |

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