



<b>Transboundary screening for the purposes of Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations)</b>	
<b>Project name:</b>	A1 Birtley to Coal House Improvement Scheme
<b>Address/Location:</b>	A1 Newcastle Gateshead Western Bypass, North East England, between junctions 65 (Birtley) and 67 (Coal House)
<b>Planning Inspectorate Ref:</b>	TR010031

<b>FIRST TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING</b>	
<b>Document(s) used for transboundary screening:</b>	A1 Birtley To Coal House Environmental Impact Assessment - Scoping Report ('the Scoping Report') (dated 7 November 2017)
<p>The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) has considered the Proposed Development - which comprises the widening of the existing A1 carriageway between junctions 65 (Birtley) and 67 (Coal House) to provide three lanes and includes replacement of the existing Allerdene Railway Bridge - and is the subject of this transboundary screening decision. The Inspectorate has taken into account information contained in the Applicant's Scoping Report and has had regard to the location of the Proposed Development, its characteristics and the environmental importance of the receiving environment.</p> <p>The Inspectorate concludes that the Proposed Development <b><i>is unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in another European Economic Area State.</i></b> In reaching this conclusion the Inspectorate has identified and considered the Proposed Development's likely impacts including consideration of potential pathways and the extent, magnitude, probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impacts.</p> <p>The Inspectorate considers that the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development is so low that it does not warrant the issue of a detailed transboundary screening. However, this position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.</p>	
<p><b>Action:</b> No further action required at this stage.</p> <p><b>Date:</b> 04 April 2018</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.</p>	

<b>TRANSBOUNDARY RE-SCREENING</b>	
<b>Document(s) used for transboundary screening:</b>	A1 Birtley To Coal House - Environmental Statement (Document Reference 6.1 – 6.4) (dated August 2019)
<p>The Inspectorate has re-considered the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development, taking into account any changes that have been made to the Proposed Development since the previous transboundary screening process was undertaken.</p> <p>The Inspectorate considers that the Proposed Development is <b>unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in another European Economic Area State</b>. This position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.</p>	
<p><b>Action:</b> No further action required at this stage.</p> <p><b>Date:</b> <b>03 October 2019</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.</p>	

**Note:**

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in the Annex to its Advice Note Twelve, available on our website at <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>