

## PLANNING ACT 2008

### **INITIAL CHOICE OF PANEL OR SINGLE APPOINTED PERSON**

*Notice of the appointment of an examiner<sup>1</sup> when an initial decision<sup>2</sup> has been made that the application is to be handled by a single appointed person*

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**Application:** TR010031 A1 Birtley to Coal House Improvement

**Acceptance**  
10 Sept 2019

**Development description:**  
6.5km widening of A1 south of Gateshead

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#### ***Initial Choice of Panel – s61 Planning Act 2008***

I have considered the *CLG Guidance*<sup>3</sup> which identifies criteria relevant to appointing an Examining Authority and I have decided [on behalf of the Secretary of State] that the application should be examined by a single examiner.

#### ***Appointment of single appointed person – s78/79 Planning Act 2008***

I have considered the skill sets required and I have decided [on behalf of the Secretary of State] to appoint David Cliff.

This appointment is made in accordance with the Planning Inspectorate's *Conflict of Interest Policy*.

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*Pauleen Lane*

30 October 2019

**Dr Pauleen Lane CBE FICE PhD, MBA BSc.**  
**Professional Lead for National Infrastructure**

**DATE**

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<sup>1</sup> Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 4

<sup>2</sup> s26 Infrastructure Act 2015

<sup>3</sup> *CLG Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent for nationally significant infrastructure projects March 2015*, particularly paragraphs 12-14

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