

Gateshead Council's Responses to ExQ3 of TR010031

3.0.1 – The Council considers that the final details of the compounds should be secured for approval through the final CEMP to help ensure impacts upon the Green Belt, biodiversity and amenity are kept to a minimum. This could be done by referencing them under requirement 4 (2).

3.0.5 – The Council agrees with the applicant's response to ExQ 2.0.4.

3.4.1 – The Council considers the word 'retain' may be more suitable but could also add a caveat of 'unless otherwise agreed'.

3.4.2 – The Council considers that it would be prudent to add additional wording to Requirement 3 to make it clear that bespoke working hours may be required for North Dene footbridge.

3.4.3 – The Council considers that the scale, height and layout of works 10 and 12 should be secured through the DCO to ensure that the impact upon the openness of the Green Belt is kept to a minimum.

3.4.4 – Save for any points raised in this submission, the updated list of requirements is considered acceptable by the Council.

3.6.1 – The Southern Green report was produced in response to the report by the North of England Civic Trust - 'The Significance of the Angel'. This was commissioned jointly by the Council and Historic England to examine the significance of the Angel in response to proposals to consider the Angel for listing under the 1990 Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act.

Consultation on both reports has been limited to a key stakeholder group comprising Antony Gormley's office, Highways England, Durham Wildlife Trust, Historic England and the Council. The agreement has been reached to progress option 3 of the report, to reveal the angel. To this end, Highways England are submitted a revised landscape mitigation plan for the area around the Angel which reflects the principles of the Southern Green option 3. A separate partnership has been established with Highways England as land owner to design and deliver a compatible scheme to the landscape mitigation scheme, across the whole site. This will run in parallel with the A1 scheme to ensure a continuous landscape design across the whole of the site.

As part of this partnership, a communications strategy will be developed.

This proposal is compliant with the Council's Core Strategy policy CS15 and supported by MSGP25 - Design Quality.

3.6.4 – The opportunity to agree the final design and location of gantries would allow the landscape scheme to respond to their impact in a positive manner and ensure that any harm to significant views of the Angel were mitigated where possible.

3.7.2 – In response to ExQ 2.7.7 and 2.7.8, the Council is satisfied with the proposed noise monitoring measures and the level of detail contained with the draft CEMP.

3.8.2 – The Council requests that should plant and equipment must use the public footpath through Longacre Wood to undertake headwall works, that the details are agreed in advance to minimise the impact upon biodiversity and the infrastructure of Longacre Wood. Also, any closures would need to be suitably signposted.

3.9.3 – The response covers all the matters raised in the Council’s previous response. As a result, it is acceptable.

Any more detailed issues which arise will be managed through development of the detailed CEMP and/or through the proposed CTMP working group.

3.9.5 – Gateshead Council’s original response covered a number of items:

1. Road closures;
2. Non-motorised road users;
3. Arrivals/departures;
4. Construction worker trips;
5. Specific routes.

All the above items have now been agreed in principle, with any detail to be managed through development of the detailed CEMP and/or the proposed CTMP working group, with the exception of item 2. Diversion routes for horse riders and other users in the vicinity of Eighton Lodge roundabout in particular remain a concern and require further discussion.

3.10.1 – Gateshead Council are in agreement with the Applicant in respect of Water Environment and Drainage.