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Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached correspondence from Gateshead Council for Deadline 9 regarding Highways England's application for a Development Consent Order in relation to the above scheme.

Furthermore, the Council wishes to attend the forthcoming virtual hearings on 13th and 14th July 2020.

Kind regards

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Proposed amendment to the Statement of Common Ground
06.07.2020

The wording below has been drafted in discussion with Highways England.

Gateshead Council and the Applicant continue to make progress on their discussions on how the Scheme could support the aspirations of the Council in making changes to the landscape around the Angel of the North, in removing some of the established trees and shrubs and increasing visibility of the Angel of the North within views from the A1. Following a discussion on 3/7/20 it was agreed that:

- Replacing removed planting within an area to the south of the Allerdene Bridge crossing was undesirable, due to the proposed location's suitability for wading birds.
- An off site location, proposed by Gateshead Council, is therefore preferred, subject to further discussions and agreement, the mechanism for funding this is still to be investigated and agreed.
- The preferred option for Gateshead Council remains Option 3 within the Options Appraisal for Managing and Enhancing the Angel Report (Southern Green) and the Applicant will support this aspiration, in so much as it does not increase costs to construct and manage the landscape within the Scheme, and that the findings of the Environmental Assessment are not modified.
- The final agreement is unlikely to be achieved within the DCO examination period, and will be subject to further discussions during the detailed design phase.