

Sir Antony Gormley and Antony Gormley Studio

Responses to Deadline 9 Submissions

Outline CEMP

Table 3-1 REAC Ref:

L8 – Sir Antony is grateful to the Applicant for updating the wording from “woodland edge planting” to “scrub and woodland clearance”. We support any measures that will create a greater awareness of the Angel of the North.

L14 – In response to the Landscape Mitigation Design we would support “thinning and pruning” of vegetation to allow for greater visibility of the Angel of the North.

PH3 – As stated in our previous submissions, we would support any steps taken to minimise the visual impact of the gantries on the Angel of the North.

Statement of Common Ground with Gateshead Council: Doc. Ref. TR010031/7.5A

We are encouraged by the recent meeting between Highways England and Gateshead Council held on the 3rd July.

Gateshead Council Deadline 9 Submission: Proposed Amendment to the Statement of Common Ground, Dated 6th July 2020

Sir Antony Gormley is delighted to hear that in recent meetings between Highways England and Gateshead Council that the Applicant has agreed in principle to use Option 3 of the Southern Green landscaping report as the basis for the Landscaping Scheme.

We understand that discussions relating to the Landscaping Scheme will continue throughout the Detailed Design Phase and would be grateful to remain involved in these conversations.

We would support the proposition made by Gateshead Council for offsite replanting and the proposed location at Beggars Wood, by Lobley Hill, seems to be a very suitable location.

We are encouraged by the news that Gateshead Council’s Ecologist has been consulted in identifying these potential locations, and that the planting would involve locally native broadleaved trees and shrubs.

Highways England Comments on any Additional Information/Submissions Received by D8:

Article 7 – Limits of Deviation – We agree with Gateshead Council that 1m deviation is excessive and could add substantial height to structures such as the gantries and consequently have a significant negative impact on views to the Angel of the North.

R5 (2) – Landscaping – We are encouraged to hear that Highways England will continue to work with Gateshead Council to develop the Landscaping Scheme.

Updated Explanatory Memo

Schedule 2 Requirements –

Design of gantries iii, Requirement 3(6) – We are very grateful for the additional wording in relation to the Sign Strategy and the potential impact on the Angel of the North. We are grateful that the height and design of the gantries will now be considered in direct relation to the Angel of the North and the impact on views.

e) Requirement 5 – Again we are grateful that the Applicant will continue to work with Gateshead Council during the development of the Landscaping Scheme.

We would still like to receive further details on the species and locations of trees to be removed and replanted.

l) Requirement 12 – Likewise, we are grateful that the Applicant will share the details of the final design of the North Dene replacement Footbridge.

Applicant's Written Summary of the Oral Submissions at the Hearing

As stated in our Written Summary, we welcome discussion between Gateshead Council and the Applicant in relation to the Landscaping Scheme. We thank Highways England for the offer of a group workshop and will be in touch with Gateshead Council to progress this during the Detailed Design Phase.

Again, our preferred gantry design is the cantilever verge mounted design.