

Joint Position Statement summarising status of Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) between the Applicant and Thurrock Council (26 May 2023)

Joint Position Statement

At the Programming Meeting on the 16 May 2023, Thurrock Council and the Applicant agreed to provide a 'Joint Position Statement' setting out the remaining work required to put in place a Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) Variation between the two parties. This is identified as Action Point No. 1 in the document Action points from programming Meeting 16 May 2023 [EV-007].

Following the Programme Meeting, further exchanges between Thurrock Council and the Applicant have taken place, to conclude discussion on the agreement.

This 'Joint Position Statement' has been prepared by the Applicant and Thurrock Council. Both parties are working together to ensure that the PPA Variation is in place as soon as possible and the terms have been agreed in advance of the Preliminary Meeting on 6 June 2023.

The Applicant and Thurrock Council have reached an agreement on the following aspects of the Planning Performance Agreement:

- The scope of works
- The forecast financial value of the agreement
- The terms of the agreement

A finalised agreement is now being processed through final governance within both organisations. The necessary governance is set out below by each party. The Applicant has committed to reimburse costs incurred prior to approval of the PPA variation in line with the agreed forecast and arising from delivery of the scope set out in the PPA variation.

National Highways

The Applicant is preparing the final execution version of the document. It is anticipated that this will be completed and issued to Thurrock Council by 31 May 2023.

On receipt of the executed copy from Thurrock Council, the Applicant will execute the agreement within 2 working days.

Thurrock Council

Entering the PPA Variation Agreement will be a Key Decision for Thurrock Council (key decisions are important decisions that are likely to either result in the Council spending or making savings of more than £500,000 a year or have a significant impact on communities living or working in an area covering 2 or more wards). It will therefore need to have oversight from Councillors and Commissioners before being approved at Cabinet. We are required by law to publish our intention to make those decisions 28 days in advance, so this would normally be scheduled to go to Cabinet on 12 July.

We will, however, use reasonable endeavours to use the special urgency provisions of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 to take the decision to Cabinet on 15 June.

Subject to approval the PPA Variation Agreement would then be signed following the expiration of a standard 5-day 'call in' period.

Signed on behalf of National Highways ...

Dr Tim Wright, Head of Consents

Signed on behalf of Thurrock Council

Mr. Mark Bradbury, Interim Director of Place



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