



Meeting note

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Author	The Planning Inspectorate
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Meeting with	Highways England
Venue	Teleconference
Attendees	Highways England (HE)
Meeting objectives	Post Consultation feedback meeting
Circulation	All

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

The Planning Inspectorate explained the duties placed upon it under section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the PA2008). A note of the meeting would be taken recording the key points discussed and any advice issued by the Planning Inspectorate. The note would be published on the Planning Inspectorate's website. Any advice issued by the Planning Inspectorate would not constitute legal advice upon which the Applicant, or others, could rely.

Project Introduction

HE introduced the scheme, and explained that only the Mottram Moor link road and A57(T) to A57 link road will be consented via a Development Consent Order (DCO); the other elements of the scheme, and particularly the Westwood Roundabout and safety and technology improvements would be delivered using HE's powers under the Highways Act.

A strategic study is being undertaken looking at a Trans-Pennine Tunnel, and very early work is being undertaken on a potential Hollingworth and Tintwistle bypass.

Consultation feedback

Most feedback from consultees was generally positive. There were some concerns about the lack of a complete bypass for Mottram, and noise and air quality issues in Hollingworth and Tintwistle. There were also concerns connected with the traffic impact in Glossop and the shortening of the proposed A6018 tunnel to an underpass.

As a result of the consultation, HE are considering whether improvements are necessary in Glossop – though any improvements would be of a small scale (eg resequencing of traffic lights) and delivered outside of the DCO. The red line boundary has been subject to some small changes arising from discussions with landowners. A

flood attenuation basin proposed as part of the scheme will be relocated within the current proposed red line boundary.

In response to questions from the Inspectorate, HE confirmed the following:

- The proposed changes outside the red line boundary were not relied upon as mitigation for the main scheme.
- That no further geo-technical surveys were necessary as a result of the change from a tunnel to an underpass, and both options had similar ecological effects.
- That the change from a tunnel to an underpass had no effect on local road access.
- That there are no additional impacts arising from moving the attenuation pond that HE is aware of.
- That comments from statutory bodies included comments from Natural England regarding nitrogen deposition in the Peak District National Park, and comments from the Environment Agency on flood modelling.
- That HE hopes to prepare Statements of Common Ground with statutory bodies in advance of the examination
- That there have been no responses from Historic England or from the Local Authorities on the issue of heritage.
- That there has been no response from CPRE or the Peak District National Park.

The Inspectorate noted that consultation material contained a commitment to consider responses to non-statutory consultation alongside responses to statutory consultation. HE confirmed that they would review past responses.

Future consultation

HE have identified 63 land rights parties that were not initially consulted during their section 42 consultation, to whom they will be writing separately and offering a 28 day consultation period.

HE are developing more detailed information on air quality and traffic modelling, which they propose to share with those who have engaged with their consultation to date.

Forward programme

HE anticipates DCO submission at the end of October.

HE will submit draft documents to PINS on or around w/c 16 July 2018. This will include a draft DCO, specimen Land Plans and Works Plans, and specimen pages from the Book of Reference, a draft Statement of Reasons and draft Consultation Report.

Actions

HE to confirm whether drafts of the introductory Environmental Statement chapters will be provided to the Inspectorate

HE to keep the Inspectorate informed as to timescales

HE to discuss sharing draft documents with Local Authority working group.