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3 CONSULTATION

3.1 Consultation Undertaken To-Date

Non-Statutory Consultation

3.1.1 A public non-statutory consultation ran for 6 weeks from 5 September to 17 October 2016 at the options stage. Publicity and documentation for the consultation related to a number of Scheme options. This included:

- 2,300 consultation brochures with questionnaires distributed to deposit points, key stakeholders and properties closest to the Scheme
- 21,000 flyers distributed to properties within 500m of the A585 corridor from the M55 to Fleetwood and the other main local routes leading to the A585
- Notices published in 3 local newspapers
- Documents, fly-through video and questionnaires on the Highways England website

3.1.2 Three public exhibition events were also held during the consultation period in 2016:

- Friday 16 September, 2pm – 8pm Singleton Village Hall, Station Road, Singleton, FY6 8LL
- Saturday 17 September, 10am – 4pm Singleton Village Hall, Station Road, Singleton, FY6 8LL
- Wednesday 21 September, 4pm – 8pm Wyre Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7PU

3.1.3 As noted above the 2016 consultation was a non-statutory consultation. This means that there was no statutory basis or requirement for the consultation, and consequently there were no rules or requirements under legislation that the consultation had to meet. Instead, in carrying out the consultation Highways England was influenced by government guidance on consultation, best practice and lessons learned from other major consultations, and the principles for a lawful consultation that have been established by the courts.

3.1.4 The Preferred Route Announcement (PRA) was made on 24 October 2017.

Statutory Consultation

3.1.5 A statutory consultation ran for 7 weeks from 21 March to 8 May 2018 in accordance with the Statement of Community Consultation <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a585-windy-harbour-to-skippool-statutory-consultat/>. Publicity and documentation for the consultation included:

- 2,300 consultation brochures with questionnaires distributed to deposit points, key stakeholders and properties closest to the Scheme
- 25,000 flyers distributed
- Notices published in 4 local newspapers
- Documents, fly-through video and questionnaires on the Highways England website

- A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and associated Non-Technical Summary

3.1.6 Four public exhibition events were also held during the consultation period in 2018:

- Friday 23 March 2018, 2pm - 8pm, Singleton Village Hall, Station Road, Singleton, FY6 8LL
- Saturday 7 April 2018, 10am – 4pm, Singleton Village Hall, Station Road, Singleton, FY6 8LL
- Tuesday 10 April 2018, 3pm – 8pm, Wyre Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7PU
- Wednesday 11 April 2018, 1pm – 7pm, Fleetwood Nautical Campus, Broadwater, Fleetwood, FY7 8JZ

3.1.7 An additional statutory consultation event was also undertaken between August and September 2018. This was to ensure that the commitment in the Statement of Community Consultation that all members of the public who had previously contacted Highways England regarding the A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool Improvement Scheme received the public consultation brochure.

3.1.8 Further details of the statutory consultation process and the feedback received is outlined within the Consultation Report (document reference TR010035/APP/5.1).

3.2 Environmental Consultation Undertaken To-Date

3.2.1 During the preparation of the Environmental Statement (ES) a number of topic specific consultations have been undertaken with various organisations as part of the baseline data gathering and assessment process (both with statutory and non-statutory consultees). This information is presented within Table 3-1.

Table 3-1: Consultation - Environmental Consultation Undertaken To-Date

| Environmental Topic | Date | Consultee | Detail of Consultation Undertaken |
|---|------------|---|---|
| Air Quality (document reference TR010035/APP/6.6) | N/A | N/A | No additional consultation has been undertaken since the receipt of the responses to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Report and the PEIR. |
| Cultural Heritage (document reference TR010035/APP/6.7) | March 2018 | Lancashire Archaeology Advisory Service | Agreement that geophysical survey and borehole analysis are appropriate to inform the decision-making process. |

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| | May 2018 | Lancashire Archaeology Advisory Service | Meeting agreed proposed geophysical survey technique and coverage was appropriate and that results would need to be verified with trenching. Noted that scrapes in bird mitigation area should avoid archaeology. Use of Lidar agreed as useful assessment tool. Agreed that it would be acceptable to submit the ES to the Inspectorate without trial trenching results and that the trenching could be undertaken during examination. |
| | July 2018 | Lancashire Archaeology Advisory Service | Agreed further assessment with trial trenching and boreholes was appropriate. The results of which would inform potential mitigation. |
| Biodiversity (document reference TR010035/APP/6.8) | August 2017 | Natural England | Consultation in relation to Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA). |
| | April 2017 | Natural England | Consultation in relation to the HRA. |
| | August 2017 | Natural England | Consultation in relation to the HRA. |
| | November 2017 | Natural England | Discussion of ecological features to be scoped in for detailed assessment and those left out in scoping report. |
| | November 2017 | Natural England | Consultation relating to the scope of Great Crested Newt (GCN) surveys. |
| | January 2018 | Natural England | Meeting proposed to discuss licensing and mitigation regarding GCN. |

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| | April 2018 | Natural England | Meeting to discuss HRA, including mitigation proposals. |
| | May 2018 | Natural England | Consultation relating to mitigation for GCN. |
| | June 2018 | Natural England | Consultation in relation to the HRA. |
| | June 2018 | Natural England | Meeting relating to the HRA, bat licensing and mitigation and GCN mitigation. |
| | June 2018 | Natural England | Consultation relating to GCN mitigation. |
| | June 2018 | Natural England | Consultation regarding bat license and proposed mitigation. |
| | July 2018 | Natural England | Consultation relating to the bird mitigation area. |
| Landscape (document reference TR010035/APP/6.9) | September 2017 | Wyre Council | <p>Discussion with Planning Officer regarding selection of Representative Viewpoints.</p> <p>Response – “The one suggestion I have is a view point north of Skippool roundabout along Wyre Way which is promoted as a recreational route around Wyre Estuary. On your plan you show a footpath along the estuary and through the green belt. An appropriate view point might be the southernmost point before the footpath turns west”. Viewpoint added as requested.</p> |

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| | September 2017 | Fylde Borough Council | <p>Discussion with Landscape Officer regarding selection of Representative Viewpoints.</p> <p>Response – “Your selection of viewpoints is reasonably comprehensive and will enable a good overview of the visual effects of the road to be assessed. However, I think there are three views listed below which may warrant further investigation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. View south and west from Garstang Road to the west of Little Singleton. 2. View north west from Carr Lane in Singleton village. 3. View north west from Grange Road, west of the A585 (Fleetwood Road).” <p>Viewpoints added as requested.</p> |
| | December 2017 | Wyre Borough Council | <p>Discussion with Planning Officer regarding selection of locations for photomontages and night time photo views.</p> <p>Response – “I apologise that I have not responded. We are preparing for submission later in December, so I am not able to have a look” No further update received.</p> |

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| | September 2017 | Fylde Borough Council | <p>Discussion with Landscape Officer regarding selection of locations for photomontages and night time photo views.</p> <p>Response – “Thank you for your consultation email. I am generally satisfied that the locations you have identified for photomontages will give a true impression of the proposed scheme. However, I would recommend a couple of additions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Either include Viewpoint 5 as an additional item or replace Viewpoint 4. 2. Include Viewpoint 16.” <p>Based on feedback we added Viewpoint 16 and replaced Viewpoint 5, with Viewpoint 4</p> |

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| People and Communities (document reference TR010035/APP/6.10) | July 2018 | Natural England | <p>Consultation in relation to the scoping out of detailed Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) surveys, based on the likelihood that (given existing soil and ALC information) detailed information would not alter the assessment outcome. The approach effectively represents a worst-case scenario and thus would not under-estimate the likely effect. Prior to soil stripping activities commencing a soil survey would be undertaken to inform the development of a Soil Management Plan (SMP).</p> <p>Natural England confirmed agreement with the proposal to undertake a soil survey to inform the SMP in advance of construction activity commencing.</p> |
| Noise and Vibration (document reference TR010035/APP/6.11) | December 2017 | Wyre Borough Council | Contact was made with the Waste Enforcement and Environmental Protection Officer at Wyre Borough Council, in order to agree baseline monitoring locations. |
| | December 2017 | Fylde Borough Council | Contact was made with the Environmental Health Officer (EHO) at Fylde Borough Council, in order to agree baseline monitoring locations. |

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| | July 2018 | Wyre Borough Council | Agreement of construction noise receptors with the Waste Enforcement and Environmental Protection Officer. |
| | July 2018 | Fylde Borough Council | Agreement of construction noise receptors with the EHO. |
| Road Drainage and the Water Environment (document reference TR010035/APP/6.12) | April 2018 | Environment Agency | Meeting - Presentation of fluvial and tidal flood risk modelling results. Discussed construction phasing flood risk implications and established the need to mitigate any temporary increases in flood risk to third parties for all events up to and including the 1% plus 30% for climate change. |
| | December 2017 | Environment Agency | Discussion on the Scheme drainage design. Agreement reached that the design should comply with Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) and CIRIA guidance. |
| | May 2018 | Environment Agency | Issued the Flood Risk Assessment and supporting hydraulic models for comment to the Environment Agency. |
| | June 2018 | Environment Agency | Details received of the one Environment Agency licensed abstraction within the study area. |

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| | July 2018 | Environment Agency | Confirmation received that the Environment Agency is satisfied with the content of a Water Framework Directive (WFD) scoping note setting out Zones of Influence, identifying waterbodies with the potential to be affected and Scheme activities posing potential risks to WFD waterbody status. |
| | August 2018 | Environment Agency | Comments received on the Flood Risk Assessment and hydraulic model of the Main Dyke. Some points of clarification raised which will be addressed in an addendum to the FRA. Meeting with the Environment Agency arranged for 18 October to discuss these points of clarification. |
| | October 2018 | Environment Agency | Confirmation received that the Environment Agency is satisfied with the content of the WFD Assessment and has no further comments to make. |

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| | March 2018 | Lancaster County Council - as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) | Meeting - Discussion on the Scheme drainage design and the culverting of land drainage ditches (ordinary watercourses). The LLFA confirmed that in principle they have no issues with the proposed drainage works. They requested that draft Ordinary Watercourse Consents be submitted so that new culverts and extensions to existing culverts can be consented in principle prior to the detailed design stage. |
| | April 2018 | Marine Management Organisation (MMO) | Clarification provided as to the location and nature of works below the Mean High-Water mark. Confirmation that a Marine Licence is required for the proposed works at the north end of Skippool Clough Culvert (Horsebridge Dyke). |
| | April 2018 | Wyre Borough Council | Request submitted for records of unlicensed (private) water supply abstractions from surface or groundwater sources. Confirmation received (17 April) that the Council has no record of any abstractions. |
| | April 2018 | Lancashire County Council | Request submitted for records of unlicensed (private) water supply abstractions from surface or groundwater sources. Confirmation received (25 June) that the Council has no records of any abstractions. |

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| | June 2018 | Fylde Borough Council | Request submitted for records of unlicensed (private) water supply abstractions from surface or groundwater sources. Confirmation received (11 July) that the Council has no records of any abstractions. |
| Geology and Contaminated Land (document reference TR010035/APP/6.13) | March 2018 | Environment Agency | Obtain local environmental information across the Scheme |
| | March 2018 | Wyre Council | Obtain local environmental information across the Scheme. |
| | March 2018 | Fylde Borough Council | Obtain local environmental information across the Scheme. |
| | April 2018 | Lancashire County Council | Requested information regarding Mineral Safeguarding Areas. |
| | May 2018 | The Lancashire Group of the Geologists' Association (GeoLancashire) | Requested details of important geological sites in study area. |
| Materials (document reference TR010035/APP/6.14) | N/A | N/A | No additional consultation has been undertaken since the receipt of the responses to the EIA Scoping Report and the PEIR. |
| Climate (document reference TR010035/APP/6.15) | N/A | N/A | No additional consultation has been undertaken since the receipt of the responses to the EIA Scoping Report and the PEIR. |

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| Cumulative Effects (document reference TR010035/APP/6.16) | August 2018 | Wyre Council | Consulted on the cumulative schemes. Further information was subsequently received from Wyre Council. Developments that met the Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) assessment criteria are included within the assessment. |
| | August 2018 | Fylde Borough Council | Consulted on the cumulative schemes. Council provided additional developments to consider which have been included in the CEA. |
| | August 2018 | Blackpool Council | Consulted on the cumulative schemes. No amendments were suggested by the council. |

3.2.2 Statements of Common Ground have been prepared in draft to confirm and agree as many aspects of the ES as possible with statutory and non-statutory consultees prior to the submission of the Development Consent Order application. It is expected they will be developed further during the Examination process.

3.3 **References**

Highways England (2018) *Preliminary Environmental Information Report*

Highways England (2018) *Preliminary Environmental Information Report Non-Technical Summary*

Highways England (2018) *Statement of Community Consultation*