

Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool Improvement Project

Local Authority Ref: 18/00076/ENQ

Summary of Local Impact Report of Wyre Borough Council

1.0 The application

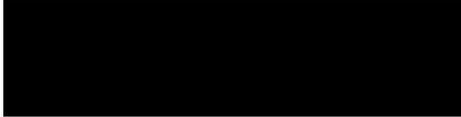
- 1.1 The LIR sets out a description of the application scheme including alterations to the existing road network on completion of the bypass and associated works. The development extends across and within the adjoining boroughs of Fylde and Wyre with the majority of the development lying within the borough of Fylde.

2.0 Summary of Local Impact Report

- 2.1 The Local Impact Report (LIR) sets out a description of the land within which that part of the development within or adjacent to Wyre Borough lies, identifying that a section of the new road lying outside the borough as well as the reconfigured junction within the borough, lie partly within Flood Zone 3 and that the proposed new Skippool junction, and its approaches lie outside the settlement boundary of Poulton Le Fylde and is within an area of designated Green Belt. The description also identifies a large new housing development still in its early stages of construction which lies within Wyre Borough but the eastern edge of this new development will lie close to the new road.
- 2.2 The LIR sets out the relevant policies of the Wyre Borough Local Plan 2011 – 2031 and how they are relevant to the consideration of the application. It is noted particularly that the development plan in force at the time the application was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate was the Wyre Borough Local Plan 1999. The council has, formally adopted the new Local Plan on 28 February 2019.
- 2.3 The LIR sets out the key aims and objectives of the Local Plan which is to promote sustainable growth, balancing environmental, social and economic considerations and create sustainable communities in both urban and rural Wyre. In particular to facilitate investment, job creation and sustainable economic growth in Wyre, supporting new and existing businesses across the Borough, and to meet the housing needs of all Wyre's population.
- 2.4 The LIR then identifies other development proposals for which there is an extant and unimplemented permission or a development ongoing but incomplete, which in the opinion of the council should be taken in to account in the consideration of the application.
- 2.5 The LIR then includes a section making certain comments and observations on the draft DCO, and the "Requirements (Schedule 2) in particular.
- 2.6 The LIR then considers briefly the key environmental impacts arising from the development which are of concern to the Council, particularly noise, vibration, and air quality both in the construction and operational stages of the development. Impacts on landscape and biodiversity are also referred to and these impacts must be adequately reduced/mitigated for both the construction and operational stages.
- 2.7 The LIR then identifies the key socio economic impact of the scheme proposal which is the support the proposal provides in providing, in part, the necessary infrastructure to support housing and economic growth. The report acknowledges the role of other improvements recently completed and planned within the A585 corridor, but identifies the issues that may arise without a comprehensive approach to the whole corridor.

- 2.8 The LIR concludes by providing support in principle to the proposal subject to a proper balancing exercise by the Secretary of State having regard to the adverse impacts that will arise during both construction and operational stages.

Signed on behalf of Wyre Borough Council



Head of Planning Services

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