



Transboundary screening for the purposes of Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations)	
Project name:	A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling
Address/Location:	The Scheme is located in Somerset (south west England) and extends for approximately 5km in length between the Hazel Grove roundabout and Podimore roundabout.
Date(s) screening undertaken:	First screening – 28 June 2018 following the Applicant’s request for a scoping opinion Second screening – 14 September 2018 following the submission of the application documents
EEA States identified for notification:	First screening: None identified Second screening: None identified

FIRST TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING	
Document(s) used for transboundary Screening:	A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Environmental Impact Assessment ('the Scoping Report') (dated November 2017)
<p>The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State has considered the Proposed Development which comprises a new length of dual two-lane carriageway of the A303 from the north west of the Hazelgrove roundabout junction generally following the existing A303 to the westbound slip road to Podimore village and also includes a limited movement junction in the vicinity of Downhead and provides connections to local roads north and south of the route. This is the subject of this transboundary screening decision. The Inspectorate has taken into account information contained in the Applicant’s Scoping Report titled the ‘<i>A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Environmental Impact Assessment</i>’ dated November 2017 and has had regard to the location of the Proposed Development, its characteristics and the environmental importance of the receiving environment.</p> <p>The Inspectorate concludes that the Proposed Development <i>is unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in another European Economic Area State.</i> In reaching this conclusion the Inspectorate has identified and considered the Proposed Development’s likely impacts including consideration of potential pathways and the extent, magnitude, probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impacts.</p> <p>The Inspectorate considers that the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development is so low that it does not warrant the issue of a detailed transboundary screening. However, this position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.</p>	

Action: No further action required at this stage.

Date: 28 June 2018

Note: The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

SECOND TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING

Document(s) used for transboundary Screening:

Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Environmental Statement July 2018 and Habitats Regulations Assessment July 2018

Date screening undertaken:

Re-screened on 12 September 2018 on receipt of the DCO application which includes new information within the Environmental Statement and the Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA).

Transboundary re-screening undertaken by the Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS

Following submission of the DCO application which included the Environmental Statement and the Applicant's HRA report, The Inspectorate considers that no new matters, outside of those identified in the previous transboundary screening decision, have been identified and therefore the Inspectorate has reached the same conclusion as in the previous screening decision dated 28 June 2018.

Under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations and on the basis of the current information available from the Applicant there is no change to the previous conclusion, and the Inspectorate remains of the view that the Proposed Development **is not likely** to have a significant effect on the environment in another EEA State

In reaching this view the Inspectorate has applied the precautionary approach (as explained in its Advice Note twelve: Transboundary Impacts); and taken into account the information currently supplied by the Applicant.

Action:

[No further action required at this stage]

No new EEA States have been identified as being likely to have significant effects on their environment.

Date: 14 September 2018

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Note:

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in the Annex to its Advice Note Twelve, available on our website at <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>