TR010042: The Upper Orwell Crossings

Draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) review

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Para	Extract	Comment
Section 1		
General	-	Has any non-statutory consultation been carried out in relation to the scheme? If so, would be useful to summarise.
1.1.2	Paragraph	Could helpfully extrapolate separation of functions at SCC here ie whose SoCC is this/ who is the Applicant? How/ why is SCC consulting itself?
1.2.2	"provisional Order limits are shown at Appendix A."	Term not introduced previously. Is there a plain English alternative? eg scheme boundary, or redline boundary
1.2.2	Bullets	It could be helpful to annotate the crossings (and other key elements of the scheme) on the plan at Appendix A.
1.2.4	"Additional traffic regulation measures and highway works will be required"	Could be unclear to lay reader how these are intended to be delivered. Relationship to scheme could helpfully be annotated on plan at Appendix A.
1.2.6	Paragraph	Same information appears earlier in document (1.2.2). Is this repetition necessary?
1.3	General	Does this miss an important summary about the appointment/ role of the Examining Authority?
1.3	General	Could be useful to start introducing terms like 'Interested Party' and 'Relevant Representation' in this section (with proportionate explanations).
1.3.2	Following paragraph 1.3.2	Could a short paragraph summarising what a DCO does/includes be helpful? eg role of Requirements, mitigation
1.3.2	Following paragraph 1.3.2	Is the Council seeking to include a Deemed Marine Licence in the DCO?
1.3.3	"relevant statutory requirements and procedures have been followed."	Insert to clarify they are 'Pre- application' requirements and procedures?

1.3.7	"The Planning Inspectorate may decide to hold hearings to seek further information."	Interested Parties can also cause hearings to be held by requesting an Open Floor Hearing or Compulsory Acquisition Hearing. Clarify?	
1.3.8	Paragraph	Timescales are given for the stages of the process referred to previously. Why not here?	
1.3.9	"The DCO application for the proposed scheme is being prepared in line with guidance in the National Policy Statement for National Networks"	National Policy Statements are not guidance. Is the NPS for Ports also relevant? What status does the local development plan have?	
Section 2			
2.3.2	"this will be posted to properties in the Consultation Area"	Why is this the Consultation Area? How was its extent decided? Are the persons within it expected to be most affected?	
2.3.3	Paragraph	Why are the consultation materials different to the Consultation Documents?	