



Meeting note

Project name	A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet
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Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	13 February 2020
Meeting with	Highways England
Venue	Teleconference
Meeting objectives	Project Update
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

Project Update

The Applicant provided an overview of the statutory consultation undertaken in 2019 and indicated that the website had over 24,000 hits. The Applicant indicated that further consultation may be undertaken; the intention was to undertake targeted consultation and the Applicant confirmed that any new land interests would be consulted. The Applicant explained that it was currently working to finalise the scope of the changes and therefore to understand the likely scale of the targeted consultation.

The Applicant noted some of the on-going engagement work with stakeholders, including explaining that the East West rail project had announced its preferred corridor. The advice in Advice Note 17 was noted in respect of cumulative effects assessment and the Applicant highlighted that very little information was currently available and the timescales of the two schemes would suggest that a Scoping Report for East West Rail would not be submitted before the A428 scheme formally submitted an application.

The Applicant gave an overview of environmental survey and modelling work undertaken to date and discussed that mitigation measures are under development as well as enhancement opportunities being explored.

In discussing the Habitat Regulations Assessment, the Applicant noted that they aimed to share the document with Natural England in the next few weeks.

The Inspectorate explained the process of reviewing draft documents and the discussion noted the types of document that are usually submitted for review and the timescales involved.

