Meeting note

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Author The Planning Inspectorate

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Meeting Project Update Meeting

objectives

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.

Programme Update

The Applicant stated its intention to submit its Development Consent Order (DCO) application in July 2022.

Scheme Update

The Applicant outlined progress on the scheme evolution since the previous meeting with the Inspectorate and indicated that there had been some design changes to the scheme. The Applicant briefly talked about key elements of the scheme, discussing several locations starting from the western end of the proposals and moving through to the eastern end.

Statutory Consultation

The Applicant advised that the statutory consultation was anticipated to commence in January 2022 for a period of 8 weeks (as suggested by the affected local authorities). The Applicant confirmed it would be a hybrid approach of in-person and virtual consultation events which will include approximately 11 in-person events and 4 virtual events. The Applicant confirmed it would also carry out targeted engagement and hold landowner meetings throughout the consultation process.

The Inspectorate queried if the PEIR will describe any mitigation measures. The Applicant confirmed that there will be an indication of what mitigation there might be, but that it is not providing full details at this stage.

The Inspectorate queried if the statutory consultation would include consultation in line with s48 of PA02008. The Applicant confirmed it is the s48 consultation and it will be consulting on the whole scheme, noting any areas or elements of the scheme where design uncertainties were still to be concluded.

The Applicant explained it had issued a draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) to the relevant host local authorities and had provided until 3 December 2021 for comments.

AOB

The Inspectorate and the Applicant discussed meeting approx. every 6 weeks going forward.