



Meeting note

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Meeting with	National Highways
Venue	Microsoft Teams
Meeting objectives	Project Update Meeting
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.

Feedback from Statutory Consultation

The Applicant provided an overview on the statutory consultation activity that had occurred noted that it was now in the process of analysis close to 4000 responses. The Applicant commented on attendance levels at both in person consultation events as well as visitors to the virtual consultation room. The Applicant explained it had received a balanced split of opinion for the 2 Avisford Park Golf Course options that had been presented in the consultation material.

From initial analysis the Applicant noted some of the themes in the responses including, but not limited to, carbon emissions, climate change impacts, understanding of alternatives in particular locations, and progress on environmental mitigation measures. The Applicant confirmed it will provide full details of the consultation in the Consultation Report being prepared as part of the Application suite of documents.

Scope of Supplementary Consultation

The Applicant stated several refinements have been made to the proposed scheme in response to feedback during its Statutory Consultation and, at the current time, the Applicant was considering the option of supplementary consultation on 2 core elements, being proposals to mitigate traffic impacts in Walberton and options for the Avisford Park Golf Course.

In regard to the traffic in Walberton, the Applicant noted changes are being proposed to Tye Lane, the exit from A27 onto Old Arundel Road and the traffic signals at the Fontwell West roundabout. The Applicant outlined the Tye Lane updated design and noted that the proposals would not currently trigger a change to the Red Line Boundary.

In regard to the Avisford Park Golf Course, the Applicant confirmed it is looking at a potential third option to develop a shorter 18 hole course primarily within the footprint of the existing golf course. The discussion noted the provisions of National Networks National Policy Statement paragraph 5.174 and how that related to the approach being taken by the Applicant to this facility.

The Inspectorate queried if this might be a Statutory or Non-Statutory Consultation activity. The Applicant stated that this was not yet considered/confirmed.

Biodiversity Net Gain Metric 2.0

The Applicant explained that it has based its current methodological approach on Metric 2.0. The Applicant is aware of the provisions of Metric 3.0 and of the approach that Applicants could stay on the metric that they started on. The Applicant is considering undertaking work in respect of understanding Metric 3.0 and noted that it may become available during any examination. The Inspectorate queried any particular consequences of Metric 3.0 information becoming available during the examination period. The Applicant explained that it would prepare a note explaining the information and its relevance.

Programme

The Applicant noted its current intended DCO submission is Q3 2022 and is continuing work to ensure this timeframe can be met.

AOB

The Inspectorate noted elements of the decision letter for the recent M54 to M6 Secretary of State decision that related to carbon budget compliance. The Applicant confirmed it is engaged in understanding these matters with its Carbon Team and will take this decision letter into consideration together with other letters issued before DCO submission.