Meeting note

Project name A27 Arundel Bypass

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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.

Update/recap on Supplementary consultation

The Applicant stated it is aiming to hold Supplementary Consultation this summer on design refinements it has made since Statutory Consultation. The Applicant anticipates to hold two events, one in Arundel and one in Walberton with material available online and at deposit locations.

The Applicant explained content will include measures for mitigating traffic impacts in Walberton village and options for the Golf Course at Avisford Park.

Update on engagement with Stakeholders/Statutory Environmental Bodies

The Applicant explained it was engaging in an increased level of discussions in run up to DCO submission and noted there is a desire from Statutory Environmental Bodies (SEB's) to have a clearer timeline on information sharing. The Applicant stated it has set up an information sharing plan with the SEB's to share draft documents.

The Applicant confirmed the contents of the shared documents won't be affected by the small number of issues consulted during the supplementary consultation.

Clarification on submission requirements

The Applicant stated that the application index and GIS shapefile will be shared with the Inspectorate two weeks prior to submission of the application.

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The Inspectorate queried what the latest update was on the Avisford Park Golf course options. The Applicant explained it has reports from a Golf Course Architect with various options and recommendations. The Applicant noted it has commercial viability work ongoing as well as landowner discussions. The Applicant explained this is all being pulled together to come up with options to take forward. The Inspectorate advised the clearer an application can be the better, and that lots of optionality is likely to require significant examination time in understanding permutations, how they are secured in the DCO, and how their effects have been assessed in the ES for example. The Applicant recognised that it is a worst-case scenario if options remain in the submitted application.