



Meeting note

Project name	A27 Arundel Bypass
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Status	FINAL
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	15 July 2022
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.

The Inspectorate explained that the publication of the meeting note could be delayed up to six months, or until a formal scoping request had been submitted (if requested by an Applicant for commercial reasons).

Programme Update

The Applicant explained it has extended the programme to the “start of works” by up to 6 months (although it won’t necessarily take the full 6 months). The Applicant noted this allows them to address some of the pressures building in the project and address feedback from Statutory Consultation. The Applicant further explained it is undergoing an internal review across the project and it will come to any conclusions before going back out to Consultation. In regard to timeline, the Applicant stated Supplementary Non-statutory Consultation will commence shortly and that engagement and discussion with stakeholders are ongoing.

The Applicant stated its Supplementary Consultation will only be focussed on 2 issues, Traffic in Walberton and the Avisford Park Golf Club.

The Applicant stated its DCO submission will be at least 4 months from Supplementary Consultation.

Engagement with SEBS

The Applicant stated it has received a combined response from the Defra group (referred to as a ‘single voice letter’).

The Inspectorate queried whether this was part of their response(s) to the s42 consultation or if it was provided separately. The Applicant confirmed the letter is from the Defra group

noting some concerns with the application. The Inspectorate noted it would potentially like sight of the letter.

The Applicant stated it has set up an issues tracker and it is currently working through these issues with the SEB's through workshops and is also having focus group meetings.

Draft Documents

The Applicant confirmed it is aiming to have as many draft documents as possible by the end of this month and is wanting to have complete drafts of the DCO documents by the end of September. The Applicant queried what the Inspectorate would like to have sight of and when. The Inspectorate confirmed it will get back to the Applicant on this.

The Inspectorate advised it doesn't offer a full review of the Environmental Statement (ES). The Inspectorate noted it is often useful for an early sight of the description of the development (a plan of the scheme at the time/ an application structure) to help with reviewing draft documents.

