



Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) for the purposes of Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations)

Project name:	M54 to M6 Link Road (at Scoping 'M540M6/M6 Toll Link Road')
Address/Location:	Staffordshire. Junction 1 of the M54 to Junction 11 of the M6.
Planning Inspectorate Ref:	TR010054

TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING

Document(s) used for transboundary screening:	M54-M6/M6 Toll Link Road PCF Stage 3 EIA Scoping Report ('the Scoping Report'), including Appendix 5.1 Transboundary Effects Screening Matrix
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The Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS has considered the Proposed Development which comprises a new 2.5km dual carriageway link road between Junction 1 of the M54 and Junction 11 of the M6, a new grade-separated junction at M54 Junction 1, a three roundabout junction arrangement near to Junction 1 to connect existing local roads, and junction capacity improvement works at the M6 Junction 11.

The Inspectorate concludes that the Proposed Development **is unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in another European Economic Area State**. In reaching this conclusion the Inspectorate has identified and considered the Proposed Development's likely impacts including consideration of potential pathways and the extent, magnitude, probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impacts.

The Inspectorate considers that the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development is so low that it does not warrant the issue of a detailed transboundary screening. However, this position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

Action: No further action required at this stage.

Date: 26/04/19

Note: The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

TRANSBOUNDARY RE-SCREENING

Document(s) used for transboundary screening:	M54 to M6 Link Road Environmental Statement (Document Reference 6.1)
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The Inspectorate has re-considered the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development, taking into account any changes that have been made to the Proposed Development since the previous transboundary screening process was undertaken.

The Inspectorate considers that the Proposed Development is **unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in another European Economic Area State**. This position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

Action: No further action required at this stage.

Date: 27/03/2020

Note: The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

Note:

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in the Annex to its Advice Note Twelve, available on our website at <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>