



Meeting note

Project name	M54 to M6 Link Road
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Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	22 August 2019
Meeting with	Highways England
Venue	Temple Quay House
Meeting objectives	Project Update Meeting
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

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 Applicant provided an overview of the statutory consultation conducted during the summer months of 2019, providing an explanation of the events held and a summary of the key issues which arose as a result. The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that a proposed change to the alignment of the route was suggested by South Staffordshire Council.

The Applicant indicated its intention to progress and submit Statements of Common Grounds with various parties, potentially including Historic England and land owners.

The Applicant also informed the Inspectorate that it is engaged in discussions with Natural England regarding mature and veteran trees identified within the red line boundary. The Applicant was able to confirm that, following further investigations, there are no areas of ancient woodland on the Ancient Woodland Inventory contained within the boundaries of the proposed development. However, there is an area of ancient woodland within the Brookfield Farm Site of Biological Interest identified through the Applicant's survey work that will be affected and the works will be within the 15 m buffer area surrounding the ancient woodland at Whitgreaves Wood.

The Inspectorate and the Applicant discussed the submission of draft documents for review and potential timeframes for the Inspectorates feedback to be provided.