



A417 MISSING LINK - WRITTEN REPRESENTATION AT DEADLINE 7

(REFERENCE NO. TR010056)

Cotswolds Conservation Board (the 'Board')

Date: 11 April 2022

1. Delayed submission from ExQ2 / Deadline 6 ("Cumulative Effects"):

Thank you for allowing us the time to give further consideration to this question and to liaise with National Highways as part of our Statement of Common Ground meeting. We are now in a position to provide a more substantive response:

SECTION	QUESTION
2.8 Landscape and Visual	<p>2.8.1 Cumulative Effects - It is reported in the Statement of Commonality that an outstanding issue is: <i>"The Board considers that further assessments with regards to cumulative effects should be undertaken."</i></p> <p>Outline the extent to which this matter is still in dispute between the parties and which cumulative effects, if any, are perceived to be outstanding.</p>
	<p>CCB Response – National Highways and their consultants (Arup) have provided clarity around the paragraph in PINS Advice Note 17 about existing projects being considered as part of the baseline. This does make a crucial difference in terms of justifying the approach taken by National Highways and the Board accepts that National Highways has fulfilled the requirements of this guidance. In effect, in terms of landscape and visual effects, for example, they have taken account of the baseline situation within 3km of the proposed scheme.</p> <p>We have agreed that the outstanding matter of cumulative effects has been satisfactorily resolved and can be moved into matters agreed.</p>

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