

A1 in Northumberland National Infrastructure Planning The Planning Inspectorate Temple Quay House Bristol BS1 6PN **Your ref:** TR010059

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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 – Section 88 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 4, Rule 6, Rule 9

Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A1 in Northumberland – Morpeth to Ellingham

I refer to your letter dated 19 November regarding the above application.

I would like to register two participants to attend the preliminary meeting on behalf of Northumberland County Council. Details of the two officers are appended to this letter. We will require two joining links into the meeting.

The authority is generally satisfied with the timetable set out in Annex D of the letter; however I understand that the applicant is going to request some slight alterations to the timetable. The County Council would not object to those and in fact would welcome the suggested alteration to Deadline 1. I would therefore wish to be able to respond to Item 5 of the agenda as set out in Annex A should the Examining Authority wish the Council to comment on the proposed examination timetable.

The Authority is also generally in agreement with the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues as set out in Annex C. However, at this stage would like confirmation that the following issues will be covered by the bullet points against the headings:

- 1. Traffic management issues during the construction period especially with reference to the potential increased use of the A697 during this period and the impact on communities along that route (particularly Longhorsley and Longframlington)
- 2. The extent of works proposed by the scheme on the de-trunked A1 with particular reference to cycle links between Felton and Morpeth.

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I or my colleague Matthew Payne would therefore like to be able to respond to Item 4 of the agenda at the Preliminary Meeting in this respect, should the Examining Authority wish to clarify any points with the Council regarding these items.

I trust this is all the information you require from the authority at the present time.

Yours sincerely,



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Attendance at Preliminary Meeting by Northumberland County Council

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