



Unique Ref. A1IN-AFP191

Planning Inspectorate

23 December 2020

Dear Sirs

Re. A1 in Northumberland : Morpeth to Ellingham, Scheme No. TR010059

I write as an affected party on behalf of West End Anglers. We own the bed and banks of the River Coquet immediately upstream of the A1 and have easements that allow us to access this across land owned by others.

The changes proposed to the river crossing outlined in the “Summary of Proposed Changes to Application” recently submitted by Highways England have potential to adversely affect our interests and I would like to register our concerns.

The proposed bank stabilisation works are on land owned by others but one of our access routes descends to the river underneath the existing A1 viaduct and crosses the area in which piling is proposed. We would like assurance that traversing this area will be possible once the piling is complete and to know whether it will be possible during the works.

The armouring of the banks proposed has potential to affect the river’s hydraulic characteristics, particularly in higher flows, and we would like assurance that this will not affect fish passage.

Similarly, while a temporary bridge is probably an acceptable means of accessing the work area on the south bank, poor design of this and its construction and removal may also adversely affect fish passage. There is insufficient detail in the “Proposed Changes” to satisfy us that the work will be done without detriment.

Yours faithfully

Roger Inverarity