



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:	A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project
Address/Location:	A66, connecting the M6 at Penrith and the A1(M) at Scotch Corner. The 80km route lies within the administrative boundaries of Eden District, Durham County and Richmondshire District.
Planning Inspectorate Ref:	TR010062

TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING

Document(s) used for transboundary screening:	A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Environmental Scoping Report ('the Scoping Report') (dated 11 June 2021).
--	--

The Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS has considered the Proposed Development which comprises of junction improvements and upgrades to the six existing single carriageway sections to dual carriageway and is the subject of this transboundary screening decision. The Inspectorate has taken into account information contained in the Applicant's Scoping Report and has had regard to the location of the Proposed Development, its characteristics and the environmental importance of the receiving environment.

The Inspectorate concludes that the Proposed Development **is unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a 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: **02 September 2021.**

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/>