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Annex Q relates to Chapter 5: Statutory consultation approach of the Consultation Report.

We informed the host local authorities, Durham County Council, North Yorkshire County Council and Richmondshire District Council, via email of this non-compliance with the SoCC, as it was located within the extent of their local authority boundaries. We have received a response from Durham County Council.

# 1 Email sent to North Yorkshire County Council and Richmondshire District Council

Non-compliance with A66 Statement of Community Consultation



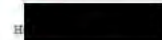
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Wed 23/04/2022 10:47

General

You forwarded this message on 23/04/2022 10:48.

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- DST\_20210917-Press Ad.PDF 776 KB
- DST 548 24 September 2021.pdf 1 MB
- RE: Statutory notices in the Richmondshire Today Outlook item



I am writing to inform you that one of the commitments made in the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) for advertising the publication of the SoCC in autumn 2021 was unfortunately not fulfilled. This is in relation to the attached email about placing statutory notices in the Darlington and Stockton Times (DST). We submitted our request to have the s47 notice published in the DST on 24 September; however, due to an administrative error, the section 47 notice was not placed in the DST.

We have prepared the following information and in doing so are satisfied that it demonstrates that the omission has not resulted in any geographical area being excluded from the publicity of the consultation and the effectiveness and adequacy of the consultation has not been undermined. Would you please consider the information below and let us know whether you agree with our assessment that the adequacy of the consultation undertaken is not impacted? We would appreciate confirmation to that effect, so that it can be included within the application documents shortly to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

The SoCC states (note green highlights for the non-compliance issue):

Statutory notices to publicise the proposed DCO application and the SoCC will be issued:

- s48 notice: Proposed DCO application - once in a national newspaper and the London Gazette and twice in local circulating newspapers (including the Cumberland News, Northern Echo, Gazette Live and Cumberland and Westmorland Herald, Teesdale Mercury and Darlington and Stockton Times)
- s47 notice: Publicising the SoCC - in local circulating newspapers (including the Cumberland News, Northern Echo, Gazette Live and Cumberland and Westmorland Herald, Teesdale Mercury and **Darlington and Stockton Times**)

Where, for reasons outside our control, it is not possible to run the notices in the above listed newspapers, an alternate newspaper / publication will be chosen with a similar distribution and in consultation with the relevant local authority.

(Paragraph 7.3, Table 1: Consultation and awareness-raising activities, of the SoCC)

Regarding commitments in the SoCC for the DST, we complied with the commitment to publish s48 notices in the DST on 17 and 24 September. We also placed a newspaper advert in the DST on 17 September (evidence of these is attached).

We placed section 47 notices in the Gazette Live Evening Gazette in Teesdale (20 September), the Northern Echo (21 September) and Teesdale Mercury (21 September). We placed section 48 notices in the Gazette Live Evening Gazette in Teesdale (15 and 20 September), the Northern Echo (15 and 22 September) and Teesdale Mercury (15 and 22 September). These newspapers have crossover in their circulation areas with the DST. We also published newspaper adverts in the Richmondshire Today on 24 September, Northern Echo on 17 September, and Teesdale Mercury (22 September).

In addition to the paid for advertising, as you know, we undertook a number of awareness-raising activities for the statutory consultation including:

- Flyer notification to those living within 5km of the project corridor, this equated to over 47,00 addresses, including areas covered by the DST distribution.
- Posters shared in local community facilities, including areas covered by the DST distribution such as Bowers Post Office, a number of locations in Burnard Castle, Mainsgill Farm, Richmond Theatre Royal, Richmond Library, Richmond Post Office, to name a few.
- Use of signage and paid for adverts (including social media) and at service stations covered by the DST distribution, such as Leeming Bar and Scotch Corner service.
- 34 consultation events, including in areas covered by the DST distribution such as Dalton & Gayles Village Hall, Bowers Village Hall, and the Wilsons, Burnard Castle.
- Press releases.
- Community Liaison Group meetings to push out information wider. Meetings with Community Liaison Groups in areas covered by the DST distribution included: Stephen Bank to Carlon Moor held on 20 September; Cross Lanes to Eakoby CLG on 16 September; and Bowers Bypass CLG on 14 September.
- Statutory letter notification and notification to key stakeholders.
- Engagement Van at site locations with over 275 interactions, including in areas covered by the DST distribution such as Mainsgill Farm Shop, Cross Lanes Organic Farm Shop and Richmond Market.

In light of the above, we believe the geographical areas covered by the DST was more than adequately covered, and the failure to publish the section 47 notice in the DST has not impacted the effectiveness of the consultation, and no prejudice has been caused to consultees as a result.

I hope the above reassures you that we undertook a compliant consultation which met the needs of the local community. If you have any questions on any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact me. As you are aware, we are due to shortly submit the Development Consent Order application so your quick response would be much appreciated.

Regards,

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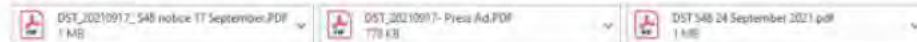


## 2 Email sent to Durham County Council

Non-compliance with A66 Statement of Community Consultation



General



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- Posters shared in local community facilities, including areas covered by the DST distribution such as Bowes Post Office, a number of locations in Barnard Castle, Richmond Theatre Royal, Richmond Library, Richmond Post Office, to name a few.
- Use of organic and paid for adverts (including social media and at service stations) covered by the DST distribution, such as Lemming Bar and Scotch Corner services.
- 24 consultation events, including in areas covered by the DST distribution such as Dalton & Gayles Village Hall, Bowes Village Hall, and the Wilham, Barnard Castle.
- Press releases.
- Community Liaison Group meetings to pass out information folder. Meetings with Community Liaison Groups in areas covered by the DST distribution included: Stephen Bank to Calkin Moor held on 20 September, Cross Lanes to Ekeley CLO on 16 September, and Bowes Bypass CLO on 14 September.
- Statutory letter notification and notification to key stakeholders.
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[Redacted]

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### 3 Response received from Durham County Council

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 13 May 2024 12:47  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: A66 NTP <A66NTP@highwaysandland.co.uk> [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Non-compliance with A66 Statement of Community Consultation

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Kate

We don't have any adverse comments to make regarding this matter.

Claire

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