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## **B6 Public Rights of Way Management Plan**

### **B6.1 Introduction**

#### **Purpose**

- B6.1.1 This document forms Annex B6 of the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) (Application Document 2.7). Annex B6 is an extended essay plan Public Rights of Way Management Plan (PRoWMP) for the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project (the Project). It will be completed on an iterative basis by the Principle Contractor(s) (PC) as the Project progresses through detailed design and will describe the approach to managing the interactions between the Public Rights of Way (PRoW) impacted during both the construction and operational phases.
- B6.1.2 The REAC presented in Table 3-2 of the EMP (Application Document 2.7) presents an initial register of commitments which has been developed using information presented in the Environmental Statement (ES). The EMP and its associated Annexes will be updated by the PC(s) when preparing future iterations of the EMP as the Project progresses. As a minimum, a further iteration will be produced prior to commencement of the construction phase and a third iteration prior to handover for operation.
- B6.1.3 The PC will update this extended essay plan, completing the information required within it as the detailed design and construction phase planning is finalised, to produce the full PRoW Management Plan for implementation during the construction stage (in accordance with the commitment set out in the REAC table of the EMP). The primary function of this plan is to enable National Highways, the PC(s), and the relevant local authorities manage the public rights of way network during the construction and operation of the Project.
- B6.1.4 The DCO for the Project will grant all necessary powers to stop up, alter or divert PRoWs affected by the Project as specified in the relevant Schedule of the DCO.

#### **Structure of the Public Rights of Way Management Plan**

- B6.1.5 This extended essay plan includes placeholder sections and a description of what each section will cover:
- Section 1: Introduction. Describes the purpose of the plan, the structure and key roles and responsibilities
  - Section 2: Methodology. This section will provide a description of the methods used to identify PRoWs, local routes and associated surveys alongside the relevant stakeholder engagement exercises carried out
  - Section 3: Management measures. This section will provide a list of the PRoWs affected by the Project and will set out the management measures to be developed by the PC for each affected PRoW.

#### **Project team roles and responsibilities**

- B6.1.6 This section will outline the roles that will have key responsibilities in supporting the implementation of the PRoWMP during construction and

operation of the Project. Exact roles and responsibilities regarding PRow management procedures will be confirmed by the PC as detailed design is progressed. However, likely key roles and responsibilities are summarised in Table 1: PRowMP roles and responsibilities.

Table 1: PRowMP roles and responsibilities

Position	Responsibility
National Highways Project Manager	Overall responsibility for the project and its successful delivery Approval for sign off of the PRowMP
PC Environment Manager	Overall responsibility for the implementation of this plan as part of the Environmental Management Plan
PC Site Manager	Overall responsibility for the safety of workers and the public during construction
PC Public Liaison Officer	Responsibility for communications with and the safety of the public during construction
Local Authority Public Rights of Way Officer (Cumbria County Council, Durham County Council, North Yorkshire County Council)	Responsibility for the discussion and agreement to matters during detailed design, and overseeing the appropriate implementation of this plan during construction and operation

## B6.2 Methodology

### Identification of PRow

B6.2.1 This section will outline the methodology used to identify PRow potentially affected by the Project in the study area including data sources, site visits, workshops and consultations and technical working groups.

### Surveys and assessments

B6.2.2 This section will provide a summary of the surveys conducted at locations alongside the A66 to inform the development of the plan.

### Stakeholder engagement

B6.2.3 This section will provide details on the stakeholder engagement undertaken to inform the development of the plan, including with local authorities and local highway authorities.

B6.2.4 This section will also set out the measures that will be taken to inform the public of changes to PRow including closures and diversions.

B6.2.5 As set out in the Environmental Management Plan Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC) (Application Document 2.7) a Public Liaison Officer would be responsible for communications with the public during construction, including notification of changes to PRow.

B6.2.6 This section will further detail obligations to notify local authority PRow Officers, affected Parish Councils and if required Land Agents in advance of any PRow closures. It will also include obligations to signposting of information

regarding construction dates and hours of working relevant to PRow areas that cross the Project.

### Locations and value

- B6.2.7 This section will provide details on the PRow that intersect the Project and that are therefore affected by the main works. The Project's proposals in relation to PRow are shown on the Rights of Way and Access Plans (Application Document 5.19) and are described in Schedule 2 to the Draft DCO (Application Document 5.1).

## **B6.3 Management measures**

### General provisions

- B6.3.1 The DCO would grant the necessary powers to stop up PRow affected by the Project and put in place alternative/substitute routes.
- B6.3.2 National Highways is committed to maintaining the highest levels of safety throughout construction and operation of the Project, and to also minimise disruption to the public. These objectives will inform the development of the PRowMP, which seek to balance risks associated with use of any PRow during construction works against the disruption associated with diversions or PRow closures (with safety of all parties being priority).
- B6.3.3 Future iterations of this plan, informed by detailed design and detailed construction planning, will seek wherever practicable to retain access for the public through phasing of works. Where this is not possible, necessary closures will be identified in the subsequent sections of this plan, including details of diversion routes and communications strategy for each closure.

### Signage and information

- B6.3.4 This section will detail the approach to signage and the provision of information to the public on:
- Planned works and dates of any planned closures
  - Information on any alternative routes/diversions and new routes
  - Information detailing works ongoing in proximity to routes.
- B6.3.5 Future iterations of this plan will be produced by National Highways and its PC(s), seeking input (where appropriate) from the affected Local Authorities' PRow and Highways Officers and affected Parish Councils. If any closures affect routes close to the River Eden Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Natural England would be appropriately engaged to manage and publicise any necessary temporary works.

### Forms of managed closure

- B6.3.6 This section will detail the forms of closure, to be developed by the PC(s), and subject to further discussions and agreements with the affected Local Authorities.

B6.3.7 National Highways will make reasonable efforts to minimise disruption along the PRow network during the construction of the Project. Any short term, temporary closures will be for as short a duration as is required to carry out the works to which the temporary closure relates.

B6.3.8 The below subsections provide an initial placeholder for forms of managed closure and will be completed in detail by the PC(s). An alternative approach to details of managed closures may be required as proposals are developed and will be outlined in this section.

#### *Local management*

B6.3.9 This subsection will provide details of local management of PRowS during construction, prioritising retaining public access for those in close proximity to construction works or those that adjoin routes that may be affected by the works.

#### *Local closures*

B6.3.10 This subsection will provide details on local temporary closures to PRow during construction, where works are predicted to affect the safety of PRow users.

#### *Early re-provision*

B6.3.11 This section will detail the approach to any early re-provisions, where extinguishment of a PRow is managed alongside the provision of an alternative route (for example, via an underbridge or overbridge which is to be constructed in advance of the mainline works).

B6.3.12 Early re-provisions would therefore overcome potential construction effects as well as seeking to provide a new PRow more permanently into the operational phase of the Project.

#### *Full closure*

B6.3.13 Given the linear nature of the Project, and the programme of works, it will not always be possible for National Highways to retain access across the works for the full extent of construction.

B6.3.14 This section will therefore detail instances of a full closure of certain PRow to enable construction. Where possible, access across the new road should subsequently be provided via new structures.

#### *New routes*

B6.3.15 The provision of new routes is to enhance the current PRow network or provide new routes to facilitate access across the Project.

### **Proposed PRow management**

B6.3.16 This section will detail the planned management of PRow during both the construction and operational phases of the Project.

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- B6.3.17 The Project's proposals in relation to public rights of way are shown on the Rights of Way and Access Plans (Application Document 5.19) and are described in Schedule 2 to the Draft DCO (Application Document 5.1).
- B6.3.18 This section shall set out the timing of closures as set out in those documents, and specific management measures to be implemented.

### Construction

- B6.3.19 This subsection will set out the detailed management measures to be implemented during construction in order to mitigate the significant effects to the PRow network as described in the Environmental Statement (Application Document 3.2).

### Operation

- B6.3.20 This section will detail the approach to post construction management of PRow, to be developed in consultation with the affected local authorities' PRow and Highways Officers (the local planning authorities and the local highways authorities).