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Dear Sirs

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Adequacy of Consultation

Thank you for consulting North Yorkshire County Council regarding the adequacy of the consultation for the above project.

The consultation report provided is accurate and the Authority considers the consultation to be satisfactory and adequate for a project of this scale.

The Authority was contacted to begin pre-application work on the project officially late in 2020. We had been engaged long before that on earlier options and route work. Since the pre-application process began we have engaged with the Applicant regularly and on several fronts including monthly meetings with NYCC and Richmondshire District Council colleagues, Monthly meetings with the neighbouring Authorities involved in the project as well as stakeholder meetings at senior officer and Member level.

The Authorities have entered into a Planning Performance Agreement with the applicant which has enabled the Authority to resource its engagement with the project sufficiently. This has included the use of external consultants to support the Authority in consideration of some aspects of the technical highways works. We are pleased that the Applicant has agreed to fund the same consultancy team as our neighbouring Authorities that is giving a consistency of approach.

The speed and scale of the application has had significant resource implications for the Authority and we are concerned that these challenges will continue into examination. We are pleased that the Applicant has opened a dialogue to address this.

Yours faithfully

Michael Reynolds
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