



The Planning Inspectorate

Application by National Highways for the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project
Case Reference: TR010062

Examining Authority's record of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection to which the Application or specified matters relate

Examining Inspectors R Allen, N Humphrey, S Roscoe and M L Milliken (the Examining Authority (ExA) appointed by the Secretary of State for the application for the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project) undertook the Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) on Monday 28th November 2022. Individuals from the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team were also in attendance.

The USI was undertaken only from publicly accessible land in order to view the areas subject to the proposed development, the existing road network, surrounding properties and the environment. Further USIs may or may not take place during the Examination.

Particulars of the Site Inspection

The USI was undertaken by car and on foot.

The USI began at the exit from Cross Lanes Organic Farm Shop on Moorhouse Lane and travelling westbound, undertook two more stops on the south side of the A66 to then turn round at Temple Sowerby where we turned round and travelled eastbound to make two more stops on the northern side of the road.

Just prior to arriving at Cross Lanes there was thick fog but at the start of the USI the weather conditions were partially cloudy and the air temperature was around 6 degrees Celsius. Weather conditions allowed for long range views to be visible. Inspections commenced at approximately 13.45 and finished at 15.30.

A detailed list of the sites observed can be found below.

Westbound Direction

Moorhouse Lane at exit from Cross Lanes Organic Farm Shop

The ExA began their site inspections at this location to consider the scheme layout in relation to the farm shop and Moorhouse Lane.

Moor Beck Viaduct

The ExA stopped just off the A66 adjacent to footpath 372/021 and walked southwards along this footpath to consider the location and setting of the Moor Beck viaduct.

Cringle Beck Viaduct

The ExA stopped just off the A66 adjacent to Wheat Sheaf Farm and walked southwards along footpath 372/021 to consider the location and setting of the Cringle Beck viaduct.

Eastbound Direction

Trout Beck Viaduct

The ExA stopped just off the A66 adjacent to the gated lane from Sleastonhow Lane to consider the location and setting of the Trout Beck viaduct.

Cringle Beck Viaduct

The ExA stopped just off the A66 on the lane adjacent to Moorhouse Farm to consider the location and setting of the Cringle Beck viaduct.

Abbey Lane

When the ExA drove along Abbey Lane the weather condition had changed to foggy. Visibility was around 100m. The ExA travelled from the B6277 along Abbey Lane to the C165 to the Egglestone Bridge on the C165. The ExA wanted to understand the nature of the road in terms of its use as a temporary construction diversion.