

APPENDIX 2

Durham County Council Response to Issue Specific Hearing 2 Supplementary Agenda Additional Questions

Durham County Council reference number: 20032071

No.	Subject	Response by	Question	Durham County Council Response
CUMULATIVE EFFECTS				
ISH2.CE.01	ES Chapter 15 Cumulative Effects [APP-058]	LPAs and LHAs	Paragraph 15.3.37 states that stakeholders were consulted and no comments were made on the methodology adopted. Confirm the list of developments is accurate and that you consider the assessment is robust.	<p>Although the Council generally has no adverse comments to make regarding the methodology, it would appear that the applicant has not referred to two operational quarries adjacent to the A66. Nor are these shown on Figure 15.2 Sheet 5 of 8 and Sheet 6 of 8 as contained in APP-145 'National Highways 3.3 Environmental Statement Figure 15.2 – Cumulative Developments' (Examination Document APP-145) and referred to in Examination Document APP-058. The applicant is aware of the quarries, and a new access to Hulands Quarry is proposed as part of the DCO.</p> <p>The quarries are established quarries with long planning histories but with more recent planning permissions having been granted. Hulands Quarry (6/2008/0003/CM (DCC Ref: CMA/6/36) dated 18 May 2009)</p>

				<p>Conditions 7 and 8 require mineral extraction to cease no later than 14 September 2024 with restoration by 18 March 2026. Kilmond Wood Quarry (DM/20/03672/VOCMW (dated 28 May 2021) and DM/20/03673/VOCMW (dated 28 May 2021). Planning Permission Nos. DM/20/03672/VOCMW and DM/20/03673/VOCMW (Conditions 4 and 5 of both) both require the winning and working of mineral and deposition of mineral waste to cease not later than 21 February 2042. Removal of all buildings, plant, machinery, structures and foundations and site restored in accordance with restoration requirements within 18 months of permanent cessation of winning and working of minerals.</p> <p>Given the proposed timescale for the DCO works there is the potential for cumulative impacts with the operational quarries. This has been raised with the Applicant who has verbally advised that the two quarries are included in the baseline, but written confirmation is awaited.</p> <p>The two housing sites identified by the applicant in the ES (DM/16/03310/FPA and DM/20/03070/OUT) are under construction with approximately 18 months until completion.</p>
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				<p>completion of restoration by 14 September 2074. was submitted on 12 May 2022 and is pending consideration.</p> <p>The Council can only comment upon the robustness of the assessment upon confirmation that the quarries have been considered. Consideration should also be given to potential impacts of Planning Permission No. DM/21/04293/FPA. This may have impacts upon other technical assessments submitted with the DCO.</p>
GEOLOGY AND SOILS				
ISH2.GS.01	ES Chapter 9 Geology and Soils [APP-052]	Applicant, Natural England and Local Authorities	With regard to proportions of ALC survey that were not surveyed due to access issues, can the Applicant confirm any agreement with Natural England and the Local Authorities that a) an appropriate proportion of ALC surveys have been undertaken to inform the baseline of the assessment or b) whether the areas not yet subject to survey will be surveyed in the future.	<p>Having regard to APP-196 'National Highways 3.4 Environmental Statement Appendix 9.5 Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) Factual Soil Survey Report' and to the Plan entitled 'Bowes Bypass Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) Survey Results' appears to show that all of the land within the DCO was surveyed.</p> <p>The Plan entitled 'Cross Lanes to Rokeby Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) Survey Results' appears to show that a significant amount all of the land within the application area has not been surveyed. It would be appropriate for these areas to be surveyed as the Examining Authority and Secretary of State will need to know whether or not 'best and most versatile' land would be affected by the proposal.</p>

POPULATION AND HEALTH				
ISH2.PH.03	ES Chapter 13 Population and Human Health [APP-056]	LPAs and LHAs	In respect to paragraph 13.5.3, confirm that the data used in the analysis of effects is robust given the lack of observed data available at the time of assessment.	Data on existing and potential usage/value of public rights of way is always difficult to acquire and interpret, without extensive surveys and interviews. Stakeholder meetings with user representatives and officers indicated the most significant paths, so in the circumstances the data used in the analysis is as robust as can reasonably be expected.
ISH2.PH.04	ES Chapter 13 Population and Human Health [APP-056]	LPAs and LHAs	In respect to paragraph 13.10.37, confirm that the approach adopted to improve as far as possible the east west connection in the Walking Cycling and Horse-riders provision is satisfactory.	The provision of east-west connections within County Durham is welcomed, but there is a lack of clarity and consistency in how these routes are described. They should be clearly and consistently labelled and described in all documents as either bridleways or multi-user routes for walkers, cyclists and horse-riders.
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT				
ISH2.TT.04	Transport Assessment [APP- 236]	Durham CC	In respect to paragraph 8.3.3, confirm that the derived traffic flows associated with Mainsgill Farm Shop are robust for assessment purposes.	Mainsgill Farm Shop is within Richmondshire District and not County Durham.
ISH2.TT.13	Transport Assessment Appendix F	Durham CC	Confirm whether consultation has occurred on the construction traffic diversion routes set out in Appendix F of the TA, in particular, about the use of Abbey Lane as a local construction HGV diversion route. It is assumed any issues you may have will be set out in written submissions.	The use of Abbey Road for construction has not been discussed or agreed with Durham County Council.