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15 December 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) - Section 88 and 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 - Rules 4, 6, 9 and 13

Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A66 Trans-Pennine Dualling Project

Deadline 1 – 18 December 2022

Durham County Council Reference No. 20032071

I write in response to the 'Rule 6' letter dated 17 October 2022 and the matters required to be addressed by Deadline 1. It is noted that the 'Rule 8' letter dated 8 December 2022, amongst other matters, extends Deadline 1.

Comments on any updates to application documents submitted by the Applicant before or at the PM

Not applicable to Durham County Council (DCC).

Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs)

National Highways has responded to DCC's RRs (Examination Document RR-073) on 16 November 2022 (Examination Document PDL-013). DCC has reviewed this document and comments are set out in Appendix 1 to this letter dated 15 December 2022.

Summaries of all RRs exceeding 1500 words

DCC's RRs covering letter dated 31 August 2022 (Examination Document RR-073) summarises DCC's position regarding Schemes 7 and 8. Appendix 1 (contained in the same document) sets out questions which DCC has raised, and National Highways has sought to address these. Having reviewed the responses DCC considers that there are key points outstanding, and these are set out in Appendix 1 to this letter 15 December 2022. It is considered that the RRs covering letter is an adequate summary of DCC's position with regards to the DCO application.

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Written Representations (WRs)

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DCC's WR is considered to be a combination of its RRs dated 31 August 2022 (Examination Document RR-073), this letter and attachments to it.

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Local Impact Report

DCC's Local Impact Report is attached.

Notification by Statutory Parties of their wish to be considered as an IP by the ExA

DCC wishes to be considered as an IP by the ExA.

Notification of wish to be heard at any subsequent Issue Specific Hearings (ISH)

DCC may wish to be heard at any subsequent ISH, but please note this will depend upon the agenda.

Requests to be heard at any subsequent Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH). Requests by Affected Persons (defined in section 59(4) of the Planning Act 2008) to be heard at a CAH

DCC may wish to be heard at any subsequent CAH, but please note this will depend upon any potential change to the DCO application boundary which may or may not impact upon the Council's land interests.

Request to be heard at any subsequent Open Floor Hearing (OFH)

DCC may wish to attend any subsequent OFH but this will depend upon the agenda.

Provision of suggested locations and justifications for Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI) for consideration by the ExA (if held)

In a letter dated 16 November 2022 in response to the Pre-Examination Procedural Deadline DCC (Examination Document PDL-017) advised that it would like there to be a visit to DCC's preferred "Blue" route junction at Rokeby. From a heritage perspective the section from Rokeby Church down to DCC's preferred junction is considered appropriate to highlight the benefits to setting and how the perceived harm to the park and garden could be mitigated. DCC position maintains this position.

Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases

DCC's Response to Issue Specific Hearing 2 Supplementary Agenda Additional Questions are included in Appendix 2.

Notification of wish to have future correspondence received electronically

DCC is content to have future correspondence received electronically.

Submission of additional or updated drawings as requested in Annex D (if not submitted at the Pre-Examination Procedural Deadline)

Not applicable to DCC.

Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Not applicable to DCC.

Comments on any further information/submissions accepted by the ExA

Not applicable to DCC.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely



Principal Planning Officer

Encs.

- Appendix 1 – DCC Response to Examination Document PDL-013 (Response to Relevant Representations)
- Appendix 2 – DCC Response to Issue Specific Hearing 2 Supplementary Agenda Additional Questions
- Appendix 3 - DCC Local Impact Report Assessment