



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

Examining Authority's Record of an Unaccompanied Inspection of Sites to which the Application or Specified Matters Relate

Examining Inspector S Roscoe (a member of 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 27th February 2023.

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 on foot.

The USI began at the North Lakes Hotel Penrith and proceeded to the Wetheriggs Country Park, the Kemplay Bank A66 junction, Eamont Bridge, Skirsgill Lane as far as the entrance to the Cumbria County Council depot, returning generally via the same route to the North Lakes Hotel and then proceeding to and from the M6 Junction 40 roundabout.

Weather conditions were cloudy, with the occasional light rain shower. The air temperature was around 8 degrees Celsius. Weather conditions allowed for mid-range views to be visible at all times. The USI commenced at approximately 15:15 and finished at 17:00.

The route of the USI included:

- paths within Wetheriggs Country Park;
- the footpath linking Wetheriggs Lane with the Kemplay Bank A66 roundabout, including views of the nearby Order land;
- the footpath to the rear of Tollbar Cottage, including views of the nearby Order land;
- Skirsgill Lane with views to land either side, including parts of the Cumbria County Council depot; and
- land immediately to the north of the M6 Junction 40 roundabout including views of the upper section of the M6 southbound exit slip road.