

2.2.2 We note that similar concerns have been raised not only by other Agents but also organisations such as the NFU, Statutory Bodies, and Local Authorities.

2.2.3 The ExA's frustration at the Applicant's lack of progress in reaching agreement with Statutory Bodies was also noted during the hearings, and this must also in part be explained by the paucity of information provided by the Applicant.

2.2.4 We would respectfully ask the ExA to consider at what point these repeated failures on the part of the Applicant (to the continuing detriment of our Clients) compromise the Application to a degree that the timetable should be revisited, or indeed the application withdrawn.

2.3 Temporary Roundabout

2.3.1 We raised during the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH2)¹ the temporary roundabout that is proposed to be built to the west of the realigned Warrener Lane adjacent to Mainsgill Farm Shop for the duration of the works, and asked that this roundabout become a permanent feature of the scheme and be linked into the de-trunking agreement for the A66.

2.3.2 The Applicant has suggested that this work falls outside the DCO, as it will be delivered via a separate planning application submitted by their Contractor; and is not therefore relevant to the Examination.

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2.3.3 We do not understand that any application has yet been submitted to Richmondshire District Council, and respectfully submit that the fact that the Applicant has appointed a contractor is not a reason that the roundabout should fall outwith the scope of this Examination.

2.3.4 It appears illogical that the impact of the roundabout (whether environmental, economic or otherwise) should not be considered as part of this Examination when it is clearly an integral part of the Scheme. We would respectfully suggest that additional piecemeal planning applications undermine the process and prevent the Examining Authority from having a comprehensive view of the Scheme.

3. Conclusion

3.1 In conclusion, following CAH2 and ISH3 the lack of detail provided by the Applicant remains of concern, and is clearly impacting the scheme on a wide basis. There also remains a lack of substantive efforts to negotiate on the part of the Applicant.

3.2 We also ask that the Applicant's proposed roundabout adjacent to Mainsgill Farm Shop is considered as part of this Examination.



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