

## DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

Reference No. 20032071

## Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statement (PADS) at Deadline 7 (09/05/2023)

The principle issue in question	The brief concern held by Durham County Council which will be reported on in full in WR / LIR	What needs to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• change, or</li> <li>• be included, or</li> <li>• amended</li> </ul> so as to overcome the disagreement	Likelihood of the concern being addressed during Examination
<p><i>Cross Lanes to Rokeby</i></p> <p><i>Rokeby junction</i></p>	<p>In principle Durham County Council <b>DOES NOT OBJECT</b> to the proposed junction at Rokeby, <b>however</b> given the lesser impact of the “Blue” route, referred to in the Statutory Consultation, in relation to increased traffic on the B6277 The Sills, the strong preference of the Council remains for the “Blue” route. Reasons for this are set out in Appendix 1 to the Council’s representation.</p>	<p>A change to the “Blue” route.</p>	<p>Unlikely unless the route is altered.</p>
<p><i>Cross Lanes to Rokeby</i></p> <p><i>Rokeby junction</i></p>	<p>In terms of cultural heritage in respect of the “Blue” route, the balance of harm derived from the “Black” or “Blue” route is nuanced and, as such, whilst the “Blue” route remains the preference for the</p>	<p>A change to the “Blue” route.</p>	<p>Unlikely unless the route is altered.</p>

	<p>reasons set out in Appendix 1 to the Council's representation, it is acknowledged that design refinement and the preparation of the heritage mitigation strategy in the Environmental Management Plan provides a reasoned justification for the selected route.</p>		
<p><b><i>All schemes within County Durham</i></b></p>	<p>Queries raised in Appendix 1 to the Council's representation require addressing.</p>	<p>Ongoing discussions are taking place. Outstanding issues include:</p> <p><b>Air quality:</b> DCC and the Applicant have agreed previous outstanding points and DCC accept the changes made to EMP documents with respect to air quality. One query remains following a number of changes: It appears that a number of air quality figures will be updated following the changes, but there are no changes to the air quality chapter or appendix. Confirmation requested that the air quality assessment is not requiring an update following the changes noted and that the previously submitted assessment covers all potential impacts.</p> <p><b>Access &amp; Rights of Way:</b> The 'cycle tracks' which are proposed alongside the A66, between Cross Lanes and</p>	<p>Possibly.</p>

Greta Bridge in Co Durham raise issues. Whilst welcomed in principle, DCC would like clarification on a few matters. If these are to be statutory Cycle Tracks, then they would exclude equestrian use and it is queried if this is intentional, because no reason can be seen as to why they should be excluded. The specification would be suitable for equestrians to use. DCC considers that they should either be formally created as Public Bridleways, which gives clarity as to future maintenance and certainty for users as to their rights and as to connectivity, as they would be shown on Ordnance Survey maps. A lesser alternative is that they are clearly labelled and signed as multi-user routes, either within National Highways land or with the permission of the landowner.

Issues raised at ISH3 on 02/02/2023 about shared public use with private means of access is not of concern as there are many public footpaths and bridleways which share farm access tracks – generally vehicle numbers are low and all parties are aware of the shared use. Of more concern is the question of future maintenance;

if they are to become public  
bridleways then our ongoing  
maintenance responsibility is to a  
standard suitable for that level of  
public use, not to a standard for the  
private vehicular use. In most cases  
that works fine in practice, but there  
are concerns that the Applicant may  
construct very high standard  
vehicular access which landowners  
would expect DCC to maintain in the  
future. The ongoing responsibilities  
need to be clearly communicated to  
all parties.

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7.35 Applicant's Response to  
Deadline 5 Submissions – Access &  
Rights of Way comments do not  
appear to be addressed.

**Diversions:** Matters relating to  
diversions have not been agreed.  
DCC considers the proposed routes  
are not suitable for some of the  
proposed construction traffic.  
Further discussions required.