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Your reference: TR010062
Our reference: DIO 10052518

Dear Monica,

MOD Safeguarding – Warcop

Proposal: The project comprises the improvement of the A66 between the M6 at Penrith and the A1(M) at Scotch Corner. The Application is for development consent to construct, operate and maintain the dualling of all the remaining single lengths of carriageway of the A66 to create a continuous 70mph dual carriageway (with the exception of a short length of 50mph dualling between M6 Junction 40 and east of Kemplay Bank) across the North Pennines, between the M6 motorway and A1(M) junctions, including improvement of these two junctions.
The DCO would also make provisions in connection with several ancillary matters including the permanent construction and alteration of streets, the temporary interference with and the permanent stopping up of streets

Location: A66 Northern Trans-Pennine between the A66 between the M6 at Penrith and the A1(M) at Scotch Corner. The existing route is 80km in length and intermittently dualled with approximately 30km of single carriageway, within six separate sections.

Grid Ref:

Start Point	421711, 505325
End Point	350607, 528751

Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence (MOD) on the above proposed development, with amended plans and documents, which was received by this office on 8th December 2022.

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) Safeguarding Team represents the Ministry of Defence (MOD) as a consultee in UK planning and energy consenting systems to ensure that development does not compromise or degrade the operation of defence sites such as aerodromes, explosives storage sites, air weapon ranges, and technical sites or training resources such as the Military Low Flying System.

This is a full application for the improvement of the A66 Trans Pennine between the M6 at Penrith and the A1M at Scotch Corner. The development includes landscaping and the construction and alteration of streets and the dualling of all the remaining single lengths of carriageway.

The application site occupies the statutory safeguarding zone surrounding Warcop, in particular, the aerodrome explosives safeguarding zone.

After reviewing the application documents, I can confirm the MOD has no safeguarding objections to this proposal.

The MOD must emphasise that the advice provided within this letter is in response to the data and information detailed in the developer's document titled "Crown land plans Rev 4", "Deadline Cover Letters 1-9", "Project Design Principles Rev 5" and General Scheme Outline Plans" dated May 2023. Any variation of the parameters (which include the location, dimensions, form, and finishing materials) detailed may significantly alter how the development relates to MOD safeguarding requirements and cause adverse impacts to safeguarded defence assets or capabilities. In the event that any amendment, whether considered material or not by the determining authority, is submitted for approval, the MOD should be consulted and provided with adequate time to carry out assessments and provide a formal response.

I trust this is clear however should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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