



**Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) for the purposes of Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations)**

<b>Project name:</b>	M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme
<b>Address/Location:</b>	M5 Junction 10, around Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
<b>Planning Inspectorate Ref:</b>	TR010063
<b>Date(s) screening undertaken:</b>	26 November 2021 following request for a scoping opinion and prior to receipt of an application.

**TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING**

<b>Document(s) used for transboundary screening:</b>	M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme – Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report – Dated 05 July 2021.
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The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) has considered the Proposed Development - which comprises (1) Improvements to Junction 10 on the M5; (2) A new road linking Junction 10 to west Cheltenham; (3) Widening of the A4019, east of Junction 10; and (4) Provision of separate, dedicated footways and cycle lanes for non-motorised traffic along the local roads within scheme limits. The Inspectorate has taken into account information contained in the Applicant’s Scoping Report (July 2021) and has had regard to the location of the Proposed Development, its characteristics and the environmental importance of the receiving environment.

The Inspectorate concludes that the Proposed Development **is unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State**. In reaching this conclusion the Inspectorate has identified and considered the Proposed Development’s likely impacts including consideration of potential pathways and the extent, magnitude, probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impacts.

The Inspectorate considers that the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development is so low that it does not warrant the issue of a detailed transboundary screening. However, this position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

**Action:**

No further action required at this stage.

**Date:** 26 November 2021

**Note:** The SoS’ duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

## TRANSBOUNDARY RE-SCREENING

<b>Document(s) used for transboundary screening:</b>	<p><b>Document 5.1</b> Consultation Report – APP-037 to APP-058</p> <p>Environmental Statement (ES):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Document 6.2 – 6.13</b> ES Chapters – APP-060 to APP-074</li><li>• <b>Document 6.15</b> ES Appendices – APP-075 to APP-133</li><li>• <b>Document 6.15</b> ES Appendix 7.13 Habitats Regulation Assessment Screening - APP-099</li><li>• <b>Document 6.15</b> ES Appendix 7.14 Habitats Regulation Assessment Statement to Inform Appropriate Assessment – APP-100</li></ul> <p><b>Additional submissions</b> AS-010 to AS-021 revised ES chapters</p>
<p>The Inspectorate has re-considered the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development, taking into account any changes that have been made to the Proposed Development since the previous transboundary screening process was undertaken.</p> <p>The Inspectorate considers that the Proposed Development is <b>unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State</b>. This position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.</p>	
<p><b>Action:</b> No further action required at this stage.</p> <p><b>Date:</b> 24 April 2024</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.</p>	

### **Note:**

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in the Annex to its Advice Note Twelve, available on our website at <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>