



Meeting note

Project name	M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme
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Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	8 March 2022
Meeting with	Gloucestershire County Council (the Applicant)
Venue	Microsoft Teams
Meeting objectives	Project update
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

Statutory Consultation

The Applicant explained that the Statutory Consultation had taken place between 8 December 2021 to 15 February 2022. The consultation had included two in-person events and four virtual events. The Applicant reported good engagement with the consultation and were currently in the process of analysing the responses they had received and drafting the Consultation Report.

PINS asked whether the Applicant expected to need to conduct a further targeted consultation. The Applicant responded by stating that the Statutory Consultation would need to be reviewed first before they would be able to provide a definitive answer.

PINS queried whether, in light of the completed Statutory Consultation, the Applicant had revised its submission date. The Applicant stated they were currently aiming for a submission date in late autumn 2022.

PINS asked if, following the previous project update meeting on 7 October 2021, there had been any further developments with regard to the unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller site on land required for the project. The Applicant confirmed work was ongoing with the Local Authority and that discussions had been positive and valuable.

Land Acquisition

The Applicant noted that work on acquiring land required for the scheme had been ongoing and positive progress had been made. They noted that the collaboration with Homes England had enabled land purchases to be fast-tracked and that only a minimal number of properties remained that had not been contacted for a valuation. The Applicant noted they remained mindful of the wellbeing of current residents. The Applicant stated that their hope was that their current work would enable as minimal amount of land as possible to be included within the Compulsory Acquisition (CA) element of the Development Consent Order (DCO).

DCO Programme

The Applicant explained they expected to submit a full suite of draft Application documents to PINS by early September. PINS stated that, given the close proximity to the expected submission date, this may not allow enough time for a response to be provided by PINS and for any subsequent changes to the Application documents to be made. PINS suggested providing these documents in August would ensure more adequate time was provided and it was agreed that this would be investigated to ensure resourcing capacity was available.

Next Steps and AOB

PINS advised that updated guidance on hyperlinks had been issued and could be found in [Advice Note 8.4](#).

PINS advised that the use of a file transfer site was the most preferable method of sharing Application documents.

The Applicant suggested a further project update meeting should be held around late May 2022. PINS agreed this would be an acceptable time and it was agreed that discussion should revolve around the drafting of the Application documents.

