



Meeting note

Project name	M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme
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Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	24 May 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.

Design Change

The Applicant updated the Inspectorate on recent design changes to the Proposed Development. These included minor red line boundary extensions to assist with flood mitigation and sign placement on the M5 motorway, a multi-use ecological tunnel with consideration to enabling equestrian movement, amended junction arrangements on A4019 and, following receipt of consultation responses, the decision to keep Withybridge Lane open to through traffic.

The Inspectorate queried whether further consultation would be required on these design changes. The Applicant confirmed that targeted consultation would be conducted in due course.

The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to include within the Environmental Statement (ES) the proposed design changes and to identify any impacts arising from the changes as well as any further requirement for mitigation.

Post meeting note

The Inspectorate advise that for any design changes which have the potential to effect protected species and therefore engage requirements under protected species licensing the Applicant should refer to published [Advice Note 11](#) and the Natural England [annex](#) which explains Letter of No Impediment (LONI). The Inspectorate would also refer the Applicant to [Advice Note 7](#) and the need to mark appropriately environmentally sensitive application information that they consider should not be published as confidential.

DCO Programme

The Applicant stated that expected date of submission had shifted from Q4 2022 to Q1 2023.

The Applicant expected to be in a position to submit draft documents to the Inspectorate in November 2022. The Inspectorate advised that a response should be provided within 6-8 weeks and that anything considered to be a novel issue should be highlighted in the submission. The draft document submission would be the subject of the next scheduled meeting in late summer 2022.

The Applicant confirmed that Homes England would need to apply to HM Treasury for an extension to the availability of funding for the Proposed Development. They stated that the extension was necessary due to delays caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, changes to the planning consenting route and an increase in scheme scope.

Stakeholders

The Applicant confirmed that the summary report of the Statutory Consultation was available to view on their website, and that work had begun on the Consultation Report.

The Inspectorate asked for an update on the unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller site. The Applicant said a meeting had been arranged with Tewkesbury Borough Council and they expected to provide an update to the Inspectorate following this meeting.

Land Acquisition

The Applicant provided an update on land acquisition. They confirmed that their focus had been on establishing valuations for affected properties and they expected to make good progress over the next 6-12 months.

