

Meeting note

Project name File reference	M5 Junction 10 Highways Improvements Scheme TR010063
Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	07 November 2022
Meeting with	Gloucestershire County Council
Venue	Microsoft Teams Meeting
Meeting	Project Update Meeting
objectives	
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 (Gloucestershire County Council) confirmed that Targeted Consultation had been carried out between August to September 2022. The consultation was focused on landowners, and the various stakeholders involved, including local authorities and local councils. The Applicant confirmed that there was a focus on reducing environmental impacts to local communities potentially affected, which was achieved through consulting public opinion and consultation with local councils. The Applicant confirmed that the feedback received from the consultation was overall positive in nature.

Land Update

The Applicant confirmed the status of land and property acquisition for the Proposed Development. Currently eight properties had been acquired, and there may be a further three to be acquired into the future. The Proposed Development would also require the purchasing of agricultural land parcels. Additionally, the Applicant has continued to work flexibly with landowners exchanging and completing on onward purchases.

DCO Programme

The Applicant confirmed their current DCO programme. The DCO application is anticipated to be submitted in Quarter 1 2023.

Draft documents

The Applicant confirmed that draft documents will be submitted to The Inspectorate for comment in November 2022, and will include the following documents:

- Application form;
- Introduction to application;
- Draft DCO and schedules;
- Introductory ES chapters 1 to 4, describing the proposed development and assessment methodology;
- Draft Habitats Regulations Assessment report;
- Planning Statement;
- Schedule of accordance with the National Policy Statement; and
- Consultation Report and appendices.

The Inspectorate advised that comments on draft documents are likely to be issued to the Applicant w/c 16 January 2023.

Specific decisions/ follow-up required?

The date for the next meeting was discussed, which was agreed to be a call on 23 November 2022.

Post- meeting note

• Draft documents have been issued to the Inspectorate on 17 and 18 November 2022.