



## Meeting note

<b>Project name</b>	M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme
<b>File reference</b>	TR010063
<b>Status</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>Author</b>	The Planning Inspectorate
<b>Date</b>	03 July 2023
<b>Meeting with</b>	Gloucestershire County Council
<b>Venue</b>	MS Teams
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Project Update Meeting
<b>Circulation</b>	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.

#### ***Introduction***

The Applicant confirmed that the likely date for submission of the DCO application had been pushed back to Quarter 3, late September.

#### ***Targeted Consultation***

The Applicant confirmed that additional targeted consultation had been carried out at the start of June 2023 relating to the Bus Lane proposals for the A4019, and that the consultation period of thirty days had now closed. The Applicant confirmed that the overall engagement was positive.

The Inspectorate advised that a clear explanation of the reasons for the targeted consultation should be provided in the Consultation Report to be provided with the DCO application.

#### ***Project Update***

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that securing the funding from the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) administered by Homes England had led to a delay to the anticipated submission date, however this is now progressing. The Applicant confirmed that the Red Line Boundary for the scheme was now finalised and includes the Bus Lane. The Applicant confirmed that they have successfully acquired the majority of the 18 properties next to the

Junction and are working to come to agreements for the remaining properties. The Applicant confirmed that they have appointed an early contractor for the project and are meeting weekly.

The Applicant discussed matters in relation to Stoke Orchard, which lies outside of the Red Line Boundary but would be affected by the potential of an increase in traffic movements through the village following construction completion and once the Junction 10 is open to all movements. The Applicant has had meetings with the local community to discuss the issues and it is likely that these will be dealt with outside of the DCO process. Proposed measures include speed calming to avoid 'rat running' through the village.

The Inspectorate advised that the documents submitted with the DCO application should include a clear explanation of how the process for agreeing the mechanisms for mitigation in respect of Stoke Orchard have evolved and been agreed with the relevant Parish Council.

### ***Next Meeting / AOB***

The Inspectorate and the Applicant both agreed to holding the next meeting in early September, to discuss the logistics of submission.