



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)

Project name:	M60/M62/M66 Simister Island Interchange
Address/Location:	M60, between Junctions 17 and 18 and the Junction 18 interchange between the M60, M62 and M66 motorways located east of Simister (9km north of Manchester).
Planning Inspectorate Ref:	TR010064

TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING

Document(s) used for transboundary screening:	M60/M62/M66 Simister Island Interchange, Environmental Scoping Report ('the Scoping Report') (dated 29 June 2021)
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The Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS has considered the Proposed Development which comprises of improvements to the M60 Junction 18 interchange (also known as Simister Island) and widening of the M60 between Junction 17 and Junction 18, and is the subject of this transboundary screening decision. The Inspectorate has taken into account information contained in the Applicant's Scoping Report 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:	02 September 2021
Note:	The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

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/>