



Meeting note

Project name	M60/M62/M66 Simister Island
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Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	03 February 2023
Meeting with	National Highways
Venue	MS Teams
Meeting objectives	Project Update Meeting
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.

Project Update

The M60 junction 18 Simister Island junction is used by around 90,000 vehicles each day, and the Applicants confirmed the Northern Loop was picked to be the preferred route. The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that the scheme will include the following:

- New loop structure linking the M66 and M60;
- Realigned slip road;
- Widening of the M66 Southbound;
- New free flow link from M60 Northbound; and
- Realigned rights of way.

The Applicant showed the Inspectorate a video of the scheme, including the location of key changes.

Scheme Timeline

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that they are currently in Stage 3 Preliminary Design. Additionally, the Applicant informed the Inspectorate that they are about to commence the Statutory Consultation. The Applicant advised that they are aiming to submit the DCO application in December 2023.



Statutory Consultation

The Statutory Consultation will last for six weeks, from Wednesday 15 February to Tuesday 28 March 2023. The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that the consultation will include the following:

- Three telephone consultation events;
- Two webinars;
- Three public information events; and
- Six deposit locations where brochures and response forms can be collected, three locations will have additional documents including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report and non-technical summary.

The Applicant confirmed that the PEIR and the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) on the project website. In addition, the s46 notice is to be sent to the Inspectorate on 13 February. The consultation documents will be listed on the notice, and it will be provided via a link to a Microsoft Teams location, and a link will be provided in an accompanying email.

Questions / AOB

The Applicant confirmed they will get back to the Inspectorate on the status of the draft documents in the next meeting. Additionally, the places for everyone's examination are live.

The Applicant and the Inspectorate confirmed that the next meeting should take place in April 2023.