



## Meeting note

<b>Project name</b>	<b>A46 Newark Bypass</b>
<b>File reference</b>	<b>TR010065</b>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>Author</b>	<b>The Planning Inspectorate</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>18 March 2024</b>
<b>Meeting with</b>	<b>National Highways</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Microsoft Teams</b>
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	<b>Project Update</b>
<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.

### Stakeholder engagement

The Applicant explained that they currently have nine Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) which include two local authorities, the River and Canal Trust, Network Rail and the Environment Agency (EA). The Applicant stated that the SoCGs are being finalised. The Applicant is continuing to engage with Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council.

The Applicant explained that it has held land agreement negotiations with various landowners. It had sent out 93 letters to landowners and had received 44 responses that are willing to engage. Head of terms are being developed and options are being agreed with various landowners.

### Development Consent Order (DCO) application

The Applicant stated that the DCO application is complete and ready for submission. It confirmed that the GIS shapefile had been submitted to the Inspectorate and confirmed the file sharing method for the application. The Applicant will confirm the date for submission of the application.

The Inspectorate queried whether the flood modelling had been agreed by the EA since the last project update meeting. The Applicant stated that the EA had confirmed the model is fit for purpose.

The Inspectorate advised that PDF application documents should be searchable and it would be helpful if the Applicant flag areas in the application documents that refer to confidential species. The Applicant confirmed that the PDF documents are searchable. It explained that the introduction to the application lists areas of the application that refer to confidential species.

## **Specific decisions**

The following actions were agreed:

- The Applicant to confirm the submission date.