



Meeting note

Project name	Heathrow Western Hub
Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	25 April 2019
Meeting with	Arora Group
Venue	Temple Quay House
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate Arora Group
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.

The Applicant highlighted that there has been a change to the project name – Heathrow West. This change was to avoid any confusion with other schemes associated with airport expansion. The Applicant also highlighted that the Applicant details would change because a Special Purpose Vehicle had been set up to deliver the project. The Applicant would provide the Inspectorate with confirmation of any changes required to the information on the National Infrastructure website.

The Applicant confirmed that non-statutory consultation was due to commence 30 April 2019 and intended to run for 8 weeks. It was noted that this could result in an overlap with statutory consultation proposed to be run by Heathrow Airport Limited (HAL) later in the year. The Applicant was aware of this and had sought to minimise any overlap as far as was in their control but was keen to commence early stage consultation on their proposals.

The Applicant provided an overview of the contents and approach of the consultation materials, noting that this was early and non-statutory consultation and thus the level of detail in the consultation material would reflect that. The Inspectorate queried whether the Applicant was confident that the material would provide sufficient detail to elicit valuable and informed feedback relevant to this stage in the design evolution of the scheme. The Applicant considered the approach to be appropriate and contain a suitable level of detail.

The Applicant acknowledged that the relationship between Heathrow West and HAL's proposals for airport expansion were fundamental to understanding the proposal – both in respect of the difference in the proposals and in the critical dependencies. The Applicant confirmed that the consultation material would cover these points.



The Applicant explained the consultation methods including a leaflet drop and exhibitions in the local areas.

The Applicant provided a brief overview of the anticipated project programme noting the next stages related to reviewing the feedback from the non-statutory consultation exercise, preparing a Statement of Community Consultation, undertaking statutory consultation leading up to formal submission of an application for development consent in 2020.

The Applicant noted receipt of the Scoping Opinion and reflected that the approach in the Scoping Report was necessarily high level at this stage in the evolution of the proposals. The approach to Cumulative Impact Assessment was discussed and the complexity of the assessment of the Heathrow West proposals cumulatively with the other components of the wider Expansion of Heathrow 3rd Runway proposals was noted. The Applicant considered that similar approaches that had been taken across the industry could create the building blocks of the approach needed for this specific case, and this provided experience and comfort in progressing that approach. The Inspectorate stated that it was important that the two assessments were conducted in a similar way to enable a transparent comparison the effect of the two schemes during examination.

Further to the Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion, the Applicant explained that it may be seeking to rely on elements of assessment prepared by HAL. The Inspectorate noted that any applicant seeking to rely on information prepared by another source should satisfy itself that it properly supports their application and may need to seek independent validation of that source information if considered necessary.

The Inspectorate asked how the Applicant intended to approach mitigation, particularly the complexity of apportioning mitigation requirements set out in the Airports National Policy Statement. The Applicant stated that this was the subject of ongoing discussion and had not yet been decided.

The Applicant provided a brief overview in respect of stakeholder engagement across a range of groups, bodies and organisations.

The discussion noted the process in respect of any application for access to survey land under s53 of PA2008.