Meeting note

Project name Heathrow Western Hub, Heathrow Airport

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Venue Planning Inspectorate Offices

Meeting Project update meeting

objectives

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Summary of key points discussed, and advice given:

The Applicant's environmental team outlined the proposed format and scale of the Heathrow Western Hub scoping submission. The Applicant highlighted features such as the description of the proposed Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project; the interaction of the project with Heathrow Airport Ltd's (HAL) proposed application for the Expansion of Heathrow Airport (Third Runway); and potential development scenarios.

There was discussion regarding the structure of the Scoping Report. The Inspectorate noted that it was essential that the Scoping Report clearly explain the interrelationship between this application and that to be submitted by HAL, in as much detail as possible at the time of writing, to avoid confusion for consultation bodies that had previously been consulted on the HAL proposals. The Inspectorate noted that a clear description of development and an outline of the approach to the Rochdale Envelope would be key to achieving this. The red line boundary to be provided in the Scoping Report was also discussed. The Inspectorate noted that it had been widely drawn and emphasised that this made it difficult to understand the scope and extent of the project. The Applicant stated that the red line boundary would reduce as the design of the project progressed and the detail of the HAL proposal was published. The Inspectorate further highlighted that there was limited discussion of rail related infrastructure within the description of development.