## PC Infrastructure Planning Commission

## **Meeting Note**

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	TR040002 Ipswich Chord
Status	FINAL
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Meeting with	Network Rail (NR), Bircham Dyson Bell (BDB) and Winckworth Sherwood (WS)
Meeting date	19 April 2011
Attendees (IPC)	Tim Hallam, Nicola Mathiason, Kay Fry and Kathryn Powell
Attendees (non IPC)	Jenny Camp (NR) Ian McCulloch (BDB) and Paul Irving (WS)
Location	IPC Office, Temple Quay House, Meeting Room 2

Meeting purpose	То	discu	ss the c	draft Develop	ment C	onsen	t Orders	(DCOs)
	for	the	North	Doncaster	Chord	and	<b>Ipswich</b>	Chord
	Pro	posa	ls.					

Summary of	The following items were discussed:	
outcomes	Key similarities and differences in the proposed schemes (NR).	
	Provisions in the draft DCOs including draft requirements and compulsory acquisition issues.	

Record of any advice given	The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the draft DCOs. The IPCs approach in these meetings is to advise on potential issues that may be relevant, for the applicant's consideration.
	IPC advised on its openness policy and that any advice given will be recorded and placed on the website under section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act) and also to note that any advice given under section 51 of the Act does not constitute legal advice upon which applicants and others can rely.
	The detailed comments provided by the IPC are set out in the IPC's letters dated 04 May 2011 which also contain further advice under section 51 of the Planning Act 2008

regarding the remainder of the submitted draft documents.

IPC emphasised the frontloaded process under the Act and that consultation on the draft DCO should be undertaken at the pre-application stage with the statutory consultees.

The IPC referred to the wide scope of the works described as associated development in Schedule A of the draft DCO. The description of the project should not be so wide as to lead to issues of whether what consent is being sought for is, or is capable of being in the future, materially different from:

- 1. What was consulted upon at the pre-application stage.
- 2. The description of development in the ES/draft DCO.
- 3. What has been assessed in the EIA.

A query was raised as to who is the appropriate authority to discharge requirements. The Act has not prescribed which authority will take the responsibility for this part of the process. The CLG Guidance for Local Authorities suggests that local planning authorities will be responsible for subsequent approvals. The procedures may also change in the future under the Localism Bill.

Specific	
decisions/follow up	)
required?	

IPC to provide comments on the draft DCO and other documents – completed and contained in the letters referred to above.

Circulation List	Attendees as above