

MetroWest Phase 1 TR040011 Summary: ISH 11&12 January 2021

To summarise the 4th January submission there are three main concerns:

1. The impact on the Ham Green Lake SNCI and the many different species of wildlife it supports of the MetroWest Pill Tunnel construction compound and access track, including whether there is underreporting of wildlife species in the Habitats Regulation Assessment and whether environmental protection mitigations can satisfactorily address those concerns.
2. Planning policy constraints including whether, in order to meet the strict tests of the NPPF and the IROPI, mitigations should be proposed to:
 - a) limit the use of the Pill Tunnel compound to rail safety emergency access only and not the storage of rail maintenance materials;
 - b) refuse construction compound shared track access to a proposed housing development in the Pill and District Neighbourhood Plan on environmental and safety grounds;
 - c) substitute Grasscrete for tarmac in the construction of the access track commensurate with limitations and restrictions placed on the future intended use of the Pill Tunnel compound.
3. The adequacy of the proposed measures to mitigate noise, dust and light pollution, and traffic nuisance resulting from HGV and construction workers' vehicle movements, during the construction phase and subsequently, on:
 - a) Ham Green Lake SNCI and its Green Belt environment;
 - b) Ham Green mini roundabout junction with Macrae Road, Macrae Road itself and Chapel Pill Lane, including compelling issues of road safety and residents' right to the enjoyment of their properties and green open space recreational surroundings.

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