

Meeting note

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Meeting with Four Ashes Ltd representatives

Venue Teleconference

Attendees

Morag Thompson - Eversheds

Sue Wilcox - Quod

The Planning Inspectorate:

Tom Carpen – Infrastructure Planning Lead

Emre Williams – Case Manager Louise Evans – Case Officer

Meeting For the developer to provide PINS with an update on the project

objectives programme

Circulation All

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

Programme Update

The applicant advised that its programme is dependent on the outcome of Highways England modelling work, which will provide critical information for the project. The planned consultation for spring is now planned for June / July 2017, at which point all the information should be available.

The applicant is working closely with Highways England and Staffordshire County Council as the highways authority.

The applicant would like to share draft documents with the Inspectorate at the same time as consultation, and the parties agreed to a review of draft documents.

Submission is currently planned for Q4 2017.

Engagement with consultees

The applicant is continuing to discuss the project with the relevant local authorities, including Staffordshire County Council and Wolverhampton County Council, in particular on the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and its Alternative Site Assessment in relation to Green Belt. The Inspectorate has previously

commented on the draft SoCC offered to provide comments on the revised draft SoCC.

The applicant is in discussion with the Environment Agency regarding a statement of common ground for environmental permitting as a variation may be required. The parties agreed to discuss the extent of the variation at a future meeting.

The applicant advised that it is discussing the project with local residents and is conscious of objections to the scheme, and as part of on-going design work, is considering the comments raised.

Specific decisions / follow up required?

The Inspectorate agreed to update its website to show a submission date of Q4.