

West Midlands Interchange: Comments on draft documents, March 2018

These queries relate solely to matters raised by the draft documents, and not the merits of the proposal. They are limited by the time available for consideration, and raised without prejudice to the acceptance or otherwise of the eventual application. They are provided to assist the preparation of the next iteration.

Draft Consultation Report (CR)

Q No.	Section	Extract from Document	Question/Comment
1	Table 5	<i>The table</i>	This is well structured and set out. P51 'undertaken' should read 'undertake'. P56 'prosed' should read 'proposed'. P59 should "effected" read "affected"? P60 'fulfil' should read 'fulfils' and final 'was' should read 'were'.
2	Section 6.3	<i>The Section, and particularly figures 3 to 6</i>	This is a very solid explanation of how S42 consultees were identified.
3	Paragraph 6.3.13	<i>"during the Stage 2 consultation, Stoke-on-Trent City Council was omitted..."</i>	It is not clear whether Stoke-on-Trent Council have been consulted on the whole scheme subsequently to this; though mention is made of a meeting, and consultation with all S43 local authorities in round 2a. (13.4.2) If Stoke-on-Trent have been given a 28 day period to respond to the consultation material, this should be set out, along with any response and the regard had to any response.
4	Chapter 8	<i>The chapter</i>	This is a very solid explanation of how S47 duties were discharged.
5	Paragraph 10.2.4	<i>"the regional network_resilience partnership"</i>	Is the underscore intentional?
6	Table 11	<i>The table</i>	P110, should 'BVML' read 'BMVL'? P112 'are' should read 'is'. P119 "See also 3 above" is unclear.
7	Table 12	<i>The table</i>	P153 'would not would not' is repeated. P158 'undertaken' should read 'undertake' P177 Should 'entrench' read 'encroach'? P178 Should 'NPPS' read 'NPS' or 'NPPF'?

8	P177 and P239	<i>"the effect on the value of private individual properties is not required by the Planning Inspectorate to be a factor in the decision making process"</i>	Consider rewording. Whether or not house prices are important and relevant is a different question to whether or not they are material considerations in a TCPA context, and is a matter for the appointed ExA.
9	Table 14	<i>The table</i>	P205 'would not would not' is repeated. P219 'highly grade' should read 'highly graded'. P232 Should 'might' read 'might not'? P289 'National Planning Statement' should read 'National Policy Statement'.
10	Appendix C Spreadsheet 3 and paragraph 6.3.18	<i>"The Book of Reference ... sets out the persons/bodies which fall within the categories defined in section 44"</i>	To the extent that this spreadsheet duplicates the Book of Reference, it is not necessary. In any event, it will be redacted before publication.
11	Appendix C	<i>Second spreadsheet "Stoke-on-Trent City Council"</i>	This is inconsistent with Paragraph 6.3.13. It is important that the consultation report correctly reports consultation that has been undertaken.
12	Appendix C	<i>First spreadsheet</i>	We have identified LNG Portable Pipeline Services Limited as a potential consultee on a precautionary basis; they do not appear here.