



Overview - Transboundary screening undertaken by the Secretary of State	
Project name:	Northampton Gateway Strategic Rail Freight Interchange
Address/Location:	Eastern and Western side of the M1 Junction 15, Northamptonshire
Planning Inspectorate Ref:	TR050006
Date(s) screening undertaken:	First Screening 25/05/17 following the Applicant's request for a Scoping Opinion.
EEA States identified for notification:	First Screening: None identified

FIRST TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING UNDERTAKEN BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE	
Document(s) used for transboundary Screening:	Environmental Statement Scoping Report 'Northampton Gateway' Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SFRI) (October 2016) ('the Scoping Report')
Date	25/05/17
Screening Criteria:	Secretary of State Comments:
Characteristics of the Development	<p>The proposed Northampton Gateway SRFI would comprise the development and use of the site for an intermodal freight terminal including container storage and HGV parking, landscaping, a bypass around the village of Roade and other works.</p> <p>The Scoping Report states that the description of the Proposed Development is likely to entail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 468,000 sq m of warehousing and ancillary buildings and up to 155,000 sq m of additional floorspace in the form of mezzanine floorspace; • Intermodal freight terminal including container storage and HGV parking with new rail sidings; • New road infrastructure including new access and associated works to the A508; • New bypass around Roade; • Substantial improvements to Junction 15 of the M1 motorway; • Strategic landscaping and tree planting including diverted rights of way; and • Earthworks and demolition of existing structures on site.

Geographical area	The extent of the area of a likely impact under the jurisdiction of another EEA state is not specified within the Scoping Report.
Location of Development (including existing use)	<p>The Proposed Development is mainly located south of Northampton in Northamptonshire to the south west of the M1 motorway and to the east of the A508. The Applicant is also considering a road bypass to be located within the 'Roade bypass corridor' located close to the village of Roade.</p> <p>The Proposed Development site boundary for both the main site and the Roade Bypass corridor is shown on Figure 1: Provisional Order Limits Plan of the Applicant's Scoping Report.</p> <p>Scoping Report Figure 3: Draft Illustrative Masterplan provides an indication of the use and layout of the main site.</p> <p>The Scoping Report does not provide a description of the current land uses or the surrounding area.</p>
Cumulative impacts	<p>Chapter 5 of the Scoping Report sets out the Applicant's proposed approach to Cumulative Impact Assessment.</p> <p>The chapter identifies the zone of influence (ZOI) to be used for cumulative impact assessment and potential developments that may be included in the assessment. At this stage these include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northampton South Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) at Collingtree (Granted); • Rail Central SFRI (Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project – Scoping Opinion submitted); and • Highways England's Smart Motorway projects (M1). <p>The assessment will also specifically cover cumulative impacts on the Upper Nene Valley Special Protection Area (SPA).</p>
Carrier	Potential impact pathways include the transport of pollutants from the site by air, water and land and effects on migratory bird species.
Environmental Importance	<p>The Scoping Report identified the Upper Nene Valley SPA which is a designated European site and located 5.5 km from the Proposed Development. The Scoping Report does not refer to any European Site in any other EEA state as being potentially affected by the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The Scoping Report identifies a potential Local Wildlife Site within the boundary of the development. There are two Scheduled Monuments, a Grade II registered park and garden and five conservation areas (containing Grade II and II* listed buildings) in the vicinity of the site. The Grade II Road Aqueduct is located within the proposed development site.</p>
Extent	No impacts identified which would be likely to have significant effects on the environment in another EEA State.

Magnitude	No impacts identified which would be likely to have significant effects on the environment in another EEA State.
Probability	No impacts identified which would be likely to have significant effects on the environment in another EEA State.
Duration	No impacts identified which would be likely to have significant effects on the environment in another EEA State.
Frequency	No impacts identified which would be likely to have significant effects on the environment in another EEA State.
Reversibility	No impacts identified which would be likely to have significant effects on the environment in another EEA State.

Transboundary screening undertaken by the Secretary of State

Under Regulation 24 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (the EIA Regulations) and on the basis of the current information available from the applicant, the Secretary of State is of the view that the proposed development **is not likely** to have a significant effect on the environment in another EEA State.

In reaching this view the Secretary of State has applied the precautionary approach (as explained in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 12: Transboundary Impacts Consultation); and taken into account the information currently supplied by the applicant.

Action:

No further action required at this stage.

Date: 25 May 2017

Note: The Secretary of State's duty under Regulation 24 of the EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

SECOND TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING

Document(s) used for transboundary Screening:	Environmental Statement (May 2018) (APP-077 to APP-303) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (August 2018) (AS-012)
Date screening undertaken:	Re-screened on 8 October 2018 on receipt of application documents

Transboundary re-screening undertaken by the Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS

Following submission of the DCO application which included the Environmental Statement and the Applicant's HRA report, the Inspectorate has reconsidered the transboundary screening decision made on 25 May 2017.

The Inspectorate considers that no new matters, outside of those identified in the previous transboundary screening decision, have been identified and therefore the Inspectorate has reached the same conclusion as in the previous screening decision dated 25 May 2017.

Under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations and on the basis of the current information available from the Applicant and others, there is no change to the previous

conclusion, and the Inspectorate remains of the view that the Proposed Development **is not likely** to have a significant effect on the environment in another EEA State.

In reaching this view the Inspectorate has applied the precautionary approach (as explained in its Advice Note twelve: Transboundary Impacts); and taken into account the information currently supplied by the Applicant.

Action:

No further action required at this stage

Date: 8 October 2018

Note: The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.