

## Meeting note

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**Author** Susannah Guest **Date** 9 December 2016

**Meeting with** Roxhill representatives

**Venue** Teleconference

**Attendees** Morag Thomson - Eversheds

Laura-Beth Hutton - Eversheds Ben Holmes - Oxalis Planning

Susannah Guest - The Planning Inspectorate

**Meeting** Northampton Gateway Strategic Rail Fright Interchange Project

**objectives** Update Meeting **Circulation** All attendees

## Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

The developer was reminded of the Planning Inspectorate's openness policy that any advice given will be recorded and published on the National Infrastructure website under s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) (PA 2008) and that any advice given does not constitute legal advice upon which developers (or others) can rely.

The developer provided an overview of their approach to the upcoming consultation activity due to commence on Monday 12 December. The developer explained the exhibition events that had been arranged as well as providing an overview of material that would be available, particularly in terms of the environmental report. The developer explained the approach taken to the presentation of option corridors for the proposed highway elements in Roade.

The closing date of the current non-statutory consultation was noted as 16 January 2017. The developer confirmed that they hoped to commence statutory consultation later in 2017 and the Planning Inspectorate noted that they can provide observations on draft Statements of Community Consultation if were considered helpful.

The developer explained the progress made to date on the relevant transport modelling and the role of the Transport Working Group.

The Planning Inspectorate drew attention to correspondence it had received as part of the Scoping process that had not come from statutory parties and noted the advice that the Inspectorate had provided accordingly (logged as s51 advice on the National Infrastructure website).

The Planning Inspectorate also drew attention to s51 advice recently issued in response to queries received in respect of how the Inspectorate might handle two applications in close proximity, being Rail Central and Northampton Gateway. See link to that advice:

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