



Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) for the purposes of Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations)

Project name: Oxfordshire Strategic Rail Freight Interchange

Address/Location: Land west of the B430, Ardley, Oxfordshire

Planning Inspectorate Ref: TR050008

TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING

Document(s) used for transboundary screening: Environmental Statement Scoping Report, Proposed Oxfordshire Strategic Rail Freight Interchange ('the Scoping Report')

The Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS has considered the Proposed Development comprising provision of a new rail terminal, sidings and storage facilities on the Chiltern railway line in Oxfordshire. The proposed development also includes a relief road around the village of Middleton Stoney and several road junction improvements.

The Inspectorate concludes that the Proposed Development **is unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State**. In reaching this conclusion the Inspectorate has identified and considered the Proposed Development's likely impacts including consideration of potential pathways and the extent, magnitude, probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impacts.

The Inspectorate considers that the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development is so low that it does not warrant the issue of a detailed transboundary screening. However, this position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

Action: No further action required at this stage.

Date: 15 September 2021

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

Note:

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in the Annex to its Advice Note Twelve, available on our website at <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>