

Planning Inspectorate Feedback on the South East Anglia Link project Programme Document

Overall, the Programme Document provided includes realistic timescales and detailed information on some Pre-Application activities (e.g. engagement with stakeholders, Risk Tracker etc). Some information is still outstanding, please see feedback given below:

- The Programme Document has not been published on the Applicant's website; please can you confirm when this will be published?
- No reference in Programme Document to this document being shared with local authorities/statutory consultees/others.
Which stakeholders will the Applicant share the Programme Document with and when? What are the points of contention with the relevant stakeholder/s? How does the Applicant propose to mitigate/ resolve?
- Dates for obtaining other consents or permissions, other relevant statutory consultees draft documents review, Evidence plan meetings, and Project Update Meetings have not been provided; please confirm when will they be included in the Programme Document
- An Issues Tracker was included in the Programme Document – please confirm if this has been shared with local authorities/statutory consultees, and if they agree with the status of the issues raised.
- The Programme Document establishes timescale for the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (Q4 2024) but does not state how the Applicant will seek input from the local authorities, please can this information be provided.
- The Programme Document states that PPAs have been entered into with all county and district planning authorities (para 7.1.4 p.9). For completeness, please confirm if PPAs with any of the authorities listed have not been agreed:

Thanet District Council
Dover District Council
East Suffolk Council
Ipswich Borough Council
Folkestone and Hythe District Council
Canterbury City Council
Great Yarmouth Borough Council
South Norfolk District
Babergh District Council
Mid Suffolk District Council
The Broads National Park Authority
Suffolk County Council
Kent County Council
Thurrock County Council
London Borough of Bromley

London Borough of Bexley
Medway Council
Cambridgeshire County Council
Surrey County Council
Norfolk County Council
Essex County Council
East Sussex County Council

- The following components were not included in the Programme Document; please confirm if these will be included and provide the relevant information requested –
 - A draft programme for the preparation of an 'Information to Inform Habitats Regulations Assessment Report (HRA)
 - Information about the draft DCO (including all schedules) and the Explanatory Memorandum, including information on how these will be developed and who will be engaged in the development.
 - Details about the preparation of the following application documents including how will these be developed and who will be engaged in the development (where relevant):
 - Book of Reference (BoR)
 - Statement of Reasons (SoR)
 - Funding statement
 - Works, Land, Public Rights of Way (PRoW) and other Plans
 - Any relevant document specified under Regulation 6 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009
 - Details pertaining to non DCO consents / permits / licences / permissions required (if any) and timescales for obtaining them.
 - PADSS
 - Evidence Planning
 - Policy Compliance Document
 - Design Approach Document
 - Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession Evidence
 - Public Sector Equality Duty supporting evidence.