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We have now been through the documentation and I can confirm that National Highways is unlikely to have any further to say on this NSIP application.

Key points from our review:

- The site is some distance from the Strategic Road Network (SRN), located adjacent to the West Coast mainline railway west of Sandbach. The nearest point on the SRN is M6 Junction 17 which is several kilometres from the site boundary.
- There is no proposed chapter on Transport in the scoping report – rather a standalone Transport Assessment and Travel Plan will be produced. It is noted that the Local Highway Authority will be consulted on the scope of the TA. It would be sensible to include National Highways in this scoping, just in case there are potential vehicle movements from further afield that have not yet been considered.
- Whilst there is no quantification of the likely traffic impact at this stage, there may be some ALL movements to bring in drilling rigs or materials for the internal pipeline network and other infrastructure. However, it does not appear as if there would be significant material to be transported, as the caverns will be created by solution mining.

As stated above, it would be useful to include National Highways on the TA scoping and Travel Plan. It is expected from this initial review that no further action would be needed from us, but we would need to see the Transport Assessment before a conclusive view was reached.

Kind regards

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