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**To:** [Peak Cluster](#)  
**Subject:** National Highways Response: Update on Peak Cluster | our phase 1 consultation and how to get involved

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Good morning

Thank you for consulting National Highways regarding the Peak Cluster consultation.

I have dialled in to two of the online sessions so far and found them extremely useful. The number of questions received from the public was encouraging and the answers provided were insightful.

From National Highways perspective, our interest relates solely to the Strategic Road Network (SRN), both regarding the multiple motorway crossings and the likely generation of traffic during the construction period. To assist in that regard, National Highways has reviewed the EIA Scoping report and offers the following feedback.

### **Feedback on the EIA Scoping Report**

We note that whilst the four production sites are located remotely from the SRN, the proposed pipeline involves direct crossing of the SRN at several locations in the Central and West sections, including:

- Two route options to cross the M6 close to Junction 18 (either to north or south of junction) and an Above Ground Installation (AGI1) immediately north of the junction.
- Crossing of M53 south of Junction 11 (Junction 15 of M56).
- Two route options to cross the M56 west of Junction 15 and AGI2 immediately to the south-west of Junction 15.
- Crossing of A550 immediately to the north of the junction with Parkgate Road.

We would recommend early meetings to discuss the proposed route options and to highlight any known constraints.

The proposed assessment methodology in the EIA Scoping follows a standard approach based on ISEP Guidelines, and it is noted that you also propose to produce a stand-alone Transport Assessment. Reference is made to Circular 01/2022 and the need for ongoing engagement with stakeholders including National Highways, which is welcomed.

The proposed high-level methodology appears sound, however the report is light on detail. It is therefore recommended that you engage collaboratively with National Highways through the development of the PEIR, Transport Assessment, Construction Traffic Management Plan and other relevant documents, in order to agree key parameters, including:

- Study Area
- Sensitive SRN links and junctions
- Baseline traffic data
- Future baseline traffic data

- Cumulative assessment
- HGV and AIL Routing
- Trip generation, mode, distribution and assignment – staff and HGVs
- Methodology to assess impacts at key SRN junctions
- Road Safety Incident Review

National Highways is also additionally aware of multiple major developments and NSIPs which are expected to come forward in the next 5 years. The construction of these is expected to result in a significant cumulative impact particularly around the M56 and M53, a part of the network which is already highly congested at peak periods and sensitive to additional traffic. There are also several extant applications for development along the A550 corridor, with associated conditions relating to highway mitigation.

Through discussions with other DCO applicants, National Highways is seeking the formation of a Transport Working Group in order to manage and minimise the impacts on the SRN during construction. We would ask that Peak Cluster is part of that working group.

I trust that this has been useful. If you would like to discuss anything mentioned, please do contact me directly at this address or via our planning inbox at [PlanningNW@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:PlanningNW@nationalhighways.co.uk).

Kind regards

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Dear ██████████,

I am writing to inform you Peak Cluster and our phase 1 consultation. The project is helping to secure the future of 40% of Britain's cement and lime production industry, anchored in Derbyshire and Staffordshire.

## **About the project**

Cement is a key ingredient in concrete – the most widely used human-made material on Earth. Lime is often unseen, but it supports modern life in a range of ways, from the homes we live in, to the water we drink. Ensuring the UK can continue to produce these essential materials in a low-carbon future is vital for our resilience and economy. However, significant amounts of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) are released as an unavoidable by-product of the manufacturing process.

Four major cement and lime producers have come together to form Peak Cluster, the world's largest cement decarbonisation project. Peak Cluster will use well-established technology, known as carbon capture and storage, to capture the CO<sub>2</sub> as it is released during the manufacturing process. This will then be transported via a new underground pipeline to be stored permanently under the East Irish seabed.

The project will help to secure a sustainable source of British-made cement and lime, protect and create jobs, and bring significant investment to the region.

We are now ready to consult with stakeholders and communities on our plans through our phase 1 consultation. This is an important opportunity for people living and working across the breadth of the project area to help us shape our proposals as they develop.

## **How to get involved**

We are pleased to let you know that, following initial studies and design development, phase 1 of our consultation process launches today (12th January 2026), and in the coming weeks you will have the opportunity to find out more about the project, discuss your questions with the project team and provide feedback on our plans.

The consultation will run from **12th January 2026 until 11:59pm on 27th February 2026** and will include a range of in-person events and webinars, and an online consultation hub.

We will hold public webinars throughout the consultation period. These webinars will be tailored to different geographical project areas. You can sign up using the links provided.

- Wirral focus | 27th Jan, 1pm – 2:30pm [Register here](#)
- Cheshire focus | 31st Jan, 1pm – 2:30pm [Register here](#)
- Derbyshire and Staffordshire focus | 4th Feb, 7pm – 8:30pm [Register here](#)
- Project wide | 11th Feb, 7pm – 8:30pm [Register here](#)

You can also attend our in-person consultation events. A full list of our events can be found on the Peak Cluster consultation hub: [www.peakcluster-consultation.co.uk](http://www.peakcluster-consultation.co.uk) and in the attached project guide.

You will also receive a copy of our Scoping Report from the Project Team soon. Please note that we are gathering feedback on the public consultation and the Scoping Report separately.

We have also attached our updated project newsletter, which now includes information about the consultation. You can also find out more about the project on our website: [www.peakcluster.co.uk](http://www.peakcluster.co.uk), and explore our consultation documents, interactive map and provide your feedback via our consultation hub: [www.peakcluster-consultation.co.uk](http://www.peakcluster-consultation.co.uk).

## Contact us

The Peak Cluster team are available to answer any questions that you may have about the project. We can be contacted in the following ways:

- Email: [consultation@peakcluster.co.uk](mailto:consultation@peakcluster.co.uk)
- Phone: 0800 0129 167 (freephone number)
- Write: FREEPOST PEAK CLUSTER

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We look forward to working with you as we develop this project.

Yours sincerely,

, CEO – Peak Cluster Ltd