



Meeting note

Project name	A1 Birtley to Coalhouse
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Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	15 May 2019
Meeting with	Highways England
Venue	Temple Quay House
Meeting objectives	Project update meeting
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

The Applicant advised that due to subterranean works needed, there had been a slight change to the red line boundary and extra land interests were identified (Category 3 persons who would or might make a relevant claim as defined by Section 57 of the PA2008). A targeted consultation is currently underway, due to close on 3rd of June 2019.

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that the anticipated submission date is likely to be in the last week of June and provided an update regarding the matters raised in the previous meeting.

The Applicant confirmed that identified Special Category Land will be listed in the Statement of Reasons and informed that discussions with relevant parties were on-going.

The Applicant also informed that it was unlikely that Protective Provisions would be agreed with relevant bodies prior to submission but were aware of The Inspectorate advice that protective provisions schedules should not be submitted blank.

Similarly, Statements of Common Ground with environmental bodies will not be ready at submission but providing the application is accepted by the Inspectorate, these will be completed for the first set of deadlines.

The Applicant advised that the DCO application will include two options for the replacement railway bridge, one for a viaduct and one for an embankment bridge with compulsory acquisition provisions mirroring these. The applicant noted that the Environmental Statement will assess both options in each aspect chapter and explain how the likely impacts would vary between the options (also reflecting the subterranean works and change to the red line boundary as set out above).



The Inspectorate noted the Applicant's comments and invited them to share the draft DCO and Works Plans prior to submission if possible.

The applicant confirmed that the Proposed Development was located entirely within Gateshead Council. The Inspectorate reminded the Applicant of the need to reflect this in the red line boundary within the shape file, as it was noted that the red line boundary provided at scoping stage previously "tip toed" onto the area of another authority (Sunderland City Council).

The Inspectorate also informed the Applicant that is now trialling a change to the default position and proposing that DCO applications are submitted in an electronic format only. The Applicant agreed to submit the DCO application electronically.