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Subject: A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool Improvement Scheme: Deadline 4 submission - Fylde Borough Council (reference 20021788)
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to your letter dated 26 June 2019 and the timetable set out in Annex A, please find attached the following deadline 4 submission from Fylde Borough Council (FBC).

- **FBC document 4.1** – Post hearing submissions.

If there are any queries concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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Application by Highways England for a Development Consent Order in relation to the A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool Improvement Scheme (TR010035)

Fylde Borough Council (our reference: 20021788)

12 July 2019

Deadline 4: Post Hearing Submissions (FBC document reference 4.1)

Representatives from Fylde Borough Council (FBC) attended the Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1) on the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) on Wednesday 3rd July.

FBC made oral representations at the ISH indicating that it had met with the Applicant prior to the ISH and, following the discussions at that meeting, had reached a position of broad agreement with the Applicant in respect of the Council's 12 suggested amendments, additions and/or observations to the dDCO set out on pages 40-43 of the draft Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) submitted at deadline 2 (Rev 1.1 dated 7th May 2019, FBC document reference 2.3).

Following the ISH, FBC and the Applicant have drafted an updated SoCG and it is anticipated that a finalised version of this will follow at deadline 5. At present, however, there remain two areas of disagreement between FBC and the Applicant. In summary, these concern:

1. The length of the rectification period for planting introduced as part of the landscaping scheme as specified in Schedule 2, Part 1, Requirement 5 (5) of the dDCO; and
2. The Applicant's proposed "minimum bi-annual" (once every six months) frequency for monitoring of the planting during the rectification period which is contained in the updated Record of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC).

In terms of the first issue, FBC consider that the rectification period should be increased from 5 years to 10 years. The Council's detailed reasons for this are set out in response reference 9.3 of FBC document 2.5 (submitted at deadline 2).

With respect to the second issue, FBC does not consider the "bi-annual" frequency of monitoring visits proposed during the rectification period to be sufficient for a scheme of this scale. In particular, FBC is concerned that there is potential for significant degradation of the planted areas to occur during the six month intervals between visits (especially during the initial establishment period) and that the limited frequency of monitoring visits would prejudice the successful ongoing maintenance and effectiveness of the landscaping scheme. Accordingly, FBC considers that the REAC (referred to in Schedule 2, Part 1, Requirement 5 (2) of the dDCO) should be updated to provide for "minimum quarterly" (at least once every three months) visits to monitor the effectiveness of the mitigation planting and establish the need for further maintenance and/or replanting.

For the reasons given above, FBC maintain that revisions are needed to Requirement 5 of the dDCO – and associated updated commitments within the REAC – to secure appropriate measures for the ongoing maintenance of any landscaping scheme in order to ensure that this will provide proportionate mitigation for the proposed development's significant effects on the surrounding landscape.