## Meeting note

**Project name** M3 Junction 9 Improvement Scheme

Status Final

**Author** The Planning Inspectorate

**Date** 3 April 2019

**Meeting with** Highways England and representatives **Venue** Planning Inspectorate offices, Bristol

**Meeting** Project Update Meeting

objectives

**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 provided an overview of scheme progress and an indication of the current design issues under consideration.

The Applicant noted receipt of the Scoping Opinion in March 2019. The discussion noted that any late responses had been passed on to the Applicant and published on the website. The Applicant queried the use of tables in an Environmental Statement to present information. The Inspectorate noted that this was acceptable and could be a good way to make information accessible.

The discussion noted the content of the Scoping Opinion. In respect of Materials and Waste assessment, the Applicant noted the intention of following guidance in Highways England MPI/57 (Rev 1).

The relationship between the preparation of a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and/or Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) and a requirement in the Development Consent Order was discussed in respect of how required mitigation measures could be appropriately secured.

The Applicant explained the approach to some ecology surveys and noted some considerations from the separate proposals for the Smart Motorway Upgrade around this junction, for example solid central barriers.

The Applicant explained the current situation in respect of a potential site for a construction compound and noted that the consultation may contain options, but that the intention was for a confirmed site to be included in a submitted application. Work regarding constructability would inform the optioneering process.

The Applicant indicated its intention to run statutory consultation in summer 2019. The discussion noted the statutory provisions in respect of such consultation, including s48 PA2008 and discussed logistics of sharing that information.