



SUBMISSION AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

1. Introduction

1.1. The following information is submitted in response to the information submitted at Deadline 4 by the Applicant (National Highways) for the A46 Newark Bypass for an Order granting Development Consent. Our comments follow the Council's previous comments, listed below:

- Local Impact Report (REP1-035),
- Written Representations (REP2-051),
- Response to ExQ1 (REP2-050),
- Comments on Deadline 2 submission documents (REP3-046), namely the Historic Environment and Visual Impact Assessment (REP2-020)
- Deadline 4 REP4-045 (Written summaries from the hearings) and REP4-046, 047 and 048 (Responses to further information)
- REP5-067 and response to ExQ2 (REP5-068) and,
- REP6-036 where we didn't have any further comments to make on the information submitted.

1.2. The comments made for Deadline 7 are made by Newark and Sherwood District Council in their statutory role as the Local Planning Authority (LPA) and not as landowner. Newark and Sherwood District Council, in their landowner responsibility will not be making any comments for this deadline and it is understood that discussions on land acquisitions are still ongoing but that a resolution has been made which is explained in our comments to Examiner Questions 3 submitted for this deadline.

2.0 Comments on submission at Deadline 5



- 2.1.** The Council has reviewed the information submitted at Deadline 6 and in our opinion it does not raise any further information that we consider requires substantial explanation. The only matters we wish to comment on set out below.
- 2.2.** Outline Traffic Management Plan (REP6-018). The Council previously raised concerns about the use of Hawton Bridge as a means of diversion for local traffic. This is still a concern for us and can see that the Applicant has taken those concerns on board, in part at paragraph A.1.4.5 of the document. In this they state *“This diversion route is ~~to~~ only permitted for overnight closures and limited to two successive nights. This diversion route is to be reviewed with NCC following the opening of the Southern Link Road to assess if an improved route is available.”* This is welcomed and in our experience of dealing with the Southern Link Road and the part closure of the A46 for the connecting roundabout (currently underway) this area of the network is very sensitive to change, and thus early consultation with the Parish or advanced notice would be appreciated. This is expected as part of the County Council process for road closures (TROs) so is expected to be out of their control as it is on Nottinghamshire’s network.
- 2.3.** Within the Pre-commencement Plan (REP6-014) para 3.6.12, it is assumed, although not stated, that there would be no stockpiling of soils within the floodplain but if this is required (such as the excavating of the FCAs) this would be permitted (if necessary) by the Environment Agency. Para 3.8.34 states that stockpiles within flood zones 2/3 will not exceed 40m in length and with a minimum 25m gap between adjacent stockpiles. It is expected that the Environment Agency have had sight of this information and are accepted of it and as part of the permitting procedure will set timeframes as to when the works can be carried out i.e. out of Newark’s wettest periods of October – Jan/Feb. It has also been stated previously that the FCAs will be the first part of the works to be constructed. In our opinion these should be fully operational before ground levels within the flood zones are raised. Flooding is a particular problem in the area and especially around the Farndon area, which have experienced recent bouts of frequent flooding episodes since October 2023.



- 2.4.** The revised dDCO (REP6-004) with regard to amendments to Requirement 5.2 is now acceptable and the construction hours and activities not taking place between the hours of 07:00 – 07:30 weekdays is now agreed as per the Statement of Common Ground.
- 2.5.** We have no further comments to make at this point on information submitted at Deadline 6.