

APPENDIX A

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon – Relevant Representation by Huntingdonshire District Council

The above project is one of national and local importance that this Council has resolved to support and we remain a committed partner in the development and delivery of the scheme, including as a funding partner for which formal agreement has been entered into with the Secretary of State for Transport.

This Council is a statutory consultee under the terms of S.56 of the Planning Act 2008.

The Council considers that the project remains vital to the delivery of the growth agenda across Huntingdonshire and the Greater Cambridge area, relieving current congestion, reducing journey times and addressing current safety issues.

The Council will submit written representations regarding this project which will acknowledge the close and fruitful working relationship with the Highways Agency (HA) in developing the scheme now submitted.

While a number of matters are the subject of continuing discussions with the HA in order to seek resolution of outstanding matters, the following are the broad themes still under discussion prior to formal Examination and on which we may wish to make representation. However, we are continuing to have fruitful and meaningful discussions with all project partners, which may entirely or proportionately mitigate away current outstanding matters prior to Examination.

- Environment, Landscape and Visual Impact
- Noise, Vibration & Air Quality
- Land Contamination
- Heritage
- Borrow Pits
- Rights of Way relating to community integration
- Local off-line traffic impacts
- Drainage

Importantly, in relation to all the above matters, the question of legacy remains outstanding. At all levels of the project, the meaning of legacy and its outcomes are still under discussion in seeking a range of outcomes that overcome the continued detrimental environmental impact of the existing route alignment while also delivering a scheme that secures wider benefits across the community than simply delivering a new road.

The Council will be submitting a Joint Local Impact report, together with Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council. We are currently negotiating a Statement of Common Ground with the HA.

In relation to the Examination, the Council will make representations to PINS as a response to the DCO process and as previously informed, our formal response will be considered on 18th June, after ongoing Scrutiny processes aimed at reducing any remaining outstanding issues after which we will respond to the Inspectorate.

The Council will wish to attend the 'Preliminary Meeting' and attendance numbers will depend on how the four Councils within the Joint LIR will want to represent their issues . If an 'Issue Specific Hearing' is held, depending on the topic/s, the Council may wish to speak if it relates to the subject headings outlined above.

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On behalf of Huntingdonshire District Council
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