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OXFORDSHIRE

STRATEGIC RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE

Statement of Community Consultation

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC') sets out the proposed multi-stage approach to community consultation for the proposed Oxfordshire Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (OxSRFI) being brought forward by Oxfordshire Railfreight Limited ('the Applicant'). The SoCC is prepared in accordance with (Section 47(1) of the Planning Act 2008 ("the Act"))[1] which requires Applicants for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) to produce a SoCC to describe how they will consult the local communities about the project. The Applicant, in preparing of this SoCC has also taken into account the "Guidance on the pre-application process"[2] produced by the then named Department for Communities and Local Government ("the DCLG Guidance").

1.2 The proposed Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SRFI) is on land south of the Chiltern Railway line, and west of the B430, east of Upper Heyford Former Airfield, and south of the village of Ardley in Cherwell District, Oxfordshire. The Site Location Plan (draft Order Limits) is shown as Appendix One.

1.3 The OxSRFI development consists of a proposed SRFI (including warehousing), highway works and other associated development which meets the definition of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project as defined by the Act – the different elements of the scheme referred to throughout the SoCC are set out in Table 1 below and are shown on the plan contained in Appendix Two. The draft Parameters Plan (see Appendix Three) sets out the parameters proposed for the OxSRFI scheme and will form the basis of the Environmental Impact Assessment. A draft Illustrative Masterplan (see Appendix Four) is also provided to demonstrate how the site could be developed in accordance with those draft parameters, although it should be noted that the final detailed layout of the scheme would be secured through subsequent approvals through the Development Consent Order ("DCO"), if approved.

Table 1 – Glossary of terms describing the site

Development Element	Description
Application Site	the land encompassed within a red line boundary being all the land affected by the proposals to be described as the "Order Limits" in the DCO and shown on the plan in Appendix One as such. This is the maximum extent of the land likely to be affected by the Proposed Development and will be reviewed as the scheme proceeds through consultation and engagement with stakeholders.
Ardley Bypass	a bypass to the east of the village of Ardley including the Principal Access to the Main Site.
Heyford Park Link	the length of new road between the B430 and Heyford Park including the Secondary Access.
Highway Works	The J10 Highway Improvements Works, the Ardley Bypass and Principal Access, the Middleton Stoney Relief Road, Heyford Park Link and Secondary Access.

[1] Available to view at: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/29/contents
[2] March 2015, available to view at: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/418009/150326_Pre-Application_Guidance.pdf

Development Element	Description
J10 Highway Improvements	the highway works to be carried out in connection with the improvement of J10.
Main Site	the area to be occupied principally by the rail terminal and warehousing and incorporating the Heyford Park Link.
Middleton Stoney Relief Road	a relief road around the north east of the village of Middleton Stoney.
Order Limits	This is the maximum extent of the land likely to be affected by the Proposed Development and will be reviewed as the scheme proceeds through consultation and engagement with stakeholders.
Principal Access	the principal access to the Main Site from the Ardley Bypass.
Secondary Access	the secondary access to the Main Site for buses, emergency vehicles and pedestrians/cyclists from the Heyford Park Link.

1.4 As an NSIP the proposals are dealt with via a different process to other major planning proposals. Rather than submitting a planning application to the local authority the Applicant is required to submit an application for a Development Consent Order to the Planning Inspectorate. The application will ultimately be determined by the Secretary of State for Transport following consideration of a report from Examining Inspectors. It is currently anticipated that the OxSRFI development will include three NSIPs together with associated development:

- The SRFI (including warehousing) (section 26 of the Act);
- Motorway construction works to M40 Junction 10 (section 22 of the Act);
- Alteration of a trunk road (A43) (section 22 of the Act).

1.5 Further details about the process are provided below.

1.6 Section 2 of this SoCC sets out the proposed consultation strategy, with reference to consultation and engagement with *"people living in the vicinity of the land"* where the proposed development will be located (section 47 of the Act), as well as other obligations to consult with statutory bodies and consultees (under section 42) and to publicise the proposed application (under section 48).

1.7 The proposed multi-stage approach to section 47 community consultation seeks to ensure that information, and the opportunity to comment, is provided to those most likely to be affected by the proposed development at the appropriate times and by the appropriate means. In keeping with the relevant guidance, the proposed approach to consultation set out in this SoCC seeks to satisfy the requirement to ensure information and opportunity to comment is provided to those most affected, while also being reasonable and proportionate.

The Planning Process

1.8 The rail freight element of the OxSRFI development is an NSIP because it meets the criteria set out in section 26 of the Act, as it will, when constructed:

- Be in England, and have a site area in excess of 60ha;
- Be part of the railway network in England;
- Be capable of handling consignments of goods from more than one consignor and to more than one consignee; and
- Be capable of handling at least 4 goods trains per day;
- Include warehouses to which goods can be delivered from the railway network in England either directly or by means of another form of transport.

1.9 As noted above, the proposed development is anticipated to include two highway NSIPs, these are:

- the **construction** of new motorway, being works to junction 10 of the M40 Motorway. These works meet the thresholds in section 22 of the Act because the Secretary of State[3] will be the highway authority and the area of development exceeds 15ha (the area of the construction works is expected to be 17.9ha); and

- the **alteration** of an all-purpose trunk road, being the A43. These works meet the thresholds in section 22 of the Act because the speed limit is expected to be 50 mph or greater and the area of development exceeds 12.5 ha (the area of the alteration works is expected to be 13.8ha).

1.10 Information about the planning process which applies to the OxSRFI development is available on the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) website: **http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/**

1.11 Following receipt of the application for development consent, PINS will consider whether the application is of a sufficient standard to be accepted. If the application is accepted then there will be the opportunity for parties to register their interest in participating in the "examination" of the proposals. The examination, undertaken by Inspectors, known as the "Examining Authority", is predominantly a written process but often includes some hearings on specific topics. The decision will be made by the Secretary of State following the examination and following recommendations provided by PINS.

1.12 It should be noted that neither Cherwell District Council or Oxfordshire County Council are decision making authorities for the OxSRFI NSIP application. The Applicant's engagement with these authorities is set out in further detail in Section 2 of this SoCC.

1.13 As part of the process for determining applications for development consent for NSIPs, the Government has prepared 'National Policy Statements' on a range of infrastructure development, including various types of Energy infrastructure, Transport, Waste, and Water. In December 2014 the Government published a 'National Policy Statement for National Networks' which includes specific policy guidance on Strategic Rail Freight Interchange developments. The National Policy Statement and more information can be found on the Department for Transport's website and the planning inspectorate's website quoted above.

[3] Reference to Secretary of State currently is the Secretary of State for Transport and includes a strategic highway company such as National Highways.

1.14 These documents or links to them are also available on the OxSRFI project website which is: **https://oxsrfi.co.uk/**

The Proposed Development and Site

1.15 The proposed development currently comprises a number of elements, described in brief below. The scheme is described with reference to the rail freight interchange and distribution warehousing which sit on 'the Main Site', and with reference to the highway improvement works which involve various distinct components highlighted below **in bold** (please also refer to the draft Parameters Plan at Appendix Three and draft Illustrative Masterplan at Appendix Four):

- A rail freight terminal served via new connections to the Chiltern Railway Line (part of the Strategic Rail Freight Network), including container storage;
- Up to 603,850 sq.m. (approx. 6.5 million square feet) of distribution and logistics (use class B8) floorspace, including ancillary office accommodation, plus up to 225,000 sq.m. of additional floorspace in the form of mezzanines;
- Demolition of existing structures, and new earthworks to create development plateau to accommodate distribution buildings and associated yard and parking areas, drainage attenuation features, and extensive perimeter earthworks bunding which will form part of the screening (landscape and visual mitigation) of the proposed development;
- **Improvements to Junction 10 of the M40** involving works on the A43 east of the M40, new slip roads to and from the M40, and including **an Ardley Bypass** to the east of Ardley which will also form a new site access road to the Main Site;
- **A Heyford Park Link Road** which runs from Camp Road south-east of Heyford Park and south of the proposed development to a new junction on the B430;
- **A Middleton Stoney Relief Road** around the north-eastern side of the village connecting from a new junction on the B430 to the existing B4030 which links over the M40 to Bicester;
- The **principal access** to the Main Site will be from the new Ardley bypass and from a new roundabout on the B430 in the north-eastern corner of the Main Site, south of the railway line. This primary access will serve all HGV traffic accessing the site. A **secondary access** into the Main Site for bus, pedestrian and cycles will be via the re-aligned Camp Lane at the southern end of the Main Site.
- Relocated Severn Trent Green Power In-Vessel Composting (IVC) facility within the Main Site;
- Measures to enable and encourage sustainable travel, including improvements and new links to existing Public Rights of Way, and provision of new foot and cycle links to and within the site, as well as connections to enable bus provision to serve the Main Site via the secondary access to the site from the Heyford Park Link Road;
- Retention of the Grade II listed Threshing Barn at Ashgrove Farm as part of a 'hub' of shared and communal facilities for employees and other users of the Main Site;
- Retained key landscape features and new landscaping and planting, including on the proposed earthwork bunds within the Main Site, as part of a comprehensive landscaping and green infrastructure scheme across all elements of the proposed development, including habitat creation to deliver a net gain in biodiversity.

1.16 The Main Site is located to the south of the Chiltern Railway line. The B430 road runs along the Main Site's eastern boundary with the Upper Heyford Former Airbase to the west.

1.17 The closest settlements and communities are Ardley with Fewcott to the north of the railway line, the Heyford Park redevelopment at the former Airbase immediately to the west, and Middleton Stoney to the south of the Main Site. Slightly further afield are Caulcott to the south-west and Upper Heyford close to the west of Heyford Park. The village of Bucknell is located beyond the M40 motorway to the east of the Main Site. The closest communities to the proposed highways works at J10 are Stoke Lyne and Ardley with Fewcott (please see the Site Location Plan at Appendix One).

1.18 As described above, the proposed development includes a new relief road for the village of Middleton Stoney and a new Heyford Park Link road. Preferred routes for the Middleton Stoney Relief Road and for the Heyford Park Link have been identified based on initial environmental work, and will be informed by the ongoing environmental and technical assessments. The results of this ongoing work will form part of the first non-statutory consultation process. Consultee input is also being sought and received through the ongoing work of the Transport Working Group with regard to road improvement and mitigation options being considered by the Applicant, including at Junction 10 of the M40.

Environmental Impact Assessment

1.19 The development is considered to be Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as defined in The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, and accordingly an EIA is required.

1.20 That work, presented in an Environmental Statement ("ES"), will be submitted as part of the application. As progress continues in preparing the ES, a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), in the form of draft chapters of the Environmental Statement, will be available for comment as part of the public consultation process.

1.21 As set out in Section 2 of this SoCC, the PEIR will form part of the consultation processes to aid the ability of consultees to understand the scheme, the emerging mitigation proposed, and its likely environmental effects. As described below (see paragraphs 2.35 – 2.39), different amounts of PEIR will be available at different stages of the application preparation and associated consultation stages.

2.0 CONSULTATION STRATEGY

Introduction

2.1. This section of the SoCC sets out the details of the consultation strategy. It provides a summary of the early activity undertaken to date, as well as setting out the intended strategy for consultation over the application preparation process which includes non-statutory and statutory consultation.

2.2. As is referred to in the Introduction, the Applicant is taking a multi-stage approach to consultation. This is a response to the need to consult sufficiently early to ensure awareness and to enable community input to influence the scheme, and the equally important requirement to consult people with clear and firm proposals on which they can comment.

2.3. Under **section 47** of the Act the Applicant is required to consult with the local community, described as *"people living in the vicinity of the land".* This SoCC details the Applicant's proposed consultation strategy in respect of the proposed development and has been prepared in accordance with Section 47 of the Act and guidance produced by the Department for Communities and Local Government: *Guidance on the Pre-Application Process* (March 2015) (the "DCLG Guidance"). For clarity, the consultation strategy will consider people who both live and work within the local community of the proposed development.

2.4. Separate requirements under **section 42** of the Act, require the Applicant to consult prescribed consultee bodies and organisations, local authorities and persons with an interest in the land. Engagement and consultation with relevant consultees has been underway for some time regarding a range of technical topics and issues for scheme development and assessment purposes., but in addition to this, the Applicant will also consult with all relevant consultees more formally as part of the broader consultation and engagement process.

2.5. In brief, the proposed consultation strategy will see continued consultation and engagement throughout the pre-application period with multiple stages, including the following past and on-going/planned activities:

Past Activity:

- Briefings and discussions with key consultees, including representatives of the Local Authorities (Cherwell District Council, and Oxfordshire County Council), Network Rail, and the Local Enterprise Partnership;
- Sharing of early information about the emerging scheme with Parish Councils (Ardley with Fewcott, Bucknall, Middleton Stoney, Heyford Park, Stoke Lyne, Upper Heyford and the Chair of the Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan Forum), including dissemination of an initial briefing document in June 2021 (see also Engagement to Date section below in paragraphs 2.6 to 2.10);
- Providing information and feedback methods via a specific project website established by the Applicant in early June 2021 (**https://oxsrfi.co.uk/**). The project website also includes contact details for the Applicant, and will include ways to get in touch (by email, phone and free post) during the consultation period and beyond;
- A meeting was held to discuss the emerging scheme with Middleton Stoney Parish Council in September 2021.

On-going/planned Activity:

- Directing local people and consultees to the PINS project web-page – found at: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/oxfordshire-strategic-rail-freight-interchange/ for full details of the ES Scoping Report and other PINS or government guidance about the NSIP process.
- Providing information and feedback methods via a specific project website established by the Applicant in early June 2021 (**https://oxsrfi.co.uk/**). The project website also includes contact details for the Applicant, and will include ways to get in touch (by email, phone and free post) during the consultation period and beyond;
- Briefings and discussions with key consultees, including representatives of the Local Authorities (Cherwell District Council, and Oxfordshire County Council) representatives from Network Rail, the Local Enterprise Partnership, and consultation with others including West Northamptonshire Council, (which forms part of the obligations and requirements under sections 42 and 43 of the Planning Act);
- Maintaining and expanding the content and information shared via the project website to provide details about the proposals, including emerging masterplans and other draft application material as and when available as the project evolves. This will include clear details about when and how to comment on the proposals;
- An extensive, but **non-statutory, consultation which is currently planned to commence on Monday 9th May 2022** (referred to as "the Stage 1 Consultation");
- Holding a **statutory public consultation stage, currently planned to commence in Winter 2022/23** (referred to as "the Stage 2 Consultation"). The Stage 2 consultation dates are not yet confirmed. These will be confirmed and publicised in line with paragraph 2.42 below;
- Each **consultation stages would last for 8 weeks** and, subject to Covid-19 government guidance in place at the time, they will be structured around public exhibitions of project material at 'in person' events (see paragraph 2.23 below) as well as online events (see paragraph 2.36 below).

Engagement to Date

2.6. Following the decision to bring forward an SRFI on this site, initial informal dialogue and engagement was first undertaken in 2019 with various bodies. This first focused on briefings provided to officers and members of Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council, and the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OXLEP) with informal briefings held in 2020 and 2021.

2.7. A project Transport Working Group was established in 2020 which involves representatives from the County and District Councils as well as National Highways. A wide range of technical highways matters have, and will continue to be, discussed throughout the development of the scheme within this group, including key technical methodology, data and assumptions to underpin the Transport Assessment which will form part of the final application.

2.8. Initial contact was also made in early 2021 with the local MP for North Oxfordshire, and following that, with individual Parish Councils. A briefing document was prepared and used to inform discussions with local Ward Councillors and Parish Councils. This was shared with nearby Parish Councils in June 2021 to provide an overview of the emerging proposals, and followed a letter and site location plan sent to them in May 2021 to give notice of the then imminent ES Scoping process. The briefing document was also sent to the Chair of the Mid-Cherwell

Neighbourhood Plan Forum which represents 11 Parish Councils[4] including a number within the core consultation area for the Proposed Development. The Parish Councils contacted directly by the Applicant in May and June 2021 in writing and with the Briefing Document to inform them of the emerging proposals are:

- Ardley with Fewcott
- Bucknell
- Middleton Stoney
- Heyford Park
- Stoke Lyne
- Upper Heyford

2.9. The project website was created and launched in June 2021 with initial project information including that relating to the ES Scoping process. The website provides a way for comments and questions to be submitted by local residents. Its content will be expanded as work to prepare the application progresses and as more information is available, including regarding public consultation and engagement and so the project website forms part of the consultation strategy.

2.10. A Scoping Opinion request for the proposed SRFI was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in June 2021. As part of the process, several consultees provided comments to the Planning Inspectorate before the Scoping Opinion was given in July 2021. These consultees included the District and County Councils, two local Parish Councils, statutory consultees such as the Environment Agency and Historic England, and non-statutory interested parties such as the Royal Mail. A full list of consultees is provided in Appendix Five.

Consultation Strategy for both Stages 1 and 2

2.11. The Consultation Strategy for both the Stage 1 and Stage 2 consultations is purposely the same with the majority of elements also the same. Where there are differences between the Stage 1 and Stage 2 consultations these are explained under relevant headings in the detail set out below.

2.12. The proposed strategy will present the draft proposals in the context of national strategic policies as well as key local and site-specific issues and opportunities.

Core Consultation Area

2.13. In accordance with section 47 of the Act, and the DCLG Guidance, the Applicant's proposed approach to community consultation seeks to ensure information and opportunity to comment is provided to those most likely to be affected by the proposed development.

2.14. In advance of beginning the Stage 1 consultation, the Applicant identified a Core Area for the community consultation. This was shared for comment with the District and County Council in advance of the Stage 1 consultation. The County Council were satisfied with the area presented

[4] The Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Forum area includes the Heyford Park area plus 11 Parish Councils that comprise: Duns Tew, North Aston, Somerton, Fritwell, Ardley with Fewcott, Upper Heyford, Middle Aston, Steeple Aston, Lower Heyford, Middleton Stoney, Kirtlington

as a Core Area for postal communications, however the District Council suggested a wider Core Area to include additional communities. The Applicant agreed to this wider area and accordingly, the Core Area was increased as suggested by the District Council. This agreed Core Area is shown on the map at Appendix Six.

2.15. This area includes the communities 'in the vicinity of' the land' where the proposed development will be located and will form the focus of both the Stage 1 and Stage 2 consultations outlined above and in further detail later in this SoCC. For ease of reference, the Core Area includes all or part of the communities of:

- Ardley with Fewcott
- North Aston
- Middle Aston
- Steeple Aston
- Bucknell
- Fritwell
- Lower Heyford and Caulcott
- Middleton Stoney
- Upper Heyford
- Somerton
- Stoke Lyne
- Chesterton

2.16. The Applicant intends that during each consultation stage, Parish Councils within the Core Area[5] are used as a key point of contact to help ensure wider awareness in the local communities in addition to measures and activity to engage directly with local people and communities. As part of the approach, we will inform local elected members (and District and County Councillors whose divisions include part of the Core Area) and Parish Councillors within the Core Area of progress at relevant stages of the scheme as a key part of our ongoing consultation. This will be done by providing briefings and updates through email correspondence.

Updates via the project website

2.17. As described above, the project website has been 'live' since June 2021. The website will be updated with information about the proposals in general, including details about the consultation process (including dates and venues) once confirmed.

2.18. All material used as part of the non-statutory (Stage 1) and statutory (Stage 2) consultation processes will be available via the website from the beginning of each formal consultation period. In addition, any relevant new and updated material will be available electronically on the project website including PDF copies of the exhibition boards.

[5] Parish Councils within the Core Area comprise: North Aston, Somerton, Fritwell, Ardley with Fewcott, Upper Heyford, Middle Aston, Steeple Aston, Lower Heyford, Middleton Stoney

2.19. During the Stage 1 and Stage 2 consultations, members of the public and all consultees will be able to use the comments form on the website to leave comments or ask questions – this form will replicate the same hard copy form made available during the in-person exhibition events. During the Stage 1 and 2 consultations the website will also include an email address and phone number for members of the public and consultees to leave comments or ask questions.

2.20. Outside the Stage 1 and Stage 2 consultations periods, the website will include an email address and phone number for members of the public and consultees to leave comments or ask questions.

2.21. The project website address is: **https://oxsrfi.co.uk/**

Public Exhibitions

2.22. Subject to Covid-19 government guidance at the time, and to any Covid-19 restrictions which may be in place at the proposed venues, the Applicant plans to hold four in person public exhibitions, with three during the working week and one on a Saturday for both the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Consultations.

2.23. For the **Stage 1 Consultation**, public exhibitions are planned as follows:

- Thursday 12th May, 13:30 – 19:30: Heyford Park Chapel, OX25 5TE;
- Saturday 14th May, 12noon – 17:00: Ardley with Fewcott Village Hall, OX27 7PA;
- Friday 20th May, 13:30 – 19:30: Heyford Park Chapel, OX25 5TE;
- Wednesday 25th May, 13:30 – 19:30: Upper Heyford Village Hall, OX25 5LB.

2.24. These venues, or other suitable venues, have been, or will be, chosen for the exhibitions as they are close to the site and have sufficient space to accommodate groups of people safely while also accommodating the large-scale exhibition boards (see below). Subject to venue availability, the exhibitions will run during the afternoon and through to the early evening for each event, typically for around 6 hours – for example, 1.30pm until 7.30pm. The exhibitions would not be held during school holidays or public holidays. Events held on a Saturday are likely to start and finish earlier than those during the working week – for example, 12.00pm until 5.00pm.

2.25. For the **Stage 2 Consultation**, it is currently intended they will be held at the same venues as above, or at other similar venues within the vicinity of the site. Details of the public exhibition events including venues, dates and times, will be publicised in advance once the Stage 2 consultation dates are confirmed and will be publicised in line with paragraph 2.42 below.

2.26. These exhibitions will provide an opportunity for people to see details of the emerging proposals, ask questions from representatives of the project team, and provide comments and feedback. Exhibition material will be prepared and displayed on large-scale boards at each public exhibition and will include draft plans and drawings required as part of the DCO process. These display boards will be available in a digital format on the project website. The consultation material for Stage 2 will provide information to help explain decisions made or changes incorporated into the scheme since the Stage 1 Consultation.

2.27. A digital (computer based) model will also be on display to show a range of viewpoints of the site and proposals – this will also be available online via the project website.

2.28. Representatives of the project team will be available to answer questions by visitors to the exhibitions. People will be asked to leave written comments and suggestions at the exhibitions via a paper feedback form, or provide comments afterwards by letter or via the website/email. They will be asked to respond within the consultation timeframe which will extend to 8-weeks for both Stages 1 and 2 (well in excess of the required minimum of 28 days).

2.29. It is proposed that informal community consultation and engagement will continue following the initial exhibitions through meetings and discussions as appropriate to help inform the progress of the proposals.

2.30. Comments received (from both consultation Stages 1 and 2) will be considered by the Applicant to inform the evolution of the scheme. Comments from both the Stage 1 and 2 consultations will be recorded and reported in the 'Consultation Report' which will be submitted to the Secretary of State as part of the DCO application (also see later references to the Consultation Report). A summary of main themes arising from consultation with the local community at Stages 1 and 2, will also be published in respect of the relevant Stage on the project website 4 to 6 weeks after the consultation period closes.

Webinar Sessions

2.31. Given the benefits with regard to increasing accessibility for those unable to attend physical events, the Applicant will organise online 'webinar' sessions. A registration link for each webinar session will be provided on the project website and the Community Awareness Leaflet will explain and direct residents to the project website in order for them to register to participate in the webinar session in advance..

2.32. The total number of webinars will, in part, be informed by the levels of demand and interest in attending, but a minimum of two is proposed for each stage with each session expected to last approximately 1.30-2 hours. It is proposed that the sessions will be held in the week on dates surrounding the public consultation exhibitions.

2.33. Each webinar session will use a format which is expected to include the following:

- A weblink or similar that the local community can use to register in advance for the webinar;
- The project team email address and project website where questions in advance of the webinar can be submitted by members of the public;
- An email link will be sent to registrants in order to access the webinar;
- A brief presentation on key elements of the proposals by representatives of the project team from a range of disciplines;
- Questions posed prior to the webinar will then be answered by the project team;
- Webinar participants will be provided the opportunity to ask further questions of the project team during the webinar, most likely via a written "question and answer" function during the event. These comments (from both consultation Stages 1 and 2) will be recorded and reported on in the Consultation Report submitted to the Secretary of State as part of the DCO;
- A summary Question and Answer (Q&A) of the event will be posted on the project website for review within 2 weeks of the final webinar session for both Stage 1 and

Stage 2. This summary is provided for those unable to attend the events and could be used by residents to inform their comments.

2.34. If there is significant interest in attending the webinars, to keep numbers manageable at each, the number of webinars will be increased, and each session will be advertised as set out in paragraph 2.40 below. A version of the same information boards, plus the same drawings and documents, as used during the public exhibitions will be available to support the online webinars (available on the project website).

2.35. Also, if Covid-19 restrictions prevent or limit in person exhibitions the Applicant will organise additional online interactive webinar events in place of the proposed exhibitions, resulting in a minimum of 6 webinar events – this would match the current number of events being proposed, i.e., 4 in person exhibitions and 2 webinars and at least one of these webinars would be held on a Saturday. These webinars will allow local people to view plans of the proposals and ask questions of the project team in an online forum. These events will be advertised as set out above with a link provided on the website to enable people to register to view and take part in the webinars. Details about the webinars will be included within all information posted and displayed about the public exhibitions.

2.36. For the **Stage 1 Consultation**, webinars are currently planned as follows:

- Tuesday 17th May – 6-8pm
- Monday 23rd May – 6-8pm

Details for the **Stage 2 Consultation** webinars will be publicised in accordance with paragraph 2.42 below.

Documents for consultation

2.37. For both Stages 1 and 2, the Applicant will be consulting on the latest PEIR at those stages (see paragraph 1.19).

2.38. For Stage 1 the PEIR will provide an overview of the site characteristics and findings regarding the existing 'baseline', and set out the ongoing range and scope of works being undertaken and planned to inform the ES in due course. The PEIR will be prepared in the context of the Environmental Statement Scoping Opinion provided by the Planning Inspectorate in July 2021, and various comments made as part of the Scoping process by other consultees. The Report will be based on the work undertaken to date at that stage, and is intended to provide a sound overview of the baseline conditions, and an underpinning to enable some early judgements about the most likely potential effects, and initial descriptions of likely or emerging mitigation measures, as well as early indications, where available, of potential effects.

2.39. For the Stage 2 Consultation the Applicant will consult on an updated and progressed PEIR which will contain further progressed results or conclusions from the EIA process. This will help inform local residents and other consultees in making comments. The PEIR will contain an updated assessment of likely impacts as well as information about the proposed mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate them.

2.40. In addition to the PEIR, other documents and drawings will also be consulted on for the Stage 1 and Stage 2 consultations and will be made available on the project website.

2.41. The proposed set of draft documents to be included and consulted on for each stage of consultation is set out below. It is not intended that these drawings/documents will be the final versions. They will be in draft and will be under-going further updates as the scheme progresses towards submission.

Table 2 – Draft Documents proposed to be included in the Stage 1 and Stage 2 consultations

Draft Document/Plan	Proposed to be Included in the Stage 1 (non-statutory) consultation	Proposed to be Included in the Stage 2 (statutory) consultation
1. Plans / Drawings		
Works Plans	Y	Y
Access and Rights of Way Plans	Y (in the form of a draft public rights of way strategy plan)	Y
Location Plan	Y	Y
Parameters Plan	Y	Y
Illustrative Masterplan	Y	Y
Highway Plans	Y	Y
Rail Plans	Y	Y
Bridge Plans	N	Y
2. Draft Development Consent Order		
Draft Development Consent Order	Y	Y
Explanatory Memorandum	Y	Y
3. Environmental Impact Assessment		
Scoping Report	Y	Y
Scoping Opinion	Y	Y
Environmental Statement	Y (in the form of a working draft Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR))	Y (in the form of Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR))
Transport and Access		
Air Quality and Odour		
Noise and Vibration		
Landscape and Visual Impacts		
Lighting		
Water Environment (Flood Risk, Drainage and Water Quality)		
Cultural Heritage		
Ground Conditions		
Socio-Economic Impacts		
Waste		
Agricultural Land		
Climate Change		

Draft Document/Plan	Proposed to be Included in the Stage 1 (non-statutory) consultation	Proposed to be Included in the Stage 2 (statutory) consultation
Cumulative Effects	N	Y
Non-Technical Summary	N (but there will be a Briefing Document which will include a high level non-technical summary of the working draft PEIR)	Y
4. Other Supporting Documents		
Planning Statement	N	Y
Rail Report	N	Y
Design and Access Statement	N	Y
Mitigation Tracker	N	Y

Advertising the Consultations

2.42. Both consultation Stages 1 and 2 will be advertised in the following way:

- **Issue a community awareness raising leaflet (see more information below) to all households and businesses** within the Core Area containing key information to summarise the proposed development and providing information on how individuals can communicate with the Applicant and make representations. For Stage 2 the leaflet will also provide a brief update on how the scheme has progressed since the Stage 1 consultation.

- **Written contact with all County, District and Parish Councillors** representing communities within the identified Core Area, making them aware of how, where, and when they and their constituents can access the project information, and comment upon it;

- **For Stage 2, Publicise** our intention to submit an application for this Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project in accordance with the requirements of the Act. This will include writing to statutory consultees pursuant to section 42 of the Act (including prescribed consultees, local authorities listed under section 43 of the Act and persons with an interest in the land as described in section 44 of the Act) as well as publishing notices in local newspapers, a national newspaper and the London Gazette pursuant to section 48 of the Act. We will also undertake these publications and notifications for our Stage 1, non-statutory consultation so that all of those parties are consulted at that stage;

- **Publish a notice** in the Oxford Mail and Bicester Advertiser (local press) to advise the start of each consultation stage at least 2 weeks before it commences. These notices will also include details of the public exhibitions and online webinars. For Stage 1 only, (unless any updated SoCC is necessary), we will also publish a notice pursuant to

section 47 of the Act of where this SoCC can be inspected online at the project website and also how hard copies can be viewed at the exhibitions or requested on deposit.

- **Site notices (or similar notices)** informing residents of the upcoming exhibitions and online webinars, as well as details of the project website, phone number and contact email address will also be displayed in locations around the site. The site notices will be displayed at least 2 weeks before the start of each consultation stage commencing, and the Applicant will ensure Parish Councils receive copies of notices with a view to them displaying them locally if they are able.

- **Social Media platforms**, such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, will be utilised to promote significant milestones and events during the consultation and planning process with the local community and ensure wider awareness of both the proposals and the process for commenting on them. The social media pages will provide details on the public consultations, key plans such as the site location plan and illustrative masterplan, links which direct visitors to the project website and an explanation for how comments can be provided. Also see details below.

- **Information about the consultation** will also be uploaded on to the project website at least 2 weeks in advance of the first exhibition event for each consultation stage.

2.43. This approach will ensure notices appear in the local press in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development, but also in other communities well beyond that immediate area. This is likely to also include the notice being included in the newspaper publications online if possible.

2.44. In addition, as referred to above, all consultation information, including details of exhibitions will be available to the public on the project website. This website will be kept live and refreshed, with new information or documentation added to it.

2.45. Respondees will be able to submit representations and comments via the following methods:

- By hand (or post – see below) via a printed comments form available at the public exhibitions;
- Online via the comments form on the project website: **https://oxsrfi.co.uk/**
- By email to **oxsrfi@havingyoursay.co.uk**
- By telephone using the project phone line (charged at standard landline rates): **0333 358 0502**
- By post to: **'Freepost OxSRFI'**
- In person at the public exhibitions described above;
- During the online webinar sessions.

Community awareness leaflet

2.46. At least 2 weeks before each consultation stage begins, a community awareness leaflet will be delivered to every residential and business address within the Core Area.

2.47. This leaflet will provide a summary of the development proposals, give details of where documents and information can be viewed, including the forthcoming exhibitions and online webinar events. They will also include the website address as well as a phone number and

email address for residents who wish to contact the project team with any queries. A number of the community awareness leaflets will be made available at the public exhibitions.

Consultation documents placed in accessible public location

2.48. It is proposed that copies of the consultation documents will be deposited at:

a) **Hard copies of documents, including the SoCC, will be available at** the Cherwell District Council offices, Bicester Library, which is the nearest library to the site and Oxfordshire County Council offices:

Cherwell District Council	**Bicester Library**	**Oxfordshire County Council**
Bodicote House	Bicester Library	County Hall
Bodicote	Franklins House	New Road
Banbury	Wesley Lane	Oxford
Oxon	Bicester	OX1 1ND
OX15 4AA	OX26 6JU	

b) **Subject to their agreement, 5 USB sticks** which include all the application consultation documents will also be provided to each of the **Parish Councils in the Core Area** both for use by the Parish Council, but also with a view to them being made available to the local community at the Parish Council's office or at a village hall where practical to do so**. More USBs can be made available to Parish Councils on request.**

c) In addition, if requested, consultation documents can be provided by the Applicant via a suitable file sharing website link, such as wetransfer. If there are particular issues with printing documents or viewing online, at the discretion of the Applicant hard copies of any specific documents requested can be made available subject to a small printing charge (50p per A4 sheet, 75p per A3 sheet and if plans are requested at a larger scale, a charge of £5 per plan will be made). Cases of hardship will be considered on their individual basis and the Applicant may use its discretion on whether or not to charge for hard copies.

2.49. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, some public buildings may be unable to host documents, or may be accessible by appointment only for the foreseeable future. Also, opening times may vary and are often more restricted than pre-Covid. Therefore, all documents will be made available at our project website: **https://oxsrfi.co.uk/** and on USBs available on request to those without reasonable internet access or via a suitable file sharing website link, such as wetransfer.

2.50. Beyond Covid related considerations, the Applicant will work with the local authorities and Parish Councils to ensure all documentation (including the Community Awareness Leaflet) is accessible to any identified harder to reach groups which represent people with protected characteristics under equalities law within the Core Area. This may include the provision of documents being made available in other formats as required, such as hard copies for those without computer access, large text format, or in braille. No harder to reach groups have been identified by the District or County Councils. As referred to above, for those with limited internet access, consultation documents will be available on a USB stick on request at the exhibitions, and by contacting the project team with name and address details.

2.51. If Covid-19 government guidance also prevents in person events then the consultation strategy will be focused on online engagement with alternative measures for those unable to access the information via online sources.

Social Media

2.52. Social media platforms will be utilised to engage with the local community including with a wider audience beyond the Core Area. This will ensure a wider reach both geographically, but also demographically, with social media more likely to reach many younger groups and communities than traditional press adverts or notices.

2.53. The social media channels will be used to publicise the consultation, exhibitions and webinars, and key milestones in the process. Social media users will have the option to "follow" these channels to be kept up to date about the proposals.

2.54. Efforts will be made to ensure that existing Facebook and similar groups in the community are made aware of the social media accounts where possible in order to help add to the awareness of, and participation in, the consultation process.

2.55. The social media accounts for each platform are:

- Facebook – @OxSRFI, www.facebook.com/OxSRFI
- Twitter – @OxSRFI, www.twitter.com/OxSRFI
- Instagram - @OxSRFI, www.instagram.com/oxsrfi/

Timescales of the consultations

2.56. The non-statutory, Stage 1 consultation is currently planned to commence on 9th May 2022.

2.57. The statutory, Stage 2 consultation is currently planned to commence in Winter 2022/23.

2.58. Each consultation stage will significantly exceed the statutory minimum requirement of a 28-day period. Respondees will be given around 8 weeks from the start of both the Stage 1 and Stage 2 consultation processes to provide comments. The consultation periods would be extended if circumstances indicated this would be appropriate, for example, significant changes to government Covid-19 guidance which prevents in person exhibitions part way through the consultation stage.

Other meetings

2.59. As and where appropriate opportunities arise the Applicant will attend local meetings to discuss the proposals, such as those held by local authorities or Parish Councils, particularly where this would supplement the consultation exhibitions. This would represent a continuation of the engagement activity already underway and will include online and in person meetings in accordance with the relevant Covid-19 government guidance in place at the relevant time.

Taking account of responses to the consultation and publicity (Consultation Report)

2.60 Dialogue and consultation with a wide range of parties and stakeholders has begun and will continue throughout the period in advance of, and beyond, the statutory consultation process described in this SoCC and these will be summarised in a **'Consultation Report'** which is

required by the Act to accompany the application for a DCO and which will be submitted to the Secretary of State.

2.61. This informal initial consultation has already directly informed some key aspects of the emerging design and composition of the scheme which has evolved and developed in response to the early views and ideas or preferences of local organisations and individuals.

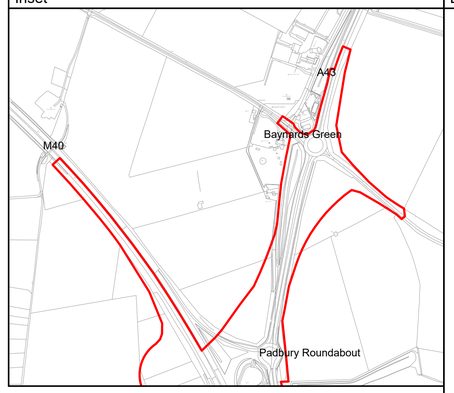
2.62. Representations received during both the non-statutory (Stage 1) and statutory (Stage 2) consultation stages will be properly recorded, considered and summarised in the **'Consultation Report'**. Where appropriate the project team will respond directly to the points that people make, particularly where specific proposals or amendments are suggested. An explanation of how consultation input and representations received have shaped and influenced the proposed development will be provided in the Consultation Report.

SoCC APPENDICES

APPENDIX ONE – SITE LOCATION PLAN (DRAFT ORDER LIMITS PLAN)

Padbury Roundabout
See inset
Cherwell Valley MSA
Cherwell Roundabout
Ardley Roundabout
M40 J10
Ardley
Upper Heyford Airfield
Chiltern Main Line
To Bucknell
M40
B430
Energy recovery facility
Quarry
B4030
Middleton Stoney
B4030
B430

Inset



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Draft Order Limits

Rev	Date	Details of issue / revision	Drw	Rev
P17	14.04.22	Presentational Amendments	SC	SC
P16	14.04.22	Extents amended around B430 junction	SC	SC
P15	04.04.22	BNG area added in northwest of main site	SRH	SRH
P14	30.03.22	Ardley Wood area amended as clouded	SRH	SRH
P13	08.03.22	J10 area amended as clouded	SRH	SRH
P12	20.01.22	J10 area amended and BNG areas removed	SRH	SRH
P11	20.12.21	Amends as green clouds, potential further amends	SRH	SRH
P10	27.07.21	Amended within green clouded areas	SRH	SRH
P09	24.05.21	Scheme logo added	SRH	SRH
P08	14.05.21	Amended within green clouded areas	SRH	SRH
P07	12.05.21	Changes from P05 as green clouded areas	SRH	SRH
P06	05.05.21	Amended within green clouded area	SRH	SRH
P05	23.03.21	Amended within green clouded areas	SRH	SRH
P04	16.02.21	Amendment to include for further Mid St option	SRH	SRH
P03	08.02.21	Updated to reflect revised highway strategy	SRH	SRH
P02	12.11.20	Updated following team review of draft	SRH	SRH
P01	10.11.20	Draft for comment	SRH	SRH

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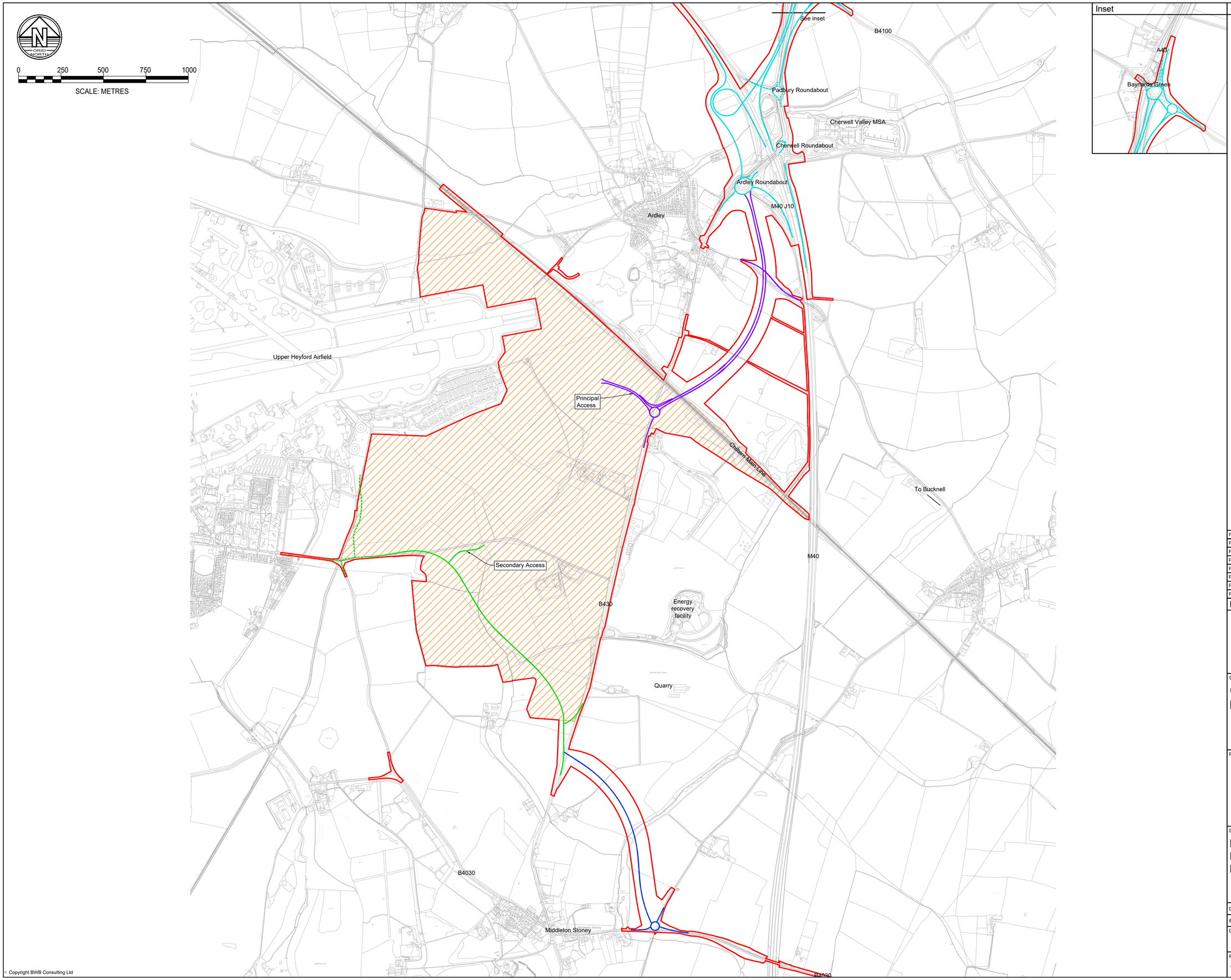
APPENDIX TWO – DRAFT DEVELOPMENT COMPONENTS PLAN



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Legend

- Draft Order Limits: the full Application Site
- Main Site: the area to be occupied principally by the rail terminal and warehousing
- J10 Highways Improvements: the highway works to be carried out in connection with the improvement of J10
- Ardley Bypass: a bypass to the east of the village of Ardley including principal access to the Main Site
- Middleton Stoney Relief Road: a relief road around the north east of the village of Middleton Stoney
- Heyford Park Link: the length of new and upgraded road between the B430/Middleton Stoney Relief Road and Heyford Park

Rev	Date	Details of issue / revision	Drw	Rev
P07	14.04.22	Minor Presentational Amendment	SC	SC
P06	14.04.22	Minor Presentational Amendment	SC	SC
P05	14.04.22	Highway Works Amended	SC	SC
P04	19.05.21	Minor presentational amedment	SRH	SRH
P03	19.05.21	Logo added	SRH	SRH
P02	19.05.21	Updated following team comments	SRH	SRH
P01	18.05.21	Draft for comment	SRH	SRH

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APPENDIX THREE – DRAFT PARAMETERS PLAN

Zone A1a
Zone A1b
Zone A2
Zone A3
Zone A4
Zone B
Zone C
Zone D
Zone E
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Fewcott
Ardley
Ardley Wood
Dewars Farm Quary
Landfill (Deposit)
Balancing Pond
Ardley Cottages
Ardley Village
Fewcott Recreation Ground
Fewcott Primary School
Ardley Primary School
Ardley Village Hall
Ardley Recreation Ground
Ardley Cricket Club
Ardley Fields Business Park
Ardley Energy Centre
Ardley Depot
Ardley Fields Farm
Ardley Fields Farm Cottages
Ardley Fields Nursery
Ardley Fields Nursery Cottages
Ardley Fields Nursery Bungalow
Ardley Fields Nursery Barn
Ardley Fields Nursery Office
Ardley Fields Nursery Store
Ardley Fields Nursery Workshop
Ardley Fields Nursery Polytunnel
Ardley Fields Nursery Glasshouse
Ardley Fields Nursery Packhouse
Ardley Fields Nursery Canteen
Ardley Fields Nursery Toilets
Ardley Fields Nursery Car Park
Ardley Fields Nursery Entrance
Ardley Fields Nursery Exit
Ardley Fields Nursery Boundary
Ardley Fields Nursery Hedge
Ardley Fields Nursery Trees
Ardley Fields Nursery Shrubs
Ardley Fields Nursery Grass
Ardley Fields Nursery Path
Ardley Fields Nursery Road
Ardley Fields Nursery Track
Ardley Fields Nursery Yard
Ardley Fields Nursery Compound
Ardley Fields Nursery Fence
Ardley Fields Nursery Gate
Ardley Fields Nursery Sign
Ardley Fields Nursery Light
Ardley Fields Nursery Camera
Ardley Fields Nursery Alarm
Ardley Fields Nursery Security
Ardley Fields Nursery Office
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Schedule of Development Parameters

Development Zone		Number of Building Units	Maximum Development Floor Space per Zone (in m2)	Minimum Finished Floor Level (ffl) (in m Above Ordnance Datum)	Maximum Building Height measured to roof ridge / highest point (in m Above Ordnance Datum)
Zone A1a		1 to 4	100,000	110.625	133.325
Zone A1b		1 to 4	100,000	112.075	137.575
Zone A2		1 to 4	100,000	114.075	139.575
Zone A3		2 to 10	320,000	117.075	142.575
Zone A4		1 to 4	140,000	114.075	139.575
Zone B	Buildings	1 to 4	40,000	111.345	139.125
	Yard	-	-	111.345	126.345
Maximum Total Floor Space Zone A&B * (See Note 1)			603,850		
Zone C	Buildings	1 to 4	2,500	111.345	126.345
	Yard	N/A	N/A	111.345	126.345
	Cranes	N/A	N/A	111.345	129.345
Zone D		()	1,800	109.5	120.5
Zone E		See Central Hub Drawings			

Note 1: The Maximum Total Floor Space Zones A & B is the maximum floor space (excluding mezzanine space) that will be developed across Zones A & B, notwithstanding that the maximum floor space stated for each Zone A1 to A4 & Zone B combined would exceed this figure i.e. it is the overall floor space cap for Zones A & B as a whole, excluding mezzanine floor space. In addition to this total floor space figure, up to 201,283 sqm of floor space can be provided in the form of mezzanine floor space to units within Zones A and B.

***Note 2:** Between any two consecutive spot heights marked on the ridge, the height of the bund, at its ridge, will be no lower than the lower of the two spot heights and no higher than the higher of the two spot heights +/- 300mm

KEY

- Zone A Development Area
- Zone B Development Area A and/or Rail Freight Interchange
- Zone C Rail Freight Interchange
- Zone D Relocated Waste Facility
- Zone E Central Hub
- Rail Corridor (including rail line, sidings and associated landscape)
- Rail Corridor within Development Zones and Landscape/Green Infrastructure
- Landscape/Green Infrastructure (including strategic landscape mounding, sustainable drainage features, mixed habitats)
- Limits of deviation to the Landscape/Green Infrastructure corridor between Zone A3 and A4
- Existing woodland, trees, and planting
- Areas within which Strategic Mounding is to be provided
- 122.0 Strategic mounding heights (Above Ordnance Datum (AOD) (+/- 300mm)**(See Note 2)
- Main Roads
- Secondary Roads and Vehicular Access
- Public transport, cyclists, pedestrians and emergency access only (TBC)
- Limits of deviation to roads
- UR Existing Underground Reservoir
- Areas for Development Signage (TBC)

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APPENDIX FOUR – DRAFT ILLUSTRATIVE MASTERPLAN

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Cherwell Valley Services
Ardley Road
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Ardley
Ardley Wood
Railway Line
Upper Heyford Airfield (disused)
Intermodal Rail Terminal
M40
Heyford Park
Chilgrove Drive
Camp Road
Duvall Park Homes
Existing Reservoir (underground)
Viridor Ardley Energy Recovery Facility
Flowers Farm Quarry
Birch Spinney
Manor Farm
B4030

KEY

- Existing trees/woodlands (Indicative)
- Existing hedgerows/other planting (Indicative)
- Grassland/open space (existing and proposed)
- Existing ponds/water features (including offsite)
- Proposed Footways/Redirected PROW and/or cycleways (off-road routes)
- Existing Public Rights of Way
- Proposed woodland/structural planting/scrub
- Proposed ponds/wetlands/drainage features
- Proposed individual/hedgerow trees/small tree groups

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APPENDIX FIVE – LIST OF SCOPING OPINION CONSULTEES

The Planning Inspectorate
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PROPOSED Oxfordshire Strategic Railfreight Interchange

PROJECT REFERENCE: TR050008

LIST OF CONSULTATION BODIES NOTIFIED BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE UNDER REGULATION 11(1)(a) OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 ('THE EIA REGULATIONS')

16 June 2021

This information has been provided in accordance with Regulation 11(1)(b) of the the EIA Regulations in response to a Regulation 8 notification received from Oxfordshire Strateigc Railfreight Limited on 04 June 2021. The table below lists the bodies that the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State has notified under Regulation 11(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations. They have been identified based on the red line boundary provided by the Applicant as a shapefile in the correspondence dated 14 May 2021.

When meeting its statutory pre-application obligations, the Applicant must make diligent inquiries, carry out its own investigations and take legal advice, as appropriate. Whilst the list of bodies identified by the Planning Inspectorate can inform the Applicant's own consultation, it should not be relied upon for that purpose. The Applicant should also have regard to the relevant guidance prepared by the Planning Inspectorate, which is available via our website[1].

Please note that the consultation bodies have been identified and notified in accordance with the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note three: EIA Notification and Consultation (version 7, August 2017), which is available on our website[1].

The consultation bodies are identified in the following tables:

Table 1: Prescribed Consultation Bodies 2
Table 2: Relevant Statutory Undertakers 5
Table 3: Section 43 Consultees (for the purposes of Section 42(1)(b)) 13

[1] http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/

Table 1: Prescribed Consultation Bodies[2]

Schedule 1 Description	Organisation	Contact
The relevant police and crime commissioner	Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner	PCC@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk
[The relevant] AONB Conservation Boards	Cotswolds Conservation Board	Martin Lane Cotswolds Conservation Board Fosse Way Northleach Gloucestershire GL54 3JH martin.lane@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk john.mills@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk
	Chilterns Conservation Board	Lucy Murfett Chilterns Conservation Board The Lodge 90 Station Road Chinnor Oxon OX39 4HA planning@chilternsaonb.org
The relevant parish council(s) or, where the application relates to land [in] Wales or Scotland, the relevant community council	Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council	ardleywfparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk
	Chesterton Parish Council	clerk@chestertonparishcouncil.org.uk
	Middleton Stoney Parish Council	middletonstoneypc@gmail.com
	Bucknell Parish Council	bucknell.clerk@gmail.com
	Stoke Lyne Parish Council	stokelyne.parishclerk@gmail.com
	Heyford Park Parish Council	clerk@heyfordpark-pc.gov.uk
The relevant strategic highways company	Highways England	planningSE@highwaysengland.co.uk
The relevant fire and rescue authority	Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service	fire.service@oxfordshire.gov.uk

[2] Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the 'APFP Regulations')

Schedule 1 Description	Organisation	Contact
The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England	Historic England	Cindy Molenaar Amanda.Chadburn@HistoricEngland.org.uk cc: cindy.molenaar@historicengland.org.uk
Natural England	Natural England	Natural England Consultation Service Hornbeam House Electra Way Crewe Business Park Crewe Cheshire CW1 6GJ consultations@naturalengland.org.uk
The relevant Clinical Commissioning Group	NHS Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group	Oxford Clinical Commissioning Group Jubilee House John Smith Drive Oxford Business Park South Oxford OX4 2LH oxon.gpc@nhs.net
The National Health Service Commissioning Board	NHS England	NHS England NHS Commissioning Board PO Box 16728 Redditch B97 9PT england.contactus@nhs.net
The Health and Safety Executive	Health and Safety Executive	Mr Dave Adams (MHPD) NSIP Consultations Health and Safety Executive Building 2.2 Redgrave Court

Schedule 1 Description	Organisation	Contact
		Merton Road Bootle Merseyside L20 7HS NSIP.applications@hse.gov.uk
The Relevant Highways Authority	Oxfordshire County Council	Head of Highways highways.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk
The Forestry Commission	The Forestry Commission	planningconsultationSEL@forestrycommission.gov.uk
The Crown Estate Commissioners	The Crown Estate	The Crown Estate Commissioners The Crown Estate 1 St James's Market London SW1Y 4AH NSIP@thecrownestate.co.uk
The Canal and River Trust	The Canal and River Trust	Heather Clarke planning@canalrivertrust.org.uk Heather.clarke@canalrivertrust.org.uk
The relevant internal drainage board	Buckingham and River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board	contact@idbs.org.uk

Table 2: Relevant Statutory Undertakers

Statutory Undertaker[3]	Organisation	Contact
The relevant Clinical Commissioning Group	NHS Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group	Oxford Clinical Commissioning Group Jubilee House John Smith Drive Oxford Business Park South Oxford OX4 2LH oxon.gpc@nhs.net
The relevant NHS Foundation Trust	South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust	company.secretary@scas.nhs.uk
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[3] 'Statutory Undertaker' is defined in the APFP Regulations as having the same meaning as in Section 127 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008)

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[4] Sections 43(3) and 42(b) of the PA2008

[5] As defined in Section 43(3) of the PA2008

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APPENDIX SIX – CORE CONSULTATION AREA MAP

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