

Appendix 5.3

Scoping Opinion Comments

| Consultee | Comments Raised by Consultee | Vanguardia Response |
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| SoS/PINS | Sensitive Receptors: The ES should explain the criteria used to define sensitive receptors. Public buildings and spaces should be considered in addition to residential properties. | This will be addressed in the chapter. |
| SoS/PINS | Ecological receptors: Paragraph 5.121 states that “for ecological receptors suitable information will be provided to the project ecologist to inform their assessment”. The project ecologist should also be involved in designing the methodology to ensure that the baseline is properly established. | Liaison is ongoing with the project ecologist. |
| SoS/PINS | Impacts: Paragraph 5.127 lists potential noise sources. For clarity, in the ES noise impacts should be classed as construction or operation impacts (or both). | This will be reflected in the chapter. |
| SoS/PINS | Time Periods: Table N2 describes the day time period 07:00 – 23:00. It is assumed that this is an error and should read 07:00-19:00, since the evening period is defined as 19:00-23:00. | This was a typographical error and has been amended in the chapter. |
| Cherwell District Council – Environmental Health | Confirmation required that the vibration assessment (para 5.110) will include both passenger and goods trains. The text reads ‘...from passenger and trains...’, I think this should read ‘passenger and goods trains’? | The operational vibration assessment will include both passenger and goods trains. |
| | Noted that the monitoring locations, methodology and duration for the baseline survey to be discussed with CDC as the scheme evolves and details confirmed (paras 5.111 and 5.112). | Liaison took place prior to the baseline surveys in 2021 to agree the monitoring positions, period and durations. Where appropriate additional liaison will be undertaken. |
| | Agree that vibration from construction (piling) and freight trains in the operational phase (para 5.128) should be scoped in | This will be reflected in the chapter. |
| | For the construction phase agree mitigation measures can be secured through a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) | No action required. |
| Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council | The ES should consider the effect of additional noise sources on the parish area, both in so far as they will affect residents and wildlife. | This is what the ES chapter will do. There are several representative receptors located in the Parish Council's area that will be considered in the assessment |
| Middleton Stoney Parish Council | Noise pollution which would be created by this development is a particular concern. We note that this will be explored in the Environmental Statement, but we would encourage this to be done in a high level of detail, and in consultation with the local community. | The impacts and effects of noise will be considered in detail in the ES chapter. Liaison has occurred with officers from Cherwell District Council in their role as representatives of the community. |
| Oxfordshire County Council | 5.108 How will the noise monitoring surveys take account of the variable noise from the motorway at residential receptors which is highly variable depending on wind and weather conditions. | The noise surveys have been undertaken over a period which captures a range of wind directions. The data has been analysed separately to account |

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| | | for broadly easterly winds and broadly westerly winds. |
| | 5.112 Further details on the consultation with CDC regarding noise survey methodology and survey positions is requested. As this is so intrinsic to the highway works, it is recommended that the Transport Working Group is also consulted. | The scoping opinion response was received after discussion with CDC has occurred regarding the survey and after the baseline surveys had been undertaken between the end of June and Mid July 2021. The surveys have been undertaken with reference to the appropriate standards and guidance. Consultation will be undertaken with the Transport Working Group regarding the surveys already undertaken, the proposed Highway Works and whether any additional monitoring is required. |
| | 5.118-5.126 Consideration should be given to the impact of noise on users of public rights of way in the area, as well as users of public buildings and public open space. Public buildings include Ardley Church and Village Hall. Public open space includes the recreational field at Ardley, and Ardley Quarry nature reserve. The report focusses solely on residential and ecological receptors. | Consideration will be given to these receptors as indicated within the chapter. |
| | 5.129 There could be vibration impacts as the roads age – they will not be newly surfaced and smooth forever! | This will be considered in the chapter as appropriate. |
| Network Rail | Impact of noise and vibration in relation to train stabling/idling (including within the new sidings) should be included within the assessment. | The assessment will consider the noise and vibration impacts from freight trains stabling and idling within the SRFI. |