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Consultation letter

**A1 in Northumberland: A1 Morpeth to Ellingham
STATUTORY CONSULTATION – 16 April 2020 to 14 May 2020
PLANNING ACT 2008 SECTION 42: DUTY TO CONSULT ON A PROPOSED
APPLICATION**

I am writing to you regarding Highways England's proposed A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Ellingham which will upgrade the A1 to dual carriageway between Morpeth and Felton and Alnwick to Ellingham.

Highways England previously promoted the A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Felton and A1 in Northumberland: Alnwick to Ellingham as two separate schemes and proposed to submit a separate application for development consent in relation to each. However, an opportunity to combine the schemes to form the A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Ellingham has been identified along with a number of benefits to this approach including one single application for development consent covering both parts.

We previously consulted you on the proposals for A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Felton between 18 June 2018 and 29 July 2018; and on the proposals for the A1 in Northumberland: Alnwick to Ellingham between 25 February 2019 and 8 April 2019.

Although the detail of the separate schemes has not changed in combining to form the A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Ellingham we have a duty under the Planning Act 2008 to consult you about the proposed single application for development consent.

This letter is notice of Highways England's **statutory consultation from 16 April 2020 to 14 May 2020.**

This statutory consultation is an opportunity for you to share your views on our proposals. We strongly encourage you to provide your views to us now through this statutory consultation. This will enable us to take your views into account in developing and refining our proposals before submitting our application to the Inspectorate proposed in late Spring 2020.

As the Scheme is Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) we have prepared, and provided, a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) to help you understand the likely effects of our proposals. A copy of the PEIR is enclosed with this letter.

Any responses to this consultation in respect of the Scheme should be sent to the following:

- **By email:** alex.sharp@wsp.com
- **By phone:** 020 3057 2118
- **By post:** **FREEPOST WSP A1iN**

To allow us time to collect and assess all responses to this consultation before finalising our application, please ensure your response reaches us by 11.59pm on **14 May 2020**

Further information about the 2008 Act process and Development Consent Orders can be found on the Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

Should you have any queries about this correspondence, the Scheme or the consultation, you can contact us using the details set out above.

Yours sincerely,

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