

A417 MISSING LINK STEERING GROUP

Summary: To review the progress of the A417 Missing Link Steering Group

Recommendation: That the Executive Committee notes the report and endorses (1) the responses to the Examiner's Questions and (2) the Written Representation

Report by: Andy Parsons, Chief Executive

BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTED ON THE GROUP

- Graham Hopkins
- Sue Crawford

MEETINGS SINCE THE LAST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Steering Group met on 22 November to discuss the Board's Written Representation and responses to the Examiner's Questions. In addition to the Board Members above, the Planning & Landscape Lead and Land Management Lead also attended.
2. Other meetings in the period:
 - 21 September – Statement of Common Ground
 - 22 September – Barrow Wake Car Park Review
 - 11, 21, 27 & 28 October – Designated Funds
 - 9, 25 & 26 November – Designated Funds
 - 15 November – Statement of Common Ground
 - 23 November – Strategic Stakeholder Panel
 - 25 November – review of Examiner's Questions with National Highways
 - 29 November – collaborative meeting with other stakeholders to discuss Written Representations
 - 15 December – Barrow Wake Car Park Review
 - 16 December – Strategic Stakeholder Panel
 - 17 January – Strategic Stakeholder Panel

OTHER ACTIVITY

3. The Planning Inspectorate submitted a series of questions for stakeholders to respond to, as appropriate to them. Our response to the **Examiner's Questions** is attached (*Appendix A*).
4. Our **Written Representation** was submitted ahead of the deadline of 14 December. The summary and supporting information are attached (*Appendix B*).
5. The first tranche of **Designated Fund** projects has been submitted and they are awaiting approval from National Highways. We are involved in two potential projects, totalling over £600,000. We are also waiting to hear about the Biodiversity Net Gain designated fund which will involve our Glorious Cotswolds Grasslands team.

DECISIONS REQUIRED

6. There are no decisions required but the Steering Group is seeking the Executive Committee's endorsement of (1) the responses to the Examiner's Questions and (2) the Written Representation.

NEXT STEPS

7. To participate in the Examination Hearings that will take place during week commencing 24 January.
8. To continue being involved in the Designated Funds programme and proposals.

SUPPORTING PAPERS

- Appendix A – Response to Examiner's Questions
- Appendix B – Written Representation (summary and supporting information)

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