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Examination of the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP) Area Action Plan (AAP)

IAMP LLP's Response to Matters and Questions

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Introduction

IAMP LLP is a limited liability partnership established by South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council for the purpose of promoting and delivering the International Advanced Manufacturing Park.

Matter 6 – Infrastructure, Transport and Access

6.1 *Have the implications of the plan for transport and other infrastructure been robustly assessed and are there arrangements in place to ensure that the necessary mitigation is provided at the appropriate time in relation to the development of IAMP?*

The preparation of the IAMP masterplan and the DCO application has required IAMP LLP to consider in detail how it will mitigate the impact of the proposed development.

Key to this has been an ongoing and detailed liaison with Highways England – through regular working groups – to agree key parameters, junction designs and the interrelationship between IAMP and the two DCO schemes that HE is currently progressing on the adjacent A19, for Testos Roundabout and Downhill Lane Junction. The LLP and HE have collaborated on the preparation of traffic models and capacity analysis, which has also been shared and discussed with Nissan to ensure that the solution for IAMP also meets its requirements. This joint working is now moving into a more detailed planning phase to ensure that the LLP and HE engage with landowners, the community, statutory consultees and PINS on a consistent approach in relation to the respective consents, presenting a clear and robust picture of how access and transport solutions will work and when they will be delivered. Those details will be presented when IAMP LLP carries out statutory consultation on its DCO application, later in 2017.

In respect of the environmental mitigation, IAMP LLP has maintained a close and regular dialogue with the environmental stakeholders such as the Environment Agency, Natural England, the Local Nature Partnership and the local authority countryside and wildlife officers. This has led to the design of the environmental mitigation area as shown on the IAMP masterplan. The next phase of the DCO process will develop this in detail as IAMP LLP prepares preliminary environmental information (PEI) for its statutory consultation. The PEI will indicate what needs to be included and secured in the management strategy that the LLP and its development partner will need to implement to protect species and habitats.

6.6 *Is policy IN1, in respect of utilities infrastructure provision, soundly based? Are the modifications to the policy proposed by the Councils (Docs PSD6/PSD7) necessary for the plan to be sound?*

IAMP LLP's ongoing feasibility work on utility provision to IAMP does not give rise to any concern with policy IN1 or the Councils' proposed modifications.

IAMP LLP has no response to make to Matters 6.2 - 6.5 and 6.7 and supports the position of the local planning authorities.