



# Northumberland

## County Council

The Secretary of State for Transport  
c/o Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit  
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**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

VIA E-MAIL

Dear Sir,

### **Transport and Works Act 1992**

### **The Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 (The 2006 Rules)**

### **The Northumberland Line Order**

### **Notice of Application for an Order**

Northumberland County Council acting as the statutory Local Highway Authority and Local Planning Authority are fully supportive of the Northumberland Line project and it conforms to highway and planning policies. The proposed Northumberland Line opens up economic growth and options for sustainable transport on the corridor of the line.

The Local Highway Authority and Local Planning Authority are working in respect to the various planning applications that deliver elements of the Northumberland Line Scheme and that require Planning Permission outside permitted development rights and those elements within this proposed Order. This primarily is in relation to the development of the Ashington, Bedlington Station, Newsham and Seaton Deval Stations along with the Chase Meadows footbridge in Blyth, which has planning permission, and the Hospital Crossing proposals in Ashington.

The outcomes of these planning applications have the potential to impact upon some elements of the proposed Order, however, we are aware that the Applicant intends to update the Secretary of State through the submission and inquiry in relation to these matters and we will work with the Applicant to ensure the decisions made are reflected in the proposed Order.

The Northumberland Line proposals have the potential to impact upon highways and planning matters and we are continuing to engage with the Applicant on the detailed implications of the proposed Order. These discussions will continue over the coming months



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as we work together to come forward with appropriate proposals for the Northumberland Line.

To that end, the Applicant is developing a Statement of Common Ground with the Council, acting as Local Highway Authority and Local Planning Authority, to cover all relevant matters relating to the proposed Order and the implications associated with matters seeking approval through the Planning Applications as previously mentioned. We will be working with the Applicant to have this completed for submission before or at the start of the Inquiry period. We are confident that this can be completed during this time.

We continue to work with the Applicant to progress the Northumberland Line scheme and therefore this representation to the Secretary of State is made to ensure that the Local Highway Authority and Local Planning Authority are part of the Order process, can prepare and submit the Statement of Common Ground and to ensure consistency between any planning approval and the proposed Order.

This representation is made by Northumberland County Council as a joint submission in their statutory roles as Local Highway Authority and Local Planning Authority and therefore it is requested that correspondence in relation to the proposed Order are sent to [highwaysplanning@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:highwaysplanning@northumberland.gov.uk) and [central.planning@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:central.planning@northumberland.gov.uk) where relevant Officers will respond and make further comment/representation throughout the upcoming process.

Yours faithfully



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