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Dear Sir or Madam,

Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Report of the Draft Strategic Transport Plan for the North

Thank you for consulting Historic England about the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Report of the Draft Strategic Transport Plan for the North. Given the high-level strategic nature of the document being assessed, we would broadly concur with the evaluation of the potential impact which the strategy might have upon our Area of Interest and would support the proposed Mitigation Measures which are set out in Section 6. However, there are a couple of aspects of the Appraisal where you might give further thought. These are as follows:-

Page	Section	Comments
12	Section 4 Summary Table, ISA Objective 8	Given the very general nature of the Strategic Components being assessed and the extent of the historic environment resource across the North of England, at this stage it is virtually impossible to ascertain with any certainty what the impact will be upon the area's heritage assets. The actual impact will depend of where these interventions take place and how they are implemented. Therefore, at this stage the impact must be 'uncertain'
16	Section 5 Summary Table, ISA Objective 8	Given the very general nature of the Strategic Development Corridors being assessed and the extent of the historic environment resource across each of them, at this stage it is virtually impossible to ascertain with any certainty what the impact will be upon the area's heritage assets of these extremely large tracts of land. The actual impact will depend of where these interventions take place and how they are implemented. Therefore, at this stage the impact must be 'uncertain'

Historic England strongly advises that the conservation staff of the various Councils and their respective archaeological advisors are also engaged throughout the preparation of the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal of the Plan. They are best placed to advise on; local historic environment issues and priorities, including access to data held in the HER (formerly SMR); how the policies or proposals might be tailored to minimise potential adverse impacts on the historic environment; the nature and design of any required mitigation measures; and opportunities for securing wider benefits for the future conservation and management of historic assets.

We should like to stress that this opinion is based on the information set out in the document dated January 2018. To avoid any doubt, this does not affect our obligation to provide further advice and, potentially, object to specific proposals which may subsequently arise (either as a result of this consultation or in later versions of the LTP) where we consider that, despite the SA/SEA, these would have an adverse effect upon the historic environment.

If you have any queries about any of the matters raised above or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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