

## **A509 Wellingborough Development Link Phase 1 (Isham Bypass)**

This note is prepared in response to a question asked by the Inspector during the hearing sessions for the Plan for the Borough of Wellingborough (PBW) examination. It has been prepared jointly by officers of the Borough Council and Northamptonshire County Council.

The route for the Wellingborough Development Link (Isham Bypass) lies within a corridor between the towns of Kettering in the north and Wellingborough in the south. The existing A509 road which passes through the village of Isham provides an important north / south link between the A14 and A45 Trunk roads. The proposal is to construct a 4.3km dual carriageway road. The route will commence at the A14 Pytchley roundabout and run in a southerly direction, to the west of the village of Isham, and re-join the A509 Kettering Road midway between Hill Top and Great Harrowden.

### **Planning Status**

Planning permission was approved on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2006, with an extension of time approved on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

### **Land**

The land required for the road is currently in the ownership of a number of individual private land owners. Previously obtained CPO powers have now expired, and it will be necessary to advertise new draft orders.

### **Timetable**

- Completion of procurement – June 2016
- Draft Orders published – Oct 2018
- Enabling works – Late spring/early summer 2019
- Start of works – Oct 2019
- Completion of Works - April 2021
- Scheme brought into public use May 2021.

### **Funding**

As set out in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan ([INF 1](#)) the total cost of the scheme is £38,500,000. The scheme has secured £10m funding from SEMLEP's Local Growth Fund (LGF3) and £15m from the Department for Transport (DfT). The remaining funding (£13.5m) will come from Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) and third party contributions.

### **Implications**

The Isham Bypass is identified as a High Priority scheme in the IDP and will provide an important link between the A14 and A45, however there are no developments in the plan directly reliant on its opening, it is therefore not a 'show stopper'.