

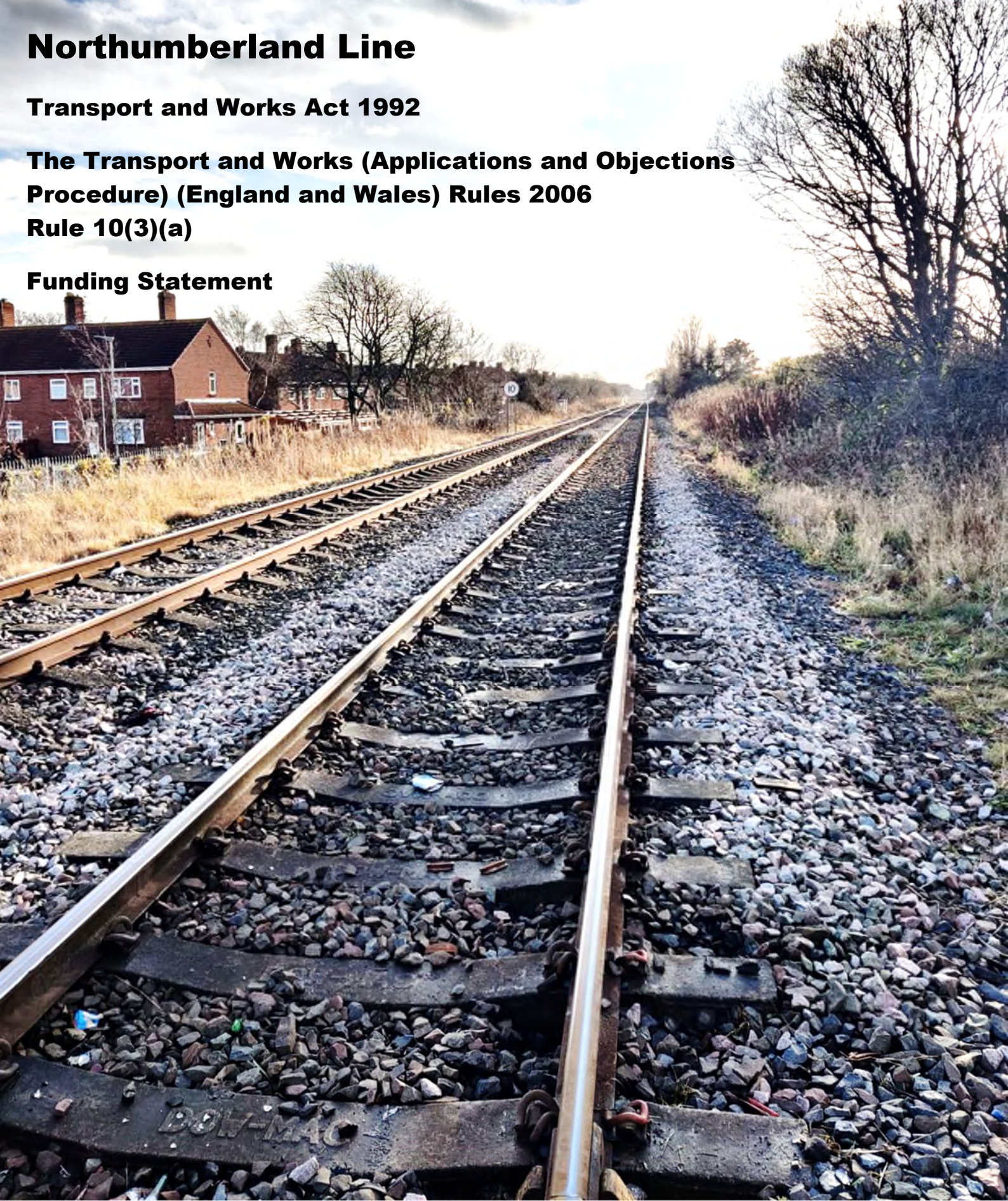
Northumberland Line

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Funding Statement



Northumberland
County Council

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THE NORTHUMBERLAND LINE ORDER

FUNDING STATEMENT

1. The total anticipated costs of reintroducing passenger services between Ashington and Newcastle (known as the Northumberland Line project) are estimated to be £167m in 2019 prices. This includes the cost of carrying out the works and implementing the other matters provided for in the proposed Order¹.
2. The cost of work done to date on the project amounts to £13.187m which has been funded as follows:
 - Northumberland County Council: £6.687m.
 - Department for Transport £6.5m (funding from the Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline (RNEP)).
3. The remainder will be funded from the following sources:
 - Northumberland County Council: £20.538m; and
 - Department for Transport: £133.275m rail network enhancement pipeline (RNEP) funding.
4. Northumberland County Council has committed a total of £27.218m towards the capital cost of the project. This is included in the council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) which was approved by the County Council in February 2021.
5. Funding to date (total - £6.5m) from the Department for Transport from the Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline (RNEP) can be summarised as follows:
 - £1.5m in January 2020 to support delivery of the Outline Business Case (OBC).
 - £5m in August 2020 to support a Decision to Deliver including completion of an Updated Business Case (UBC), on- and off-track ground investigation surveys and completion of the Approval in Principle (AIP) Design.
6. In November 2020, the Department for Transport's Rail Investment Board (RIB) gave approval in principle to the reinstatement of passenger services on the Northumberland Line based on the total estimated costs of £166m. RIB authorised the release of a further £34.3m of RNEP funding, subject to the spending review, to fund land acquisition, completion of detailed design and early purchase of long lead time signalling equipment. This funding was announced by the Secretary of State in January 2021.
7. The project will return to RIB in October 2021 for a Final Business Case approval and for release of the residual funding required to complete project delivery.

¹ As set out in the applicant's Estimate of Costs.

8. The funding that has been secured for the Northumberland Line project as a whole will meet the capital cost of implementing the proposed Order inclusive of compensation and any acquisition of blighted land as identified within section 149 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990.