



Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 3

Topic	Transport and rights of way
Date	Thursday 9 November 2023
Time	10.00am
Venue	<p>Blended hearing held at the Stoke by Nayland Resort, Keepers Lane, Leavenheath, CO6 4PZ (free onsite parking), and online through Microsoft Teams (instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered).</p> <p>Seating available at the venue from 9.30am.</p> <p>The virtual room opens at 9.30am for those participating online. Join between 9.30am and 9.45am to enter the virtual lobby. From here you will be admitted to the Arrangements Conference, greeted and given further instructions. The Arrangements Conference will be hosted at 9.45am by the Case Team. It will cover housekeeping arrangements for those participating online and answer any questions about taking part.</p>
Attendees	<p>All registered Interested Parties are welcome to attend. Those wishing to make oral representations on this specific topic should register with the case team as soon as possible.</p> <p>(Email bramfordtotwinstead@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or call 0303 444 5000.)</p> <p>The Examining Authority would be assisted by the attendance of representatives from the following, and would be grateful for confirmation of attendees and whether they will be joining in person at the venue or virtually:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Applicant• Essex County Council• Suffolk County Council• Babergh District Council• Mid Suffolk District Council• Braintree District Council• National Highways

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10.00am	Examining Authority opens the Hearing.
Item 1	Welcome, preliminary matters and introductions.
Item 2	Purpose of this Issue Specific Hearing (please read Annexes A and B below in advance).
Item 3	<p>Transport Assessment and methodology used to assess traffic impacts:</p> <p>To include (<i>inter alia</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shift pattern; • traffic survey data; • evidence supporting construction traffic figures; • traffic management; • road safety; • peak and average staff numbers; • assumptions relating to construction vehicles and construction worker vehicles; • linking construction works to construction vehicle or construction worker numbers; • closures needed for construction of accesses and the trench crossings; • mobile gangs; • inspections; • road crossings; • approach to impacts from pre-commencement operations; • intra-project cumulative effects; • inter-project cumulative effects; • any other matters arising from the responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions.
Item 4	<p>Construction traffic and construction route strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether construction traffic associated with the construction of the project is 'extraordinary traffic'; • methodology, measures and commitments in the Construction Traffic Management Plan; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ for pre-commencement activities; ○ approval of construction routes; ○ approval of signage; ○ structural surveys and repairs; ○ monitoring and control of HGV and construction worker movements;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • other controls and mitigation; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ detailed Abnormal Indivisible Loads Management Plan; ○ detailed Port Traffic Management Plan; ○ Decommissioning Traffic Management Plan; • any other matters arising from the responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions.
Item 5	<p>Proposed temporary traffic restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the need for the proposed parking restrictions; • national street gazetteer; • reliance on a temporary speed limit to slow vehicles; • any other matters arising from the responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions.
Item 6	<p>Temporary and permanent measures that are sought for access to the Proposed Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • proposed access points, bell mouths and access tracks and roads, including the haul road from the A131 and the 'hybrid' solution raised by Pebmarsh Parish Council and others; • vegetation to be removed; • any other matters arising from the responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions.
Item 7	<p>Public rights of way, and assessment of construction and traffic impacts on walkers, cyclists and horse riders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • public right of way closures and diversions, and their sequencing; • assessment of severance, amenity and fear and intimidation; • implications of proposed working hours and a seven-day working week; • any other matters arising from the responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions.
Item 8	Any other business.
Item 9	Review of actions arising.
Item 10	Close of Issue Specific Hearing 3.

Note that the agenda is provided for general guidance and may be subject to change on the day.

If you simply wish to observe this hearing, you will be able to:

- attend the event in person to watch the proceedings;
- view a livestream of the event (a link will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before the event is scheduled to begin); or
- view the recording of the livestream that will be published on the [project webpage](#) shortly after the event has finished.

Annex A

Procedure at Issue Specific Hearings

The Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 dictate that the Examining Authority presides at a Hearing, that it has powers of control over the conduct of the Hearing, and that it is responsible for determining the procedure.

The parties requested to attend are specified on the first page of this document. If you wish to participate in the Hearing and have not already confirmed your attendance, please do so as soon as possible by contacting the Case Team on 0303 444 5000 or bramfordtotwinstead@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the Examining Authority will conduct the Hearing in such a way that legal representation will not be required. The Examining Authority will lead the questioning of parties making oral representations and probe, test and assess the evidence. There is usually no cross-examination of witnesses by other parties, though the Examining Authority does have the power to allow this under certain circumstances.

If you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, please do not attend the Hearing in person. Contact the Case Team who will ensure you have access to the Hearing virtually. Please ensure that you read our [Privacy Notice](#) before attending the Hearing.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the Hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the Hearing can therefore view and listen to it using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

Parties who have registered to attend (both in person and virtually), and invitees, will receive an email shortly before the Hearing containing a joining link and telephone number to enable participation virtually as necessary. If attending virtually, please join the Arrangements Conference promptly. The Case Team will admit you from the virtual lobby and register your attendance. The Arrangements Conference allows procedures to be explained and will enable the Hearing to start promptly.

The Hearing will finish when the Examining Authority considers that all matters have been covered and all participants have had an opportunity to make their representations. If there are additional matters to be dealt with, it may be necessary to defer some matters to written questions.

A summary of the evidence presented orally at Issue Specific Hearing 3 should be included in post-hearing submissions to be submitted by Deadline 4 in the Examination Timetable (16 November 2023).

The Examining Authority would recommend any parties who are new to the process and wish to learn more about the background and procedures in hearings to read the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.5](#), *The Examination: hearings and site inspections*.

Annex B

The purpose of this Issue Specific Hearing

This Hearing is being held to address matters relating to transport and rights of way. These have been identified by the ExA through its reading of submissions and site inspections to date.

The agenda is indicative and is subject to change on the day. Documents in the Examination Library should be taken as read and need not be repeated in oral submissions, although signposting to key documents may assist.

Discussion at the hearing will include the following documents, and active participants are advised to have an electronic or hard copy of each available:

- Draft Development Consent Order [REP2-005]
- Transport Assessment [APP-061]
- ES Chapter 4 Project Description [APP-072]
- ES Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport [APP-080]
- Appendix 12.1 Traffic and transport significance of effects tables [APP-134]
- Draft Statement of Common Ground between the Applicant and National Highways [APP-171]
- Construction Environmental Management Plan [APP-177]
- Construction Traffic Management Plan [APP-180]
- Applicant's response to Rule 9 letter dated 24 July 2023 [AS-005]