

**Notice of Open Floor Hearing**  
**The M20 Junction 10a Development Consent Order**  
**Planning Inspectorate Reference: TR010006**  
**Section 93 of the Planning Act 2008**  
**Rule 13(6) Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**

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The purpose of an Open Floor Hearing is to allow interested parties to address the Examining Authority on relevant matters of their choosing. Speaking time will be shared between interested parties who register in advance. Parties who do not register in advance may be heard at the end of the hearing if there is time available and at the discretion of the Examining Authority. Interested parties include any person who has made a relevant representation to the Examining Authority in accordance with section 102(4) of the Planning Act 2008, as well as the Applicant and various persons and bodies prescribed by statute.

Those interested parties who wish to speak at the hearing should notify the PINS Case Team at the postal or email address at the end of this notice by 11.59 on 18 November 2016. Please notify PINS if you plan to attend the hearing even if you do not wish to speak. Any hearings further to those listed below will be advertised by one or more further notices.

The open floor hearing will be held at the following date, time and location.

Venue	Date and time
Holiday Inn Ashford Central (Wye Suite), Canterbury Road, Ashford, TN24 8QQ	Friday 2 December 2016 Starting at 2pm (seating available from 1.30pm)

A copy of the full application is available online through the PINS website at:

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An advice note has been issued by PINS providing guidance on participating in the examination. The advice note can be accessed on the PINS website at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Advice-note-8-5v3.pdf>

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**Issue specific hearings details:**

Hearings	Date	Time
Environment	22 February 2017	Starting at 10.00am (seating available from 9.30am)
Draft Development Consent Order	23 February 2017	Starting at 2.00pm (seating available from 1.30pm)

At the hearings interested parties may address the Examining Authority on specific issues referred to the above (subject to the Examining Authority's powers of control over the conduct of the hearing).

**Compulsory acquisition hearing details:**

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Examining Authority (subject to the Examining Authority's powers of control over the conduct of the hearing). An affected person is any person whose land, or any part of it, is affected by the proposed compulsory acquisition of land and whose name has been provided to the Secretary of State pursuant to section 59 of the Planning Act 2008.

**Open floor hearing details:**

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The venue for the open floor hearing, issue specific hearings and a compulsory acquisition hearing will be: **Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, Ashford Business Point, Waterbrook Avenue, Sevington, Ashford, Kent. TN24 0LH.**

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