



# The Planning Inspectorate

## A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon examination

### Agenda for first compulsory acquisition hearing on general matters

**Date of meeting:** Tuesday 1 September 2015

**Seating available from:** 1.30pm

**Meeting begins:** 2.00pm

**Venue:** Burgess Hall, Westwood Road, Saint Ives  
Cambridgeshire PE27 6WU

1	Welcome and introductions
2	Proposed Non-material Changes to the Application (HE/A 14/EX 99) Applicant to update (including current position regarding written consents from those affected)

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### Statutory Conditions:

#### 1 Soil storage areas

To examine why in some instances (e.g. 5/38d and 10/6) it is proposed to acquire a freehold interest when proposed use of the land is clearly temporary.

#### 2 Borrow pits

To examine what is the legal justification for seeking to acquire freehold interests particularly when the Borrow Pit Restoration Plan states that:

- Borrow Pit 5 would be largely restored to agricultural use
- Borrow Pit 6 would be partially restored for agricultural use
- Borrow Pits 1, 2, 3 and 7 are expected to be flooded by groundwater to form lakes with peripheral areas restored for informal recreational use and habitat creation

none of which would preclude retention of the freehold by the owner

Would not the compulsory acquisition of rights and or imposition of restrictive covenants, and use of temporary use and maintenance powers under the DCO suffice?

If a lesser interest would suffice can the applicant confer that the necessary changes to the application could be made and submitted to the Examining Authority (ExA) by 30 September 2015 so that the ExA and others would have time to examine and comment on them before the close of the examination on 13 November 2015.

#### 3 The legal justification for seeking to acquire a freehold interest (as opposed to a lesser interest), where land is required for such purposes as environmental mitigation measures (e.g. landscaping, ecological mitigation, flood compensation areas) has been raised by the ExA and the NFU and others. The applicant set out its response to the ExA in its reply to First Question 1.4.1 and to the NFU in its response to Written Representations at Report 5 paragraphs 63.4.8 to 63.4.19.

In circumstances where the ExA were to recommend the grant of the compulsory acquisition powers sought will the applicant respond to the issue raised by the ExA at the first DCO hearing (see paragraphs 5.4 and 5.5 of HE/A14/EX/66) and whether, in this instance, a third party might be involved in determining whether or not there might be a lesser power taken than the acquisition of the freehold interest.

#### 4 Reference the Schedule of CA Objections now confirmed and agreed (as amended) by the applicant in its 19 August 2015 submission will the applicant, following the close of the hearing, add a new column and respond to the objection made, or if it has already responded indicate where that response may be found in the submissions. If withdrawn, provide written confirmation from the objector/agent.

4	<p>Crown Land</p> <p>Update from applicant on securing written consent from the Crown Estate or relevant Crown body relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical Railways Estate Land (paragraph 12.8 Statement of Reasons)</li> <li>• Land where Defra has rights (paragraph 12.10 Statement of Reasons)</li> <li>• Barwell Properties dissolved and escheated to Crown (paragraph 12.7 Statement of Reasons)</li> </ul>
5	<p>Open Space</p> <p>Land at Menzies Hotel (part of golf course). Update on position with regard to Paragraph 5.166 of the National Policy Statement for National Networks relating to the local authority's assessment of need in this instance.</p>
6	<p>Sections 127 and 138 – Statutory Undertakers</p> <p>Update on position under sections 127 and 138 with regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Network Rail</li> <li>• Anglian Water</li> <li>• Eastern Power Networks</li> </ul>
7	Network Rail
8	National Grid Gas and National Grid Electricity
	Close of hearing

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