

**NOTIFICATION OF HEARINGS UNDER RULE 13(6) OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010**  
**A19/A184 TESTO'S JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT SECTION 91 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008**  
**RULE 13(6) OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010**  
**NOTICE OF HEARINGS RELATING TO THE A19/A184 TESTO'S JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT**  
**PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: TR010020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at the date, time and location set out below, two issue specific hearings will be held by the Examining Authority (appointed by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government) for the examination of the application made by Highways England Company Limited ("the Applicant") of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4LZ for a Development Consent Order ("the DCO") for the A19/A184 Testo's Junction Improvement ("the Application").

The Application was made to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (via the Planning Inspectorate) under sections 14, 22 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 on 14 July 2017 and was accepted for examination on 10 August 2017. The Application has been given the Planning Inspectorate reference number TR010020.

**SUMMARY OF THE SCHEME**

The Application seeks development consent for the A19/A184 Testo's Junction Improvement in the North East region, located within the administrative area of South Tyneside ("the Scheme").

The main aspects of the Scheme include:

- Upgrading the existing junction to a grade separated configuration.
- Raising the A19 over the existing Testo's roundabout;
- Widening the existing Testo's roundabout to incorporate new connector roads between the junction and the A19 mainline;
- Creating new parallel link roads between Testo's junction and the adjacent Downhill Lane junction to the south; and
- Improvements to non-motorised user facilities through the provision of new and upgraded facilities.

If the DCO is made by the Secretary of State for Transport, it would allow the Applicant, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining the Scheme, to acquire compulsorily interests in and rights over land, including the power to create and acquire new rights over land, and to take possession of and to use land temporarily.

**HEARINGS**

The Examining Authority's letter dated 31 January 2018 contains a programme for the examination of the Application, including a number of hearings. Those hearings taking place in February and March 2018 will be held at the date, time and location set out in the table below.

Date	Hearing Type	Time	Place	Access and Parking
Wednesday, 28 February 2018	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH4) into: any outstanding issues	10:00 am	<b>The Royal Station Hotel,</b> Neville Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 5DH	Bus routes <u>Neville Street</u> Stand A: 10, 11, 38 Stand B: 1, 30, 31 National Rail and Metro <u>Central Station</u>  Paid Parking close to the venue (Newcastle Station Long Stay Car Park, Neville Street, NE1 5DL)
Thursday, 1 March 2018	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH5) into: draft DCO	10.00 am	<b>The Royal Station Hotel,</b> Address as above	As above

The venue will be open to the public half an hour before the start of the hearings. The agendas for the above hearings will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's website at least five working days before each hearing takes place.

Any hearings further to those listed above will be advertised by one or more further notices. In accordance with Rule 13(3) of Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, as amended, the Planning Inspectorate will also notify interested parties of the date, time and place fixed for each hearing.

**For more information on these hearings, the examination of the Application and full timetable (and any amendments to it), including how and when to register to speak at the hearings and how and when to make written submissions,** please contact the Planning Inspectorate using the details below, or visit its website where procedural decisions and notices of hearings are available to download:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/a19-a184-testos-junction-improvement/>

**COPIES OF THE APPLICATION DOCUMENTS**

Copies of the Application documents can be viewed and downloaded online at the Planning Inspectorate's project website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/a19-a184-testos-junction-improvement/>

Full hard copies of the Application documents can be viewed at the following public locations and times:

Library/Address	Opening Hours	
<b>The Word Library</b> The Word 45 Market Place South Shields NE33 1DX Telephone 0191 4427 1818	Monday to Thursday - 9.00am to 19.00pm Friday - 9.00am to 17.00pm Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays - 10.00am to 16.00pm	
<b>Printing Costs</b>	<b>Black and White</b>	<b>Colour</b>
<b>A4</b>	10p	Not Available
<b>A3</b>	20p	Not Available
<b>Bunny Hill Customer Service Centre</b> Community Cafe Hylton Lane Sunderland SR5 4BW Telephone 0191 520 5555	Monday to Friday - 8.30am to 17.00pm Closed Bank Holidays	
<b>Printing Costs</b>	<b>No photocopying available at this centre.</b>	
<b>Highways England</b> Lateral 8 City Walk Leeds LS11 9AT Telephone 0300 470 4418	Monday to Friday - 9.00am to 17.00pm Closed Bank Holidays	
<b>Printing Costs</b>	<b>Photocopying can be provided for most of the documents (with the exception of the ES Volumes) free of charge, upon request.</b>	

Venue copying charges will apply.

The Application documents can also be viewed online at the following public locations and times, using the web address above; please note that you may need to bring a form of ID to use the computer at these locations:

Library/Address	Opening Hours	
<b>East Boldon Library</b> Boker Lane East Boldon NE36 0RY Telephone: 0191 424 7853 <b>Free access to computers for Library members, or one pound charge per 20 minutes.</b>	Monday - 9.30am to 17.00pm Tuesday - 9.30am to 19.00pm Wednesday - Closed Thursday - 9.30am to 19.00pm Friday - 9.30am to 17.00pm Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays - Closed	
<b>Boldon Lane Library</b> Boldon Lane South Shields NE34 0LZ Telephone: 0191 456 2852 <b>Free access to computers for Library members, or one pound charge per 20 minutes.</b>	Monday - 9.30am to 17.00pm Tuesday - 9.30am to 17.00pm Wednesday - 9.30am to 19.00pm Thursday - Closed Friday - 9.30am to 17.00pm Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays - Closed	
<b>Printing Costs</b>	<b>Black and White</b>	<b>Colour</b>
<b>A4</b>	10p	50p
<b>A3</b>	Not available	

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information about the Application, the hearings and how to take part in the Examination and any other matters covered in this notice may be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate or Highways England A19/A184 Testo's Project Team using the following contact details:

The Planning Inspectorate	Highways England
Post: The Planning Inspectorate 3D Eagle Wing Temple Quay House 2 The Square Bristol, BS1 6PN	Post: A19/A184 Testo's Project Team Lateral, 8 City Walk, Leeds, LS11 9AT
Email: A19TestosJunction@pins.gsi.gov.uk Phone: 0303 444 5000 Website: <a href="https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/a19-a184-testos-junction-improvement/">https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/a19-a184-testos-junction-improvement/</a> Please quote the Application reference number TR010020 in any correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate about this Scheme. Correspondence about this Scheme should be marked FAO: A19/A184 Testo's Junction Improvement Case Team.	Email: a19testosjunctionimp@highwaysengland.co.uk Phone: 0300 470 2313 Website: <a href="http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a19-testos-and-downhill-lane-junction-improvements/">http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a19-testos-and-downhill-lane-junction-improvements/</a> Correspondence about this Scheme should be marked FAO: A19/A184 Testo's Project Team.