



# Preliminary Meeting Note

**Application:** A38 Derby Junctions  
**Reference:** TR010022  
**Time and date:** 10am, 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019  
**Venue: Best Western, The Stuart Hotel Derby**

*This meeting note is not a full transcript of the Preliminary Meeting. It is a summary of the key points discussed.*

## 1. Welcome and Introduction

Stuart Cowperthwaite (SC) welcomed those present and introduced himself as the lead member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors, the Examining Authority (ExA). Simon Warder introduced himself as other panel member to examine the A38 Derby Junctions application.

SC explained that the ExA would be examining the application made by Highways England ('the Applicant') before making a recommendation to the Secretary of State who will decide whether an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed project, which is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) should be made.

SC explained the purpose of the Preliminary Meeting (PM) and noted that the Examination will commence after the PM closes.

The ExA confirmed that all documents and submissions received and accepted during the Examination will be published on the project-specific page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

## 2. Audio recording

The full audio recording of this preliminary meeting is available on the National Infrastructure Planning website and can be accessed [here](#)

## 3. Examination Process

The ExA briefly explained the examination process under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008), further info can be found in the [Advice Note 8.4](#)

## 4. Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

The ExA explained the purpose of the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (section 88 of the PA2008), which can be found in [Annex B](#) of the [Rule 6](#) letter of 23 August 2019, and asked for any observations on them.

No comments have been made by any of the parties in attendance.

## **5. Examination Timetable**

The ExA welcomed suggestions from the parties in attendance to amend the draft Examination Timetable contained in [Annex C](#) of Rule 6 letter.

The applicant noted that deadlines were normally set as Midnight rather than 12.00 noon, and that this would be preferred.

The applicant requested to be given a 42 days' notice of hearing date, time and place to allow for the publication of newspaper notices.

All comments received were duly noted by the ExA and considerations will be reflected in the Rule 8 Letter.

The Examination Timetable can be found in the [Rule 8](#) letter published on 11 Oct 2019.

## **6. Hearings and Site Inspections**

The ExA clarified the purpose of:

- Issue Specific Hearings
- Compulsory Acquisition Hearings
- Open Floor Hearings
- Accompanied Site Inspections
- Unaccompanied Site Inspections

The ExA sought comments on the arrangements for the above events. These were duly noted and considered by the ExA.

Further information relating to hearings and site inspections can be found in our [Advice Note 8.5](#)

## **7. Procedural decisions**

The procedural decisions made under section 89(3) of the PA2008 can be found in [Annex E](#) of the Rule 6 Letter.