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Proposed Accompanied Site Inspection itinerary – 3 and 4 July 2019

The itinerary for the accompanied site inspection can be found below.

The Examining Authority's (ExA) inspection of sites is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

It is **not** an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence.

Joining the site visit

Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 July 2019

The site inspections will commence at 10.00am at Birmingham International Railway Station, Stationlink Road, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, B40 1PA. The ExA are not able to wait for parties who are not present at the start time. Transport to accompany the ExA will be provided on a first-come, first served basis. Participants are asked to assemble from 9.30am to enable a prompt departure.

It is not possible to predict precisely how long each part of the inspection will last. Parties wishing to join at an alternative location may make the request to the Case Team, by 4.00pm on **Thursday 27 June 2019** by telephone on 0303 444 5000 or email M42junction6@planninginspectorate.gov.uk giving a contact telephone number.

To contact the Case Team on the day of the accompanied site inspection please telephone **07458 014 597**. Please note this number should only be used to contact the Case Team on the day of the site visits.

To ensure the smooth running of the ExA's inspection, attendees should provide contact details for the day, notify the Case Team if there are any changes in attendance, and ensure the Planning Inspectorate is made aware of any special access requirements for any participants.

Safety instructions

Vehicle(s) will be provided by the Applicant for the site visit, will take place around the A45 Coventry Road and M42 and local country roads with high speed limits. Some of the locations will be observed on foot, possibly on uneven or wet ground, some footpaths, are accessed via stiles and by walking along local roads where there may not be a footway.

A safety briefing will be provided before we leave Birmingham International railway station.

You will be provided with a high-visibility vest which must be worn at all times when out of the vehicle. When stopping on a live road, a mini-briefing will be provided before attendees exit the vehicle, which will include where to stand and how to remain safe. All attendees must follow instructions given to them by staff. All attendees must follow the instructions provided within the risk assessment. All attendees are responsible for their own safety and must never act in a manner that might reduce the safety of themselves or others.

Clothing

It will be necessary for all parties to wear appropriate sturdy footwear and weather-proof clothing. All parties are advised to bring and wear high visibility jackets, if they have them, when walking on the public highway. The Applicant will provide high-visibility vests.

Sites on private land

Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it; householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances, the ExA will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait outside.

Refreshments

Please note refreshments or lunch will not be provided. A lunch break has been included in the itinerary and attendees will be expected to provide their own.

Cancellations

Please note that in the unlikely event that the accompanied site inspection is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand, but we would ask that you regularly check the Planning Inspectorate's website which can be viewed here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/West%20Midlands/M42-Junction-6-Improvement/>

Detailed itinerary for accompanied site inspection

The times are approximate and whilst we will endeavour to meet persons along the route the timings cannot be guaranteed.

Day 1

Stop	Timings	Description
	09:30 arrival for 10:00 departure	Birmingham International railway station Birmingham International railway station will be used as a meeting point for the ASI, allowing access for attendees by public transport or car. A compulsory site briefing from the Applicant (including health & safety and welfare information) will take place at 09:30, and Day 1 of the ASI will begin at 10:00.
1	10:05 – 11:00	B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes Lane: Four Winds, Birmingham Dogs Home, location of proposed Barber’s Coppice Roundabout and realigned B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes Lane The vehicle will travel to Clock Interchange and south on B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes Lane to park at Birmingham Dogs Home (subject to agreement) and the site visit will take place on foot in the vicinity to observe these sites. Four Winds will be observed first with Mr O’Reilly, from where Viewpoint EE (Figure 8.1 of Viewpoint Location Plan, Sheet 1) can be observed. The view towards Catherine-de-Barnes will also be pointed out. The group will use the public footpath to the north of Four Winds (M113a) and walk into the field. If it is safe and appropriate to do so, the party will also cross B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes Lane and access public footpath M122 and walk along this for approximately 400m. From here, Viewpoint T (Figure 8.1 of Viewpoint Location Plan, Sheet 1) can be observed. The group will then walk back along the footpath and return to the vehicle.
2	11:05 – 11:40	B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes Lane: the Warwickshire Gaelic Athletic Association (WGAA) facility – Páirc na hÉireann The vehicle will travel from Birmingham Dogs Home north on B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes Lane to park at the WGAA facility (subject to agreement), and the ASI will continue on foot within the WGAA grounds. The view towards Catherine-de-Barnes will be pointed out, as shown in Viewpoint Q (Figure 8.1 of Viewpoint Location Plan, Sheet 1). From here, it is possible to use the footway to walk southbound along B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes Lane to observe Viewpoint R (Figure 8.1 of Viewpoint Location Plan, Sheet 1). The party will then walk back to the vehicle.
-	11:40 – 12:00	Break An option for a stop for a break is the fuel station on the A45 Coventry Road between Clock Interchange and Junction 6.
3	12:05 – 12:15	B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes Lane: Braceys Nurseries The vehicle will travel to Braceys Nurseries, the entrance to which is located off St Peters Lane. Braceys Nurseries can be observed on foot and Viewpoint FF (Figure 8.1 of Viewpoint Location Plan, Sheet 1) can be viewed from this location. The party will then walk back to the vehicle.

4	12:20 – 13:20	<p>Bickenhill and B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes Lane: St Peters/Church Lane junctions, Church Farm Accommodation, Bickenhill Green Court and railway line</p> <p>The vehicle will travel north along B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes Lane to St Peters Lane (at the northern end of Bickenhill) and park in the spaces available near Bickenhill Church. Note that this is subject to agreement and the size of the vehicle used. There is footway access to the junction of St Peters Lane and B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes Lane, where much of Viewpoint J (Figure 8.1 of Viewpoint Location Plan, Sheet 1) can be observed. The party will view the St Peters/Church Lane junction and return to Church Lane to visit Church Farm Accommodation (Ms Burton) and Bickenhill Green Court (Mr Cotterill) on foot. This will be an appropriate location to meet with representatives of Bickenhill and Marston Green Parish Council, as requested. Footpath M106 will be accessed from Church Lane to observe the proposed site of the main compound. The party will return to Church Lane and walk further east along the lane and onto Footpath M107. Note that this involves walking on a lane without a footway and accessing a footpath over a stile. Footpath M107 provides access to the pedestrian footbridge that crosses the West Coast Mainline, which offers a view of the railway passing beneath the M42 south of Junction 6. The party will walk back to the vehicle, which will then need to turn and travel back down Church Lane.</p>
-	13:20 – 14:20	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Options for lunch stops include Braceys Nurseries and Resorts World.</p>
5	14:25 – 14:45	<p>Clock Lane/Airport Way Connector Road</p> <p>The vehicle will travel onto B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes Lane. Subject to agreeing parking provision along Clock Lane (most likely at the entrance to the Severn Trent Water aqueduct pumping station), the following can be observed: Clock Lane, B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes Lane, the new mainline link road, the location of the proposed free-flow link to the Airport Way connector road, local vulnerable user routes and the A45 Coventry Road westbound free-flow link.</p>
6	14:50 – 15:30	<p>Haven Caravan Park and local footways</p> <p>The vehicle will remain parked at Clock Lane (subject to agreement) and, using existing footways, the ASI attendees can observe the location of the possible second access to Haven Caravan Park. The area of the new mainline link road and realigned B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes Lane can also be observed. From here, the party will walk southbound along B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes Lane and along Footpath M109 south of St Peters Lane which extends to the west. The party will travel on foot for a short distance along the footpath and observe Viewpoint K (Figure 8.1 of Viewpoint Location Plan, Sheet 1) towards B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes Lane. The party will then walk back to B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes Lane, walk south and travel along the next public footpath, M112, to the west for a short distance. From here Viewpoint L (Figure 8.1 of Viewpoint Location Plan, Sheet 1), towards B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes lane, can be observed. The party will then walk back to B4438 and, if it is safe to do so, cross the road and observe the footpath on the opposite side of the road before crossing back over the road and returning to the vehicle.</p>
7	15:30 – 15:40	<p>Birmingham Airport/Bickenhill Lane</p> <p>The vehicle will travel to Birmingham Airport. The site visit will continue from the vehicle, which will travel around Bickenhill Lane and Airport Way.</p>
-	15:40 – 15:55	<p>Break</p>

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8	16:00 – 16:30	Arden Hotel/Clock Interchange The vehicle will travel to Arden Hotel and park here (subject to agreement) so that the site visit can continue on foot. From here the Arden Hotel, A45 Coventry Road pedestrian overbridge, local gas governor, extent of footway stopping-up and location of A45 Coventry Road eastbound to M42 northbound free-flow link will all be observed. Footways will be used to access and observe elements of Clock Interchange where safe and appropriate to do so. The party will then return to the vehicle.
9	16:35 – 16:55	NEC and Resorts World The vehicle will travel from Arden Hotel to Junction 6 where the vehicle will access the NEC on South Way. The site visit will continue as a journey around Resorts World and NEC land/car parks, including car parks E4, E5, S3, S5 and S7. The vehicle may be able to park at the NEC to observe the affected overhead utilities (subject to agreement). The vehicle will travel across East Way bridge, from where the site of the proposed HS2 Automated People Mover structure over the M42 will be pointed out. The vehicle will use the roundabout to turn back to the NEC.
-	17:00	Close The vehicle will return to Birmingham International railway station and Day 1 of the ASI will end.

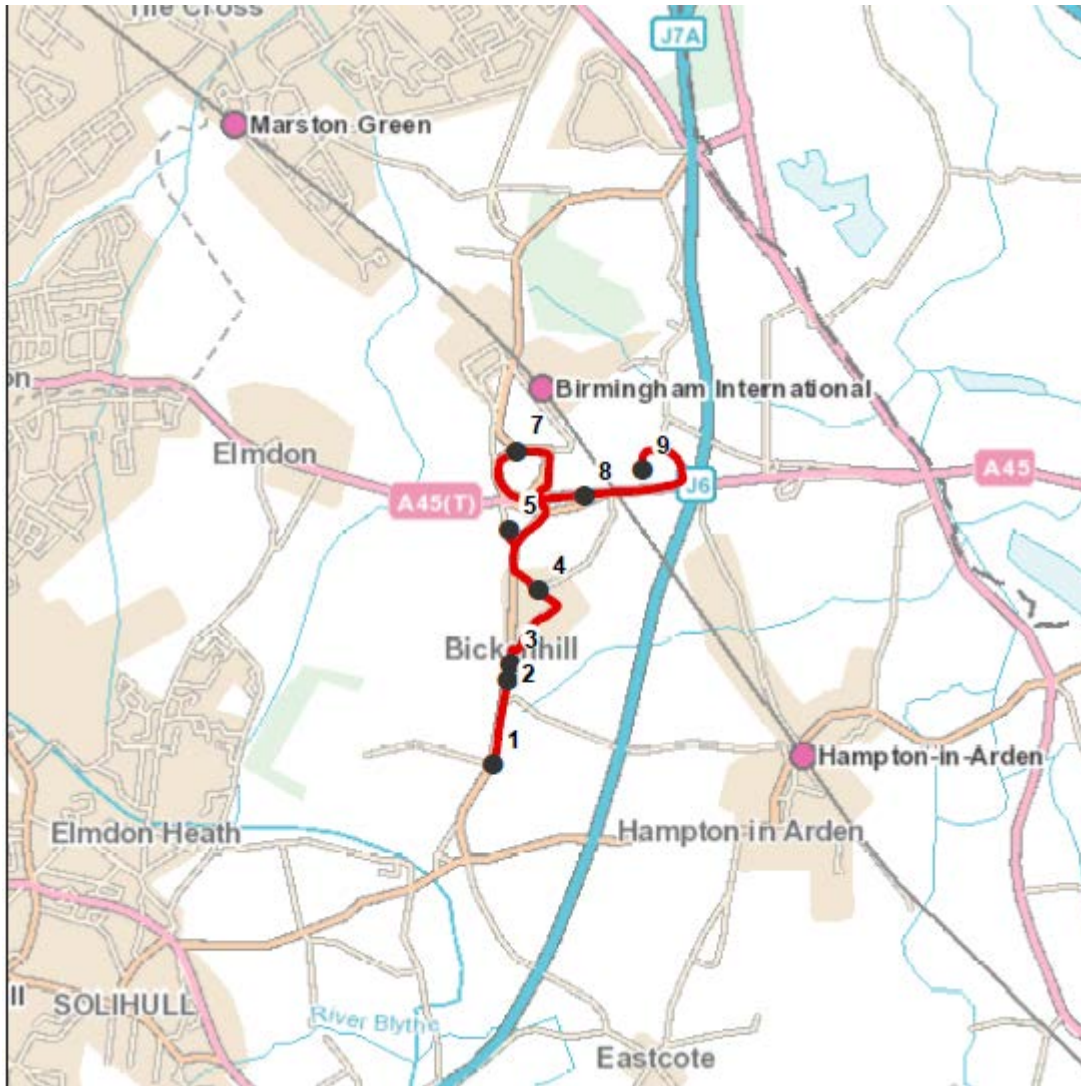
Day 2

Stop	Timings	Description
	09:30 arrival for 10:00 departure	Birmingham International railway station Birmingham International railway station will be used as a meeting point for the ASI, allowing access for attendees by public transport or car. A compulsory site briefing from the Applicant (including health & safety and welfare information) will take place at 09:30, and Day 2 of the ASI will begin at 10:00.
10	10:05 – 10:10	A45 Coventry Road from Clock Interchange to Junction 6 The vehicle will travel from Birmingham International railway station to Clock Interchange and on to Junction 6, allowing the observation of the A45 Coventry Road along this stretch.
11	10:10 – 10:15	Middle Bickenhill Lane/East Way The vehicle will travel across Junction 6, observing Junction 6 from the vehicle, and travel to East Way, where East Way and Middle Bickenhill Lane will be observed from the vehicle. From East Way, the vehicle will turn around using East Way roundabout to merge onto the A45 Coventry Road eastbound, before taking a left turn onto the A452.
12	10:15 – 10:25	HS2 Area and Birmingham Business Park The vehicle will travel along the A452, past the development area for HS2, to the roundabout with Birmingham Business Park. The vehicle will make a loop of Birmingham Business Park.

13	10:25 – 10:30	A45 Coventry Road from Stonebridge to Junction 6 The vehicle will travel back along the A452 to Stonebridge roundabout (the junction with the A45 Coventry Road), before taking the A45 Coventry Road westbound to Junction 6.
14	10:35 – 11:00	National Motorcycle Museum (NMM) and Junction 6 Subject to agreement, the vehicle will park at the NMM. From here, access on foot to Junction 6 interchange by existing footway provisions will allow observation of Junction 6 and the NMM. From here the party will then access Footpath M107 via Old Station Road and walk to the A45 Coventry Road.
-	11:05 – 11:20	Break An option for a stop for a break is the fuel station on the A45 Coventry Road between Clock Interchange and Junction 6.
15	11:30 – 11:45	Oak Tree Lodge, Shadowbrook Lane The vehicle will travel to Shadowbrook Lane, accessed from B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes Lane. The vehicle will travel along Shadowbrook Lane to Oak Tree Lodge (Mr Bennett's property), where it will need to park in the driveway (subject to agreement). Oak Tree Lodge will be observed here. The vehicle will need to turn in the driveway to exit.
16	11:50 – 12:15	Bickenhill Meadows Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Southeast (SE) Unit As it is not possible for the vehicle to park outside the SSSI SE Unit due to its size, permission is being sought to park at other suitable nearby locations (such as Heath End House), from which the group can walk to the SSSI SE Unit access point on Shadowbrook Lane. The SSSI SE Unit can then be observed on foot (subject to agreement).
17	12:20 – 12:50	Solihull Road bridge, site of proposed Motorway Service Area (MSA), nearby residential properties and Aspbury's Copse Ancient Woodland at Junction 5a The vehicle will travel to B4438 Catherine-de-Barnes roundabout and along B4102 Solihull Road to the existing bridge which crosses the M42. The site of the proposed MSA will be pointed out from the vehicle. If possible, the vehicle will park at the residential properties being observed. This will enable observation of the properties adjacent to the location of the proposed overbridge and Junction 5a (Mayfield and Woodside). Aspbury's Copse Ancient Woodland can be accessed via the footpath from the suggested parking location, subject to agreement and access path being suitable.
-	12:55 – 13:55	Lunch Options for lunch stops include Braceys Nurseries and Resorts World.
18	14:00 – 14:25	Hampton in Arden (and Hampton in Arden Conservation Area) and listed buildings The vehicle will travel along B4102 Solihull Road into Hampton in Arden and onto Marsh Lane to enter the car park at Fentham Hall. The vehicle will park here (subject to agreement) and the site visit will continue on foot to observe the Grade I or Grade II* listed buildings of interest. The group will walk to High Street, past the Church of St Mary and St Bartholomew and up the lane to the clock tower attached to Hampton Manor. Observation of the Moat House (along the B4102) is unlikely to be possible.
19	14:30 – 15:00	Catherine-de-Barnes and Grand Union Canal The vehicle will travel from Hampton in Arden along B4102 Solihull Road to Catherine-de-Barnes. Subject to agreement, the vehicle will park at The Boat Inn and the site visit will continue on foot. The group will cross the B4102 Hampton Lane

		and walk the short distance to the east to the Grand Union Canal. Note that this will involve crossing the road again just after the bridge, and is subject to suitable visibility. The party will walk south along the Grand Union Canal towpath for a short distance. Note that due to the substantial walking distance to reach this location, the site visit will observe the portion of the Grand Union Canal closest to Catherine-de-Barnes, unless the group as a whole wishes to walk the whole stretch. The group will walk back to the vehicle, which will then continue on the B4102 west.
20	15:05 – 15:30	M42 between Junctions 5 and 7 From the B4102, the vehicle will travel along the A41. The vehicle will travel northbound on the M42 from Junction 5 to Junction 6. On approach to Junction 6, it will be pointed out where the M42 passes over the railway line. The vehicle will continue past Junction 7 and will need to turn around at Junction 9 to travel southbound on the M42 back towards Junction 6.
-	15:35	Close The vehicle will exit at Junction 6 of the M42, take the A45 Coventry Road westbound towards Clock Interchange and return to Birmingham International railway station where Day 2 of the ASI will end.

Day 1



Day 2

