

M42 Junction 6 Improvement Project Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing on environmental matters

- Date:** **Wednesday 2 October and, if necessary,
Thursday 3 October 2019**
- Time:** 10.00am
Hearing room opens from 9.30am
- Venue:** Ramada Hotel, The Square, Solihull, West
Midlands, B91 3RF
- Access and Parking:** Parking at the venue

Purpose of Issue Specific Hearing

The purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) is to consider the construction and operational effects of the Proposed Development on the natural environment.

Participation, conduct and management of hearing

This hearing will be held without prejudice to the ExA's consideration of the broader planning merits of the Application.

All Interested Parties (IPs) are welcome to attend the ISH. However, in consideration of its purpose, it follows that the hearing will be of particular interest to those organisations with related environmental responsibilities.

The ExA requests that the following attendees participate:

- The Applicant
- Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
- Warwickshire County Council
- Natural England
- The Woodland Trust
- CPRE Warwickshire
- Warwickshire Wildlife Trust
- Birmingham Airport

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008)¹ and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provide that it is the ExA that will probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questioning of persons making oral representations at hearings. Questioning at the hearing will be led by the ExA.

¹ DCLG: 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent', March 2015.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/418015/examinations_guidance- final_for_publication.pdf

Cross-questioning of the person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that a person has had a fair chance to put their case.

The hearing will run until all IPs have made their representations and responded to the ExA's exploration of the matters in accordance with the agenda.

Please note that the following agenda is indicative and may be amended by the ExA at the start of the hearing session. Furthermore, the ExA may wish to raise other matters arising from oral submissions and pursue lines of inquiry in the course of the discussion which are not on the agenda.

Agenda

- 1. Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the Hearing**
- 2. Air quality**
 - Measures to secure mitigation in relation to cumulative effects
 - Role of the OEMP and CEMP
- 3. Water and water quality**
 - Kingshurst Brook pLWS
 - Bickenhill Meadows SSSI, solutions and monitoring
 - Effects of maintenance
 - Effects on protected species
- 4. Ancient woodland**
 - The loss
 - Appropriate mitigation measures, scale and management
 - Results of the soil surveys and appropriate locations for translocation
- 5. Review of issues and actions arising**
- 6. Next steps**
- 7. Closure of the hearing**