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To Mr Sullivan, by email

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Dear Mr Sullivan,

Thank you for your correspondence on 25 June 2019 regarding the accompanied site inspection (ASI) to take place on Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 July 2019 for the M42 Junction 6 Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project.

The DCO process set out within the Planning Act 2008 is a primarily written process. It is for the Examining Authority (ExA) to decide the extent to which oral evidence at Hearings and pointing out items of interest during site inspections is necessary for the investigation of the important and relevant matters of a case. An opportunity to comment on a draft ASI was provided following its publication on our website on 22 May 2019. The deadline for providing comments was 3 June 2019.

The draft ASI document set out a one-day visit, however this was changed to a two-day visit in response to requests made at the Preliminary Meeting, in order to include a number of locations. Comments have been received regarding timings and locations and as many as possible have been incorporated into the final itinerary. Comments were asked to be received by 3 June, however, we also dealt with comments received later, for instance your email on 17 June was also considered.

The Planning Act is clear that all correspondence related to the material concerns of an Application must be available to the public. The Inspectorate holds Hearings which are open to all and records and publishes the audio files. We also publish written representations and written responses to the ExA's questions. It is, therefore, not possible to have a separate meeting with the ExA and a select number of people. This process is prescribed in the Planning Act 2008, and related secondary legislation, and is different in many respects to public enquiries. Information on the process can be found in our [Advice Notes](#), in particular [Advice Note 8.5](#) on hearings and site inspections.

If following the ASI the ExA considers it necessary to also visit other locations or to re-visit any, they can do so at public locations on an unaccompanied site inspection. The ExA could also choose, if considered necessary, to carry out an additional accompanied site inspection which would then be notified to all interested parties.

Please bear in mind that the site inspection is an opportunity to point out features of relevance to the examination of the case. It is not an opportunity for persons to make representations regarding the benefits or disbenefits of a feature. Representations must be made in writing and may be followed up by the ExA at a relevant Hearing.

The Rule 8 letter notified to interested parties and published on our website on 31 May 2019 sets out the dates by when comments on the ASI itinerary needed to be submitted and when the final itinerary would be published. All persons are able to review this document and, therefore, we do not send a notification to remind them of the availability of this document. If you would like to ensure you are aware of items published on the website, you can sign up to our email updates facility. On the right hand side of the [webpage](#) about halfway down you'll see a box called 'email updates'. Alternatively, a member of the team will be happy to talk you through how to set this up if you'd like to contact them directly.

The Highways England (HE) team are open to communications from members of the public and our case team provided their contact details on 10th May 2019. For ease of reference, these are:

Phone: 0300 123 5000
Email: M42Junction6@highwaysengland.co.uk
Address: M42 Junction 6 Improvement,
5th Floor, Highways England,
2 Colmore Square,
Birmingham,
B4 6BN

Note though that any discussions outside the examination timetable are not part of the examination. For the ExA to be able to consider any points as part of the examination they need to be formally submitted into the examination. You can view the examination time table for the project and the remaining submission deadlines here: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/west-midlands/m42-junction-6-improvement/?ipcsection=exam>

I trust this explains our process with regards to the ASI and please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any further comments or questions.

Yours sincerely,

Simone Wilding

S Wilding
Head of Major Casework Management

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From: Mark Sullivan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 25 June 2019 14:25
To: Simone Wilding <SIMONE.WILDING@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: M42 Junction 6 Improvement - Accompanied Site Visits Wed 3 and Thurs 4 July 2019

From: MARK SULLIVAN, Technical Secretary, CPRE Warwickshire, [REDACTED]
To: SIMONE WILDING, Head of National Infrastructure Casework Management, PINS, Bristol BS2

Dear Ms Wilding

M42 Junction 6 Improvement - Accompanied Site Visits

I write because there are problems of communication and openness about the planned site visits by the Inspectors on Wed 3 and Thurs 4 July.

It is not at present possible for interested parties to have a dialogue with Highways England, the applicant, and arranger of the programme of visits, about the Site Visits next week and we are being told that there will be no discussion or changes to the programme now being agreed between PINS and HE (see e-mail from Case Manager below).

The original Site Visit draft was drawn up by HE in May, before the Preliminary Meeting on 21 May, for one day 2 July (attached). However this was not available at the Preliminary Meeting, and it doesn't seem that the Inspectors had by then looked at it. They decided to change the time required to two days, 3 and 4 July; and interested parties were asked to submit their locations and proposals for the visits by 3 June. This we did (see one page response of 3 June).

The timetable published 31 May sets 24 June (yesterday) for Highways England to submit a revised Site Visit programme. We and others have asked to see this (as it will be different from the early draft for the one-day visit on 2 July). It appears from the Case Officer's response that this will not be sent to those who have registered (they will have to look on the website for it), and no comments on it or changes to it will be accepted. And (at present) no contact name at Highways England which is organising it is being given to interested parties.

This process is out of line with the established method of determining site visits at public inquiries. In the past the parties would meet at the venue and the programme officer would draw up the programme, after all those wishing to take part had agreed the details. That took account of times when people were available, and allowed residents to influence the programme and order of visits. For major road schemes Site Visits are more complex than for simple NSIP applications because they cover a wide area and involve travelling by vehicle, and seeing a number of locations.

There is another week available to ensure that all interested parties are satisfied with the programme, so it does not have to be imposed now.

May we ask that either there is a meeting at Highways England's office in Central Birmingham (this Friday 28 June say) or (preferably) a Conference Call is set up by HE Birmingham office so that all who have comments or concerns about the Site Visit can ring in at the set time, and a final programme agreed, with your Case Officer on the line from PINS of course?

Yours sincerely

MARK SULLIVAN
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CPRE Warwickshire, [REDACTED]
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From: Mark Sullivan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 25 June 2019 03:38
To: M42 Junction 6
[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: M42 Junction 6 - Accompanied Site Visits Wed 3 and Thurs 4 July 2019

From: MARK SULLIVAN

M42 Junction 6 Proposals - Site Visit

Attention: Dee Allen

Thank you for your e-mail of 24 June about the Site Visits on 3 and 4 July.

Can you please send the new programme for the Site Visits to all those who have asked to attend the visits, or wish to meet the Inspectors at one of the locations on the route?

Please can those on the list for the Site Visit send their comments or corrections to Highways England direct so that changes can be made most efficiently. HE not PINS is responsible for the Visit details.

It may be that some of those wishing to meet the Inspector at a location can do so at certain times on one or both days, but not at the time given in the programme, so some timing changes are likely to be necessary.

I know that you have received a request from Bickenhill Parish Council for a visit to the village to see the proposed construction compound and its closeness to the village and

Conservation Area. The proposal for this has only appeared in the last few weeks. This should surely be timed for when residents can most easily attend - we would suggest after 17.00 on one of the two days.

(See attached local newspaper front page 20 June).

Yours sincerely

M A Sullivan
CPRE Warwickshire

From: M42 Junction 6 <M42Junction6@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Sent: 24 June 2019 10:54

To: Mark Sullivan; M42 Junction 6

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: M42 Junction 6 - Accompanied Site Visits Wed 3 and Thurs 4 July 2019

Dear Mr Sullivan,

Thank you for your email and comments regarding the accompanied site inspection (ASI).

During the Preliminary Meeting the Applicant suggested that the ASI would take 2 days to cover all the aspects that the ExA wished to see. This was agreed during the meeting. Following the meeting a draft ASI was published to allow people the opportunity to comment on the locations; text was included on the website to explain that the draft ASI was over one day, and we would be extending this to two days.

Organising a site inspection does indeed require agreement between parties. For this reason we allow time for members of the public to suggest locations and the applicant arranges access with relevant people.

In the NSIP process all correspondence is sent to us at the Planning Inspectorate so that information relevant to the application can be entered into the Examination and published, as appropriate. We recommend that correspondence on the application is sent to us at the relevant junctures. However, the HE team's contact details are available on their website and they are open to communications from members of the public if you wish to contact them.

If you would like to ensure that you are aware of items published on the website you can sign up to our email updates facility. When we update the banner at the top of the page eg to state the deadline documents have been published, audio from hearings and other items you will receive an automatic notification direct to your email address. At the right hand side of the [webpage](#) about halfway down you'll see a box called 'email updates'.

We received your correspondence (dated 3 June) regarding the site inspection and hearings and your comments were [published](#) with all deadline documents on 6 June to be accessed by all members of the public, and the applicant to inform the itinerary. Additionally we sent a summary of the deadline documents which

contained ASI requests directly to the applicant. Your comments made on 17 June regarding stopping on the hard shoulder were forward to the applicant on 18 June; we are unlikely to be able to take on board this suggestion, please see information on the Highway Code, <https://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk/stopping.html>.

All comments sent to us have been taken into account whilst planning the final itinerary and therefore we are not able to accept any further comments on the ASI. The final itinerary will be published on our website this week. Please note that any locations not included but which are accessible to the public may be visited by the ExA during an Unaccompanied Site Inspection, for example one took place on [22 May 2019](#).

If you have further questions on the process you are welcome to contact me.

Kind regards
Dee

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From: Mark Sullivan [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 June 2019 20:24
To: M42 Junction 6 <M42Junction6@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: M42 Junction 6 - Accompanied Site Visits Wed 3 and Thurs 4 July 2019

From: MARK SULLIVAN

M42 Junction 6 Proposals - Site Visit

Attention: Bart

Further to e-mail dated 21 June below. We note that at page B3 of the circular (Rule 8 letter) dated 31 May 2019, it is stated that the Site Visit will be on 3 and 4 July and that the Issue-specific hearings will be on 2 July. On Monday 24 June the applicant is to provide a 'final' site visit itinerary.

Detailed requests for the site visits were submitted to PINS on or by 3 June, but it seems that these were not forwarded to Highways England until 18 June (see Bart's e-mail of 18 June below). Until the full Site Visit details are circulated, it will not be possible to comment on them, see whether anything is still omitted, or see the timings. Some parties who had set aside 2 July originally will not be available on both 3 and 4 July, so changing the order of visits may be necessary.

The proposed construction compound at Bickenhill will no doubt now be included in the visit, following the local residents' meetings with HE about this part of the proposals, which was not shown in the ES plans

Can you please therefore circulate the new Site Visit programme for comment to all those who have advised that they wish to attend one location or more, and provide the contact details for the Highways England person handling it? It will be more effective to have direct discussion by phone to confirm details about points that interested parties wish to see visited, than to do it through PINS, as HE is actually running the Site Visit. If responses are required within 2 days direct to HE from Monday 24th, then the final programme can be put together by the end of this week.

May we also ask that the visits start at 10.00 with safety briefing and continue to 18.00 or 18.30, instead of 09.00 and finish 17.00? This will avoid the need to travel in the morning peak hour to the start point, and to see the evening peak hour traffic between 16.30 and 18.00 on the A45 and M42.

Yours sincerely

Mark Sullivan
CPRE Warwickshire

From: Mark Sullivan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 21 June 2019
To: M42 Junction 6
Cc: Dave Cuthbert; D Cuthbert
Subject: M42 Junction 6 - Accompanied Site Visits Wed 3 and Thurs 4 July 2019

From: MARK SULLIVAN

M42 Junction 6 Proposals - Site Visit

Attention: Bart

Thank you for e-mail of 18 June explaining that the Site Visit is now planned over 2 days.

The draft site visit proposal for 2 May (to which you give a link) (attached document) was not discussed at the Preliminary Meeting; the draft schedule and plan were not available there. And it is not recalled that there was any decision taken at the Meeting about the Visit taking place on 3 and 4 July. I am available all day on on 3 July, but on 4 July only up to 12.00.

Organising a site visit needs agreement between the parties, and it would be most helpful if you can give me the name and contact details for the person at Highways England who is planning the actual visit. The points to visit and the potential route can be discussed directly. This would be more effective than the response sent on 3 June about the site visit being forwarded by you to HE.

Dave Cuthbert of Catherine de Barnes Residents Association will I expect have proposals for the visit. I am copying this to him so that he can look at the original planned schedule and indicate where his Association wishes the Inspectors to visit.

Yours sincerely

Mark Sullivan
CPRE Warwickshire

From: M42 Junction 6 <M42Junction6@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Sent: 18 June 2019 12:30

To: Mark Sullivan

Subject: RE: M42 Junction 6 - Accompanied Site Visit Tues 2 July 2019

Hi Mark

Many thanks for your email confirmation re your attendance at the site visit. We have published the timetable in the Rule 8 letter following the preliminary meeting (please see the link below) where we reserved 3 and 4 July for the accompanied site inspection (ASI). Annex B of that letter contains all the info related to the ASI including the link to draft itinerary and I provide the extract below. I will forward your suggestion re the stops to Highways England for their consideration.

Regards
Bart

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010027/TR010027-000377-20190528%20M42j6%20-%20Rule%208%20Letter%20and%20ExA%20WQ1%20Final.pdf>

ANNEX B

5. Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)

Time has been reserved in the Examination Timetable to undertake an ASI on **3 and 4 July 2019**.

The Applicant submitted to the Examination a draft itinerary for the ASI timetabled to take place on 2 July 2019. This was prior to the Preliminary Meeting where a decision was taken to extend the inspection, to two days. The draft itinerary has been published to the National Infrastructure Planning website and is available to view, here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010027/TR010027-000358-AS%20Highways%20England%20-%20ASI%20Itinerary%20%E2%80%93pre-PM.pdf>

We now invite comments from any Interested Party on the Applicant's draft itinerary by **3 June 2019** (Deadline 1, **Annex A**).

Requests by Interested Parties to attend the ASI should be provided by **midnight, Monday 20 June**. As explained in our Rule 6 letter, the Interested Parties attending the ASI will include representatives of the Applicant, councils, together with other Interested Parties (or their representatives).

It may be necessary to limit the numbers of persons who accompany us for logistical and safety reasons, but it should be possible for arrangements to be made for Interested Parties (or their representatives) to join the inspection at specified locations within the itinerary. Please contact the Case Team if you wish to meet the inspection at a specific location within the itinerary, or at a new location, as proposed in your comments. Please be aware that the Case Team are not able to guarantee precise timings due to the nature of the visit.

The final itinerary will be submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 2 and will be published on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website shortly after.

From: Mark Sullivan <plans_cp_re_works@outlook.com>

Sent: 17 June 2019 23:18

To: M42 Junction 6 <M42Junction6@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Subject: M42 Junction 6 - Accompanied Site Visit Tues 2 July 2019

From: MARK SULLIVAN

M42 Junction 6 Proposals - Site Visit

Thank you for your e-mail of 17 June. There would be one representative on the site visit from CPRE Warwickshire - Mark Sullivan.

I had the date of Tues 2 July pencilled in. You refer to two days of visits. When is the second day of visits planned? It may be that the need for a second day would depend on how

quickly the series of visits can be timed. At this time of year the visit could continue into the evening.

What would be desirable is for the draft programme and a draft sketch-map showing the likely route to be circulated this week, so that parties can see what is intended and what may be missed out, and come back with corrections or additions. Is this possible?

At the Preliminary Meeting I stated that there would need to be some inspection stops on the hard shoulder of the M42, and some safety measures to allow this will no doubt be necessary. Such stops would be likely to take less time than attempting to reach locations by walking from other roads, which could also require access to private land.

Yours

Mark Sullivan
CPRE Warwickshire



From: M42 Junction 6 <M42Junction6@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Sent: 17 June 2019 17:05

To: Mark Sullivan

Subject: RE: M42 Junction 6 - Representations due on 3 June 2019

Hi Mark

Would you be able to inform how many people from CPRE will be willing to attend the accompanied site inspection? This would help Highways England prepare the logistics for the 2-day visit.

Thank you
Bart

M42 Junction 6

Scheme Number TR010027

Draft Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) Information Pack

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

1.1.1 The purpose of this document is to set out the locations which the Applicant suggests the Examining Authority visits as part of the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI).

1.1.2 The ASI is scheduled to take place on 2 July 2019.

1.2 Structure of this document

1.2.1 This document comprises two chapters, as follows:

Chapter 1: Introduction

Chapter 2: Itinerary

Appendix A: Sign-in Sheet

Appendix B: Route Map

Appendix C: General Arrangement Plans (to be added to this document once updated)

2 Itinerary

- 2.1.1 The proposed itinerary is set out in Table 1. This includes timings and a description of what is to be observed at each location.
- 2.1.2 A vehicle will be provided by the Applicant for the site visit, although some of the locations will be observed on foot, possibly on uneven or wet ground. Therefore, attendees should ensure that appropriate footwear and clothing are worn. The Applicant will provide high-visibility vests.
- 2.1.3 The Applicant will bring any relevant plans or photomontages.

Table 1 Proposed Itinerary for the ASI

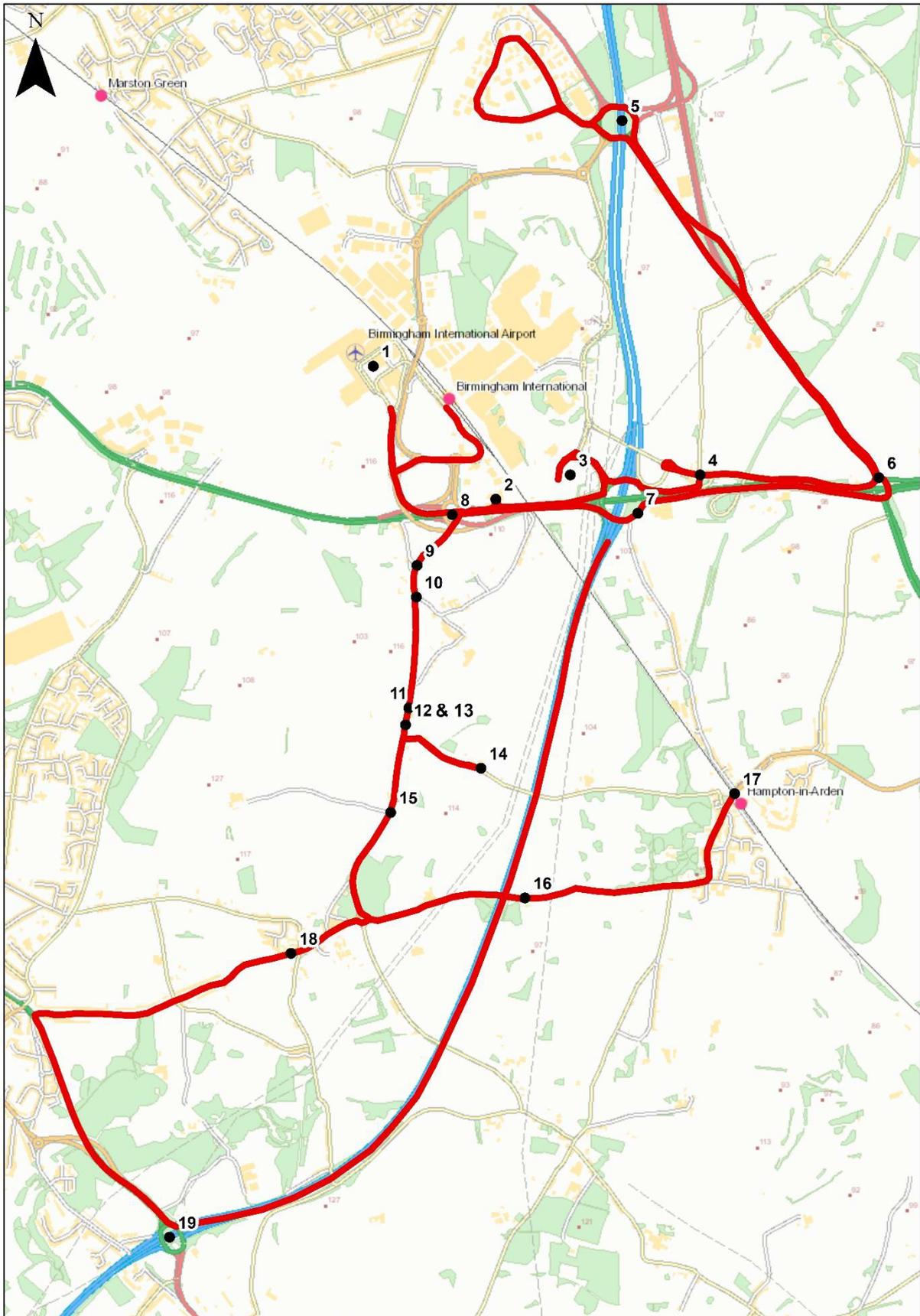
Stop	Timings	Description
	09:00 arrival for 09:30 start	Birmingham International Railway Station It is proposed that Birmingham International is used as a meeting point for the ASI, allowing access for attendees by public transport or car. A compulsory site briefing from the Applicant (including health & safety and welfare information) will take place at 09:00, and the ASI will begin at 09:30.
1	09:35 – 09:45	Birmingham Airport The vehicle will travel to Birmingham Airport. The site visit will continue from the vehicle, which will travel around Bickenhill Lane and Airport Way.
2	09:50 – 10:15	Arden Hotel/Clock Interchange/Bickenhill Lane The vehicle will travel from Bickenhill Lane to Clock Interchange and travel east on the A45 to Arden Hotel. The vehicle will park here (subject to agreement) and the site visit will continue on foot. From here, the Arden Hotel, A45 pedestrian overbridge, local gas governor, extent of footway stopping up and location of A45 eastbound to M42 northbound free-flow link can all be observed. Footpaths will be used to access and observe elements of Clock Interchange.
3	10:20 – 10:35	NEC From the Arden Hotel, the vehicle will travel along the A45 to Junction 6 of the M42, and turn into the NEC on South Way. The site visit will continue as a rolling journey around the NEC land/car parks.
4	10:40 – 10:50	Middle Bickenhill Lane/East Way From the NEC, the vehicle will travel across Junction 6 to East Way, where East Way and Middle Bickenhill Lane will be observed from the vehicle. From East Way, the vehicle can turn around using East Way roundabout to merge onto the A45 eastbound, before taking a left turn onto the A452.
5	10:50 – 11:00	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. This element of the site visit will be undertaken from the vehicle.
6	11:00 – 11:05	A45 from Junction 6 to Stonebridge The vehicle will travel back along the A452 to Stonebridge, before taking the A45 westbound to Junction 6.
7	11:05 – 11:25	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.
8	11:30 – 11:35	A45 from Junction 6 to Clock Interchange From Junction 6, the vehicle will travel on the A45 westbound to Clock Interchange, allowing the observation of the A45 from Junction 6 to Clock Interchange.
-	11:40 – 11:50	Break The vehicle will stop at the fuel station on the A45 between Clock Interchange and Junction 6.
9	11:50 – 12:10	Clock Lane/Airport Way Connector Road The vehicle will travel from Clock Interchange onto Catherine de Barnes Lane (via Junction 6 to turn around). Subject to agreeing parking provision along Clock Lane (most likely at the Bellmouth entrance to Severn Trent Water aqueduct pumping station), from this location, the following can be observed: Clock Lane, Catherine de Barnes Lane, the mainline link road, the location of the proposed free-flow link to Airport Way Connector Road, local NMU routes and the A45 westbound free-flow link.
10	12:15 – 12:25	Haven Caravan Park The vehicle will remain parked at Clock Lane (subject to agreement) and, using existing footways, the ASI attendees can enter Haven Caravan Park (subject to agreement). This will enable observation of the area of the proposed link road and realigned Catherine de Barnes Lane, together with the location of the possible second access to the caravan park.
11	12:30 – 12:40	Bickenhill and Catherine de Barnes Lane: St Peters/Church Lane junctions The vehicle will travel along Catherine de Barnes Lane to St Peters Lane and park in the spaces available near Bickenhill Church. Note that this will only be possible if a minibus is used rather than a coach. From this location, it will be possible to view the St Peters/Church Lane junction.
12	12:45 – 12:55	Catherine de Barnes Lane: Braceys Nurseries The vehicle will travel along Catherine de Barnes Lane to Braceys Nurseries, the entrance to which is located off St Peters Lane. Braceys Nurseries can be observed on foot, given the potential for a blight claim. Note that Catherine de Barnes Lane itself will only be inspected from the vehicle due to a lack of safe crossing points.

-	13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Options for lunch stops include Braceys Nurseries, Resorts World and cafes/shops in Hampton in Arden.
13	14:05 – 14:25	Catherine de Barnes Lane: the Warwickshire Gaelic Athletic Association (WGAA) – Páirc na hÉireann The vehicle will park at the GAA (subject to agreement), and the ASI can continue on foot within the GAA grounds. The view towards Catherine de Barnes will be pointed out.
14	14:30 – 15:00	Bickenhill Meadows Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) The vehicle will travel along Shadowbrook Lane and park at the gated entrance to the SSSI, subject to suitability. Note that this is only possible if a smaller vehicle is used due to the narrow width of Shadowbrook Lane. From here, the SSSI can be accessed on foot (subject to agreement).
15	15:05 – 15:35	Catherine de Barnes Lane: Four Winds, Birmingham Dogs Home, location of proposed Barber’s Coppice Roundabout and Catherine de Barnes Lane The vehicle will park at Birmingham Dogs Home (subject to agreement) and the site visit can take place on foot in the vicinity. The view towards Catherine de Barnes will be pointed out.
-	15:40 – 15:55	Break The vehicle will travel north along Catherine de Barnes Lane to Clock Interchange to the fuel station used for the morning break, before heading back along Catherine de Barnes Lane to Solihull Road.
16	16:00 – 16:20	Solihull Road bridge, nearby residential properties and Scheduled Ancient Woodland at Junction 5a The vehicle will travel to Catherine de Barnes roundabout and along the Solihull Road bridge. If possible, it 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. The Scheduled Ancient Woodland can be accessed via the footpath from the suggested parking location.
17	16:25 – 16:40	Hampton in Arden The vehicle will continue along Solihull Road into Hampton in Arden, which will be observed from the vehicle. Hampton in Arden Railway Station car park may be appropriate location for the vehicle to turn around, depending on its size.
18	16:40 – 16:50	Catherine de Barnes The vehicle will travel from Hampton in Arden along the B4102 to Catherine de Barnes. The vehicle will continue on the B4102 and the site visit at this location will be undertaken from the vehicle.
19	16:50 – 17:05	M42 between Junctions 5 and 6

		From the B4102, the vehicle will travel along the A41. The vehicle will travel northbound on the M42 from Junction 5 to Junction 6, where it will exit.
-	17:10	Close The vehicle will exit at Junction 6 of the M42 and take the free-flow link towards Clock Interchange. The vehicle will return to Birmingham International Railway Station and the ASI will end.

Appendix B: Route Map



Appendix C: General Arrangement Plans



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M42 upgrade works will mean 'devastation' for village

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AN 11th century church and houses in a rural Solihull village's conservation area could be 'devastated' by M42 upgrade works, residents say.

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And the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) is concerned about harm to the green belt and other villages.

The £280million congestion-busting M42 junction 6 works near Birmingham Airport and the A45 are scheduled to start next year.

They include new carriageways, roundabouts and roads to improve traffic flow once opened in 2023.

But Bickenhill residents are angered by the proposed compound between the A45 and the north end of the village.

Camilla Burton, who runs a guest house and livery yard from her home, told us: "This is absolutely devastating for the residents to see a beautiful ancient village being treated like this."

The whole scheme is going to be so damaging to my businesses and home life.

"And now I find out the compound will be going on for four years rather than two years!"

"This is a huge chunk of my family life with my young children affected while we have all this upset and disruption."

"If I can't run my businesses I won't be able to support my three children and disabled father who all live here and rely solely on the income it generates."

CPRE has warned of disruption in Hampton-in-Arden and Catherine-de-Barnes, and undermining of the area's rural character.

In a letter to the Planning Inspectorate, the Bickenhill and Marston Green Parish Council has called for mitigation



Angry protesters gather in the pouring rain outside Bickenhill Church. 25.019.005.sol.jm2

measures to be introduced due to the threat to green belt and the village's distinctive historic features.

Residents are concerned about noise pollution, dust, traffic and construction vehicles blighting the village - and the threat of road closures.

The letter states: "This is a nationally important infrastructure project and Bickenhill village will be suffering to enable this."

"We are profoundly unhappy about the location of the main compound and would like it moved away from the village to a more suitable location."

"The north of Church Lane (the main road through the village) will be boxed in for four years, with resultant noise, visual, light and air pollution for up to 24 hours a day."

"Many residents' houses, businesses and our church, built in 11th century, with much of this area in a conservation area and green belt, will be metres from the compound."

"Now that the village is aware there is very real disquiet, and even anger."

The letter also demands

a compound operation plan which adheres to the planning application's noise assessment, traffic management throughout the village and a guarantee the north end of St. Peter's Lane will not be shut off during construction.

Other parts of the huge project include the creation of a new 2.4km dual carriageway link road - aligned to the west of Bickenhill - between the A45 clock interchange.

There are also plans to improve the

M42 junction 6 roundabout by providing dedicated left turn links between the M42 and A45 at the NEC and the north east side of the roundabout.

Highways England project manager Chris Harris said: "The planning process is ongoing and we are continuing to work with interested parties."

"We are still in discussions with businesses, landowners and those impacted by the scheme to try to agree a solution that suits all parties."



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