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Our Ref: TR010029

Date: 10 May 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning
(Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 8(3)**

**Application by Highways England Limited for an Order granting Development
Consent for the M25 Junction 28 Improvement scheme**

Changes to the Examination Timetable

The Examining Authority (ExA) has made a Procedural Decision to make an alteration to the Examination Timetable. The change will include delaying the issuing of the ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the draft Development Consent Order (draft DCO), which will now be issued on Wednesday 26 May 2021, as opposed to Wednesday 19 May 2021.

The ExA considers that delaying the issuance of its proposed changes to the draft DCO by one week allows the ExA sufficient time from Deadline 7 to consider Interested Parties' oral summaries put at Issue Specific Hearing 3 to be held on Wednesday 12 May 2021. The ExA wishes to confirm that the alteration to this date has no bearing on the remainder of the Timetable. The ExA also wishes to point out that it will not be issuing a Report on the Implication for European Sites.

This letter provides you with the updated Examination Timetable, which replaces the one that was included in the Rule 8 letter issued on 13 January 2021¹.

Yours faithfully

Richard Allen

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Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

Annex A: Updated Examination Timetable

¹ <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010029/TR010029-000370-M25%20Junction%2028%20R8%20Letter%20and%20Annex.pdf>

Annex A: Updated Examination Timetable

Item	Matters	Due Dates
1.	<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved (if required) for any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Floor Hearing(s). • Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s). • Issue Specific Hearing(s). 	<p>Week commencing</p> <p>Monday 10</p> <p>May 2021</p>
2.	<p>Deadline 7</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of oral submissions put at any Hearings held during the week commencing Monday 10 May 2021; • Comments on responses submitted at Deadline 6 • An updated Guide to the Application; • Updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule; • Updated draft Development Consent Order; • Finalised SoCGs; • Final Progressed Statement of Commonality for SoCG; • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules. 	<p>Thursday 20</p> <p>May 2021</p>
3.	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA’s proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO (if required); <p>If the ExA considers it both necessary and safe to do so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice to hold the ASI the week commencing Monday 14 June 2021; • Publication of the itinerary for the ASI. 	<p>Wednesday 26</p> <p>May 2021</p>
4.	<p>Deadline 8</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the ExA’s proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO; • An updated Guide to the Application; • An updated version of the draft DCO; • An updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule; • Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 7; • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules (if required). <p>If the ExA gives notice of intention to hold an ASI on Wednesday 19 May 2021</p>	<p>Wednesday 09</p> <p>June 2021</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests to attend the ASI. 	
5.	Date reserved for ASI ² if deemed necessary and safe to carry out	Week Commencing Monday 14 June 2021
6.	<p>Deadline 9</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on responses for Deadline 8; Final version of the draft DCO; Final Guide to the Application; Final Compulsory Acquisition Schedule; Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination (if required). 	Wednesday 30 June 2021
7.	<p>Deadline 10</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responses to any additional information requested by the ExA; Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination (if required). 	Tuesday 06 July 2021
8.	<p>Close of Examination</p> <p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months.</p>	Wednesday 07 July 2021

² Please note: an ASI can only go ahead if Government guidance on COVID-19 at that time permits. In the event it cannot be undertaken as a physical visit, alternative approaches (including the use of technology) will be explored, and all participants will be notified.