

# Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the M25 Junction 10 / A3 Wisley Interchange

Agenda for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1) Session 2, Part 6 Wisley Airfield

Date: Thursday 18 June 2020

**Hearing Commences:** Not before 10:45

**Arrangements Conference from 09:30** 

**Venue:** Online and by telephone, with subsequent

publication of a video and audio recording to the

National Infrastructure Planning Website

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.u

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wisley-interchange-

improvement/?ipcsection=overview

#### **Purpose of the Hearing**

To hear the objections of Wisley Property Investments Limited (WPIL) to the proposed Compulsory Acquisition (CA) and/or Temporary Possession (TP) sought by the Applicant that concerns the former Wisley Airfield site.

#### Your Participation in the Hearing

Should arrangements for this hearing need to change, this will be communicated to you by a banner on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website <a href="https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/m25-junction-10a3-wisley-interchange-improvement/?ipcsection=overview">https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/m25-junction-10a3-wisley-interchange-improvement/?ipcsection=overview</a>

You are an Affected Person (AP) so, in our letter notifying you of this hearing, you were asked to get in touch with us to tell us whether you wished to participate and, if so, whether by using a digital device (for instance a smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer) or by telephone link. You told us that you wished to speak at this hearing and participate via a video link. The link(s) in this agenda will enable you to participate as you have requested, whether via video link, telephone or as an observer.

If you are an AP who has requested to be heard, the link you have been provided with will also connect you to the Planning Inspectorate Case Manager at 09:30 (9:30am) on Thursday 18 June 2020. The Case Manager will sign you in, confirm all of those speaking and the Agenda items on which they wish to speak, and ensure that everyone has a clear understanding of how to participate in the hearing under these new arrangements. The hearing will commence formally not before 10:45 (10:45am) on Thursday 18 June 2020 so it is

important that you register at 09:30 to ensure that you are clear about how as an oral participant you can participate. Please make every effort to register at 09:30. If you are unable to do so, please contact the case team on <a href="M25Junction10@planninginspectorate.gov.uk">M25Junction10@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</a> or 0303 444 5658 and arrangements will be made for you to join the hearing as soon as possible.

To help you participate effectively, the Planning Inspectorate has published an FAQ on Virtual Meetings and Hearings

[https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010030/TR010030-000960-M25J10%20virtual%20hearing%20FAQ.pdf]. This provides more information about Microsoft Teams, the system used by the Planning Inspectorate to conduct hearings over the internet, and the various digital devices and phones that can be used to join the hearing. Please read it before you join the hearing as it is likely that you will need to make some preparations to enable you to participate effectively.

#### Participation, Conduct and Management of the Hearing

The business of a CAH is limited to the effects of CA, TP and related questions bearing on access to and rights over land. It is limited to participation by the Applicant and APs. APs are persons whose rights over land are affected and they are automatically accorded the status of IPs, whether or not they made a Relevant Representation (RR). **Oral submissions not related to CA or TP or from persons who are not APs, will not be heard**.

Participation is subject to the ExA's power to control the hearing.

#### The Applicant

The ExA requests that the Applicant attends the hearing. The Applicant will be asked to present its own case for CA and TP. It may be asked by, or through, the ExA to address questions raised by WPIL and will be provided with an opportunity to respond to WPIL's written and oral cases.

#### Affected Persons

The ExA has identified that the following AP has a live objection and it is invited to attend:

Wisley Property Investments Limited

#### Hearing Guidance

While the ExA expects that there will be some screen sharing via Teams that it will perform, all participants with access to a computer and/or tablet during this CAH session are **strongly encouraged** to have the documents listed in the agenda below either available on their own devices or in hard copy. This will minimise the possibility that participants might find it difficult to keep up with the documents that are being referred to.

Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the hearing will be conducted to ensure that legal representation is not required. The Applicant and APs may attend with expert advisers relevant to land and rights matters (including solicitors, chartered surveyors and land agents), but APs may participate without expert advice if they wish.

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008)¹ and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (EPR) 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.

Cross-questioning of a 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. It is not normal procedure for ExAs to permit the cross-questioning of an AP by an Applicant or an Applicant's representatives, or of an Applicant by an AP.

The agenda may be amended by the ExA at the start of the hearing session. Furthermore, the ExA may wish to raise matters arising from oral submissions, Relevant Representations and Written Representations and pursue lines of inquiry in the course of the discussion which are not listed on the agenda.

The hearing will run until the ExA is content that all matters on the agenda have been addressed.

All participants are advised that any new evidence presented orally at this hearing, including written submissions of oral case, must be included in post-hearing submissions and submitted by **3 July 2020** (Deadline 11), in order to ensure that it has been recorded accurately.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/418015/examinations\_guidance-\_final\_for\_publication.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent', (DCLG March 2015).

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**Please Note**: For this Agenda item there is likely to be reference to:

- Statement of Reasons [APP-022]
- Land Plans [REP8-003]
- Scheme Layout Plans (sheets 1-10) [REP8-009]
- Book of Reference [REP8-016]
- Report on Proposed Scheme Changes 7 to 9 [REP7-016]
- Change Request Drawings, Changes 7 to 9 [REP7-017]
- Compulsory Acquisition Schedule [REP10-010]
- WPIL's D7 response [REP7-030]
- WPIL's D9 response [REP9-006]

Welcome, introductions and arrangements for this Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH1) Session 2, Part 6

1. The ExA will ask WPIL to summarise its objection to the proposed CA and/or TP powers sought by the Applicant, having regard to the legislative and policy tests for CA.

WPIL should summarise its case in not more than 5 minutes.

2. The ExA will ask the Applicant for its response to WPIL's objection.

In responding to the WPIL's objection, the Applicant should make its response in not more than 5 minutes, addressing:

- The applicable statutory and policy tests relevant to CA and/or TP under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008) and DCLG Guidance<sup>2</sup>; and
- b) any other important and relevant considerations bearing on the objection heard.

## 3. The ExA's questions with respect to the proposed CA and TP of the land at Wisley Airfield

Issues/questions will include the following:

- Further update on progress with the proposed side agreement;
- The timescales for the commencement of the proposed Wisley Airfield development, including the establishment of the SANG land, and potential implications thereof;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land' (DCLG 2013)

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/236454/Planning\_Act\_2008\_-

Guidance related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land.pdf

 Possible access arrangements and TP implications if a second access or shared access for Wisley Airfield redevelopment construction traffic is required.

#### 4. WPIL's final right of reply with respect to its CA and TP objections

#### 5. Review of issues and actions arising and next steps

The ExA will check that all persons expecting to have been heard orally have been heard. If necessary, the ExA may return to matters arising from earlier agenda items to address circumstances where technical difficulties have prevented full participation. If required, the ExA will advise of the steps to be taken by any persons who have not been able to make oral submissions for reasons beyond their control.

The ExA will address how any actions placed on the Applicant are to be met.

#### 6. Closure of the session