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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

- 1.1.1 This proposed Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) itinerary has been produced in response to the Examining Authority’s request to produce a site inspection itinerary, within the Rule 6 Letter [\[PD-013\]](#) published on the 25 April 2023.
- 1.1.2 It should be noted that access to private land will be required. The Applicant is in discussions with landowners to secure this access, but the below is subject to change if landowners do not grant access.

Timeframes

- 1.1.3 The Applicant acknowledges the following steps:
- a. Submission of draft itinerary for the ASI by Procedural Deadline B.
 - b. Interested Parties will be able to comment on this draft itinerary by Procedural Deadline C.
 - c. Submission of an updated ASI itinerary by Deadline 1.
 - d. Interested Parties can make final comments by Deadline 2.
 - e. The Examining Authority will issue a final ASI itinerary.
- 1.1.4 As set out in the Rule 6 letter, the ASI is currently scheduled to take place:
- a. week commencing 4 and 11 September 2023
 - b. 20 to 28 November 2023 reserved if further ASI required.

Development of the ASI

- 1.1.5 The Applicant has had due regard to the following considerations in developing the draft ASI:
- a. The Project and its surrounding area.
 - b. Relevant sites and locations referred to within the Relevant Representations.
 - c. Sites and locations at which the Applicant has predicted likely significant environmental effects.
 - d. The Unaccompanied Site Inspections (USI) which the Examining Authority has already completed:
 - i. USI-01: 6 and 7 December 2022 [\[SI-001\]](#)
 - ii. USI-02: 13, 14 and 15 February 2023 [\[SI-002\]](#)
 - iii. USI-03: 21 and 22 March 2023 [\[SI-003\]](#)
 - e. Site safety and ease of access on foot for all attendees. Health and safety considerations have been identified in Section 3.

2 Draft site itinerary

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Attendees: TBC

Day 1 (South)

Time: 10:00 - 16:00

Time	Location	Discussion points	Further comments
10:00	Pick-up Ebbsfleet International train station	Coach to arrive at 9:30am	
10:45	Blue Bell Hill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kit’s Coty/Blue Bell Hill • A228 between Cuxton and Snodland • Hall Road/Rochester Road, between Aylesford and Kit’s Coty • M2 J3/A229 • A229 between M2 and M20 • A228 between M2 and M20 • A228 Rochester Road, North Halling/Cuxton. M2 between J1 to J3 	Observe proposed nitrogen deposition compensation area. Observe locations with potential impacts associated with changes in traffic flows.	Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) to be used.
15 mins			
11:00	Minibus to Park Pale		
11:30	Park Pale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M2 between J1 and J5 • A2 London Road and Elaine Avenue Strood • Unknown compound south of A2 • Ancient Woodland Mitigation near Park Pale/Great Crabbles Wood/Brewers Wood • Henhurst Road contractors depot, south of A2 • Ancient Woodland Mitigation, Church Road • Henhurst Road/Jeskyns Road 	Observe Park Pale overbridge, Northern edge of Cobham Hall Registered Park and Garden, Brewers Road overbridge Observe locations with potential environmental impacts. Observe proposed mitigation site	PRoWs to be used.

Time	Location	Discussion points	Further comments
15 mins 11:45	Minibus to Shorne Woods Country Park		
11:50	Shorne Woods Country Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe Shorne Woods Country Park • Footpath NS167 near Claylane Wood • Footpath NS167 at western edge of Thong village • Footpath NS169 east of Gravesend • Shorne Ifield Road • Footpath KT/NS/168, north-west of Woodlands Lane in Shorne Ridgeway 	Observe locations with potential environmental impacts Including comfort break (Shorne Country Park café)	PRoWs to be used.
90 mins 13:20	Minibus to Chalk Park Via <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singlewell Service Station • Darnley Lodge Lane Gravehill Wood/Thong Lane near the access to Inn on the Lake and at the HS1 overbridge • Ancient Woodland Mitigation, Claylane Wood/Thong Lane • Southern Valley Golf Club 		PRoWs to be used. Private land access would be required for some locations.
13:35	Chalk Park and South Portal approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chalk Park, St Mary the Virgin Church Chalk • Thong Lane at Riverview Park • Footpath NS316 near the edge of Shorne • Footpath NG7 south of Chalk 	Observe locations with potential environmental impacts	PRoWs to be used. Private land access would be required for some locations.

Time	Location	Discussion points	Further comments
55 mins 14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valley Drive, Gravesend, Old Road East to St. Alban’s Close Minibus to River Public Pathway Via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gravesend Road • Lower Higham Road • Milton Road / Norfolk Road 		PRoWs to be used.
14:45 30 mins 15:15	River Public Pathway Minibus to Ebbsfleet International train station Via: A2	Views from the River Thames	PRoWs to be used.
16:00	Drop off Ebbsfleet International train station		

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Attendees: TBC

Day 2 (North)

Time: 10:00 - 16:00

Time	Location	Discussion points	Further comments
10:00	Pick-up Ebbsfleet International train station	Coach to arrive at 9:30am	
10:45	Coal House Fort	Observe Goshems Farm, Tilbury Fields, Two Forts Way and Coalhouse Point Environmental Mitigation Site Observe locations with potential environmental impacts	PRoWs to be used. Private land access would be required for some locations.
25 mins			
11:10	Minibus to Ingrebourne Valley/Mott Farm		
11:30	Ingrebourne Valley/Mott Farm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brennan Road, Tilbury (between Civic Square and Bryanston Road) (Population and Human Health interest). • Goshems Farm and Shed Marsh Landfill, • Tilbury Power Station, • Bowater Sluice/outfall, • North Thames Bank, Tilbury Via: Bridleway 58 (off Love Lane)	Observe North Portal area, Goshems Farm, Tilbury Fields, Two Forts Way. Observe locations with potential environmental impacts	PRoWs to be used. Private land access would be required for some locations.
30 mins			
11:45	Minibus to Low Street Lane		PRoWs to be used.
12:00	Low Street Lane <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low Street Lane, West Tilbury Main 	Observe locations with potential environmental impacts	PRoWs to be used.

Time	Location	Discussion points	Further comments
15 mins 12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electricity substation north of Station Road, Tilbury Low Street Landfill Via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential properties in East Tilbury Junction of bridleway 63 and footpath 66 Hoford Road Muckingford Road infilled pit Ancient Woodland Mitigation near Rainbow Wood Minibus to Chadwell St Mary		PRoWs to be used. Private land access would be required for some locations.
45 mins 12:45 13:30	Chadwell St Mary Via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hornsby Lane Mill Lane Hornsby Lane Minibus to The Whitecroft	Observe locations with potential environmental impacts. Including comfort break	PRoWs to be used. PRoWs to be used.
13:45	The Whitecroft (Car Park) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baker Street Infilled gravel pit south of Stanford Road, Orsett Heath Millers Sand and Gravel Pits, north of A13, Baker Street 	Observe locations with potential environmental impacts	Private land access required.
15 mins 14:00	Minibus to Mardyke footpath (Dunning Lane)		
15:00	Mardyke footpath (Dunning Lane)	Observe locations with potential environmental impacts	PRoWs to be used.

Time	Location	Discussion points	Further comments
60 mins 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern edge of Orsett Heath • Grays urban edge (off Long Lane) • Bridleway 161 adjacent to junction of Green Lane/Stifford Clays Road • Bridleway 219 located on the Mardyke Way on Orsett • Footpath 90 on Orsett Fen (east of Hobletts residential property) • Bridleway 219 located on the Mardyke Way on Orsett Fen • Mardyke/Golden Bridge Sewer at the Projects viaduct crossing location. • West Mardyke Tributary • Ockendon Grays Landfill <p>Via: M25 Junction 29 Dartford Crossing Bridge (Southbound)</p> <p>Minibus to Ebbsfleet International train station</p>		
16:30	Drop off Ebbsfleet International train station		

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Day 3 (North)

Time: 10:00 - 16:00

Time	Location	Discussion points	Further Comments
10:00	Pick-up Ebbsfleet International train station	Coach to arrive at 9:30am	
11:00	Ockendon Road	Observe locations with potential environmental impacts	PRoWs to be used.
15 mins			
11:15	Minibus to Manor Farm		
11:20	Manor Farm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utility Diversions. Project/M25 cutting location – including the Manor Farm irrigation reservoirs Via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footpath 135 North Ockendon 	Observe locations with potential environmental impacts	PRoWs to be used. Private land access also required.
10 mins			
11:30	Minibus to North Ockendon Conservation area		
11:45	North Ockendon Conservation area	Observe locations with potential heritage impacts	PRoWs to be used.
30 mins			
12:15	Via: St Marys Lane Minibus to Thames Chase Forest Centre	Observe locations with potential environmental impacts	Private land access also required.
12:30	Thames Chase Forest Centre	Observe locations with potential environmental impacts	PRoWs to be used.
90 mins			
14:00	Minibus to Hole Farm	Including comfort break	Private land access also required.

Time	Location	Discussion points	Further Comments
15:00 15 mins 15:15	Hole Farm Via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A127 to Harold Wood M25 Junction 29 • Dartford Crossing Bridge Minibus to Ebbsfleet International train station	Observe proposed mitigation and compensation site Observe locations with potential environmental impacts	PRoWs to be used. Private land access also required.
16:00	Drop off Ebbsfleet International train station		

3 Health and safety considerations

3.1 Site health and safety considerations

- 3.1.1 A health and safety briefing will be provided by the Applicant at the start of the ASI. Organisations attending the ASI should also undertake their own risk assessments.
- 3.1.2 The following site health and safety considerations have been observed with the draft site itinerary:
- a. Some of the visit/site areas will be adjacent to live roads.
 - i. It is recommended that high-vis jackets should be worn at these locations due to the live road.
 - b. Areas of the site inspections will require access on foot across uneven ground to areas that are potentially rural in nature, and, based on the time of the year, may contribute to wet/muddy pathways/walkways and trip hazards.
 - i. It is recommended that all attendees wear appropriate sturdy footwear (walking/hiking boots) that provide adequate ankle support.
 - c. Site visit will include use of vehicles.
 - i. Seatbelts must always be worn whilst the transport vehicle is in motion.
- 3.1.3 The accompanied site visit is a mixture of public and private land. Access will be arranged for all those areas requiring private access. This will be agreed to in advance with any landowners.
- 3.1.4 Given the nature of the visit, there may be instances where:
- a. farm/plant vehicles are operating in the nearby area
 - b. livestock/wild animals will be present.
- 3.1.5 Precautions for these will be provided on the day.

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