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All Interested Parties, Statutory Parties  
and any other person invited to the  
Preliminary Meeting

Our Ref: TR010034

Date: 19 November 2021

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Dear Sir/ Madam

## **Planning Act 2008 – Section 89; and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rules 8 and 9**

### **Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A57 Link Roads**

#### **The Examination Timetable and other Procedural Decisions**

This letter provides the Examination timetable and other important information about the Examination of the above application. It follows the Preliminary Meeting and the Examining Authority's (ExA's) consideration of how the application is to be examined.

All documentation associated with the Examination, including a note of the Preliminary Meeting and the video recording taken during that meeting, can be viewed under the Documents tab on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a57-link-roads-previously-known-as-trans-pennine-upgrade-programme>

#### **The Examination Timetable**

The ExA has made a Procedural Decision about the way the application will be examined and has decided that the Examination Timetable will be as attached at **Annex A**.

The Examination Timetable replaces the draft timetable that was included in the Rule 6 letter of 19 October 2021. In finalising the Examination Timetable, the ExA has sought to accommodate requests and suggestions made orally and in writing to the Preliminary Meeting. The main changes to the draft Examination Timetable are set out in **Annex B**.

Please note that the Examination Timetable contains several Deadlines for receipt of information by the Planning Inspectorate. All Deadlines are at **11:59pm** on the date specified. Please ensure that your submissions arrive by the Deadline. If you do not make your submissions on time, then the ExA may disregard them.

All Interested Parties are requested to make their submissions using the “Make a submission” tab on the National Infrastructure Planning website. More information about the “Make a submission” tab is provided at **Annex E**.

If the ExA considers it necessary to vary the Examination Timetable during the Examination, notification will be sent to Interested Parties, Statutory Parties and Other Persons invited to the Preliminary Meeting. The changes will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website.

## **Local Impact Reports**

The ExA has made a procedural decision to invite Local Authorities to submit Local Impact Reports by Deadline 2, on **Friday 14 January 2022**.

A Local Impact Report is a report in writing giving details of the likely impact of a Proposed Development on a local authority’s area (or any part of that area). Information about the importance and content of Local Impact Reports is provided in Advice Note One:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-one-local-impact-reports/>

## **Changes to land interests**

The ExA has made a procedural decision in relation to land interests. If the Applicant becomes aware that there has been a change in ownership, or a new interest, in relevant land then the Applicant is asked to make the relevant person aware that they can make a request to the ExA to become an Interested Party. That request should be made under section 102A of the Planning Act 2008.

## **Making effective submissions**

The ExA is now holding an Examination into this application and will then write a report with its recommendation on whether or not consent should be given. This will be sent to the Secretary of State for Transport for them to decide.

During the Examination the ExA will seek information from parties. The ExA’s recommendation will take account of that information. The ExA therefore wishes to hear from you, including if you have local or specialist knowledge that may be important and relevant to the recommendation. There will be several opportunities for you to make submissions, as set out in **Annex A**.

When you are considering whether to make a submission, please be aware that the ExA’s recommendation to the Secretary of State will:

- be based on facts and sound evidence, rather than speculation or opinion;
- consider whether the application complies with legislation, policy and guidance, rather than being based on a vote for or against the application; and will
- require the consideration of a large volume of information.

Therefore, it will help the ExA if you could please, where possible:

- submit any information once and provide evidence that it is factual – for example by providing any data, methodology and assumptions used to support your submissions;
- recognise that the process is principally a written one by making your submissions in writing;
- work with any other people that you are in contact with who have the same views to put together a single coordinated submission; and
- avoid making the same submission that others will be making, as we give the same weight to information that is provided once or many times.

## Written Representations

All Interested Parties are now invited to submit a Written Representation by Deadline 2, on **Friday 14 January 2022**. This can cover any relevant matter and are not just those set out in the ExA's Initial Assessment of Principal Issues:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/TR010034-000605>

Any person, other than the Applicant, who submits a Written Representation should identify those parts of the application with which they agree and those parts with which they do not agree, explaining the reasons why. Interested Parties should also provide with their Written Representations any data, methodology and assumptions used to support their submissions to avoid delays in the Examination<sup>1</sup>.

Any Written Representation, and any other written submission made during the Examination, which exceeds 1500 words, should be accompanied by a summary which should not exceed 10% of the original text. The summary should set out the key facts of the written submission and must be representative of the submission made.

Representations must not include hyperlinks to third party websites. Further information about Written Representations is provided in Advice Note 8.4:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-8-4-the-examination/>

Please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter if you would like any clarification or help with your Written Representation.

## Format of hearings

The Planning Inspectorate is currently consulting with its stakeholders and customers about the future format of hearings. It is expected that a combination of both blended (in-person and part virtual) and fully virtual events will form part of its future operating model. Please see the Planning Inspectorate's guidance related to

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<sup>1</sup> Para 74 of Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent

Coronavirus (COVID-19) for more information, including the detailed guidance relating to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) such as the A57 Link Roads:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-planning-inspectorate-guidance>

This guidance is updated periodically to align with the most up to date Government guidance relating to Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The ExA will remain flexible and will confirm the format of each hearing detailed in the Examination Timetable when it provides the formal notification of the hearing.

## Hearings

As explained in the Rule 6 letter of 19 October 2021 and at the Preliminary Meeting, the Examination will principally be a written process, supplemented where necessary by various types of hearing.

The Examination Timetable at **Annex A** includes periods of time reserved for any hearings to be held. It also includes the dates when the ExA will notify all Interested Parties of any hearing and when it will issue the agenda. The notification will include an additional deadline for Interested Parties to inform the ExA that they wish to make an oral submission at a hearing.

**Annex C** provides details about the notification of hearings, hearing agendas, what Interested Parties should include in a request to be heard at a hearing, and the procedure that will be followed at hearings.

## Managing Examination correspondence

Given the volume and frequency of letters the Case Team needs to send to Interested Parties during an Examination, it aims to communicate by email as electronic communication is more environmentally friendly and cost effective for the taxpayer.

If you have received a postcard but are able to receive communications by email, please inform the Case Team as soon as possible.

As the Examination process makes substantial use of electronic documents, it will be useful for you to become familiar with the documents section of the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a57-link-roads-previously-known-as-trans-pennine-upgrade-programme/?ipcsection=docs>

There is a function on the right-hand side of the project webpage called "E-mail updates". This provides you, or a friend or relative, with an opportunity to register to receive automatic e-mail updates at key stages during the Examination.

## Your status in the Examination

You have received this letter because you fall within a group described in:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Status-faq.pdf>

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>



If your reference number begins with '2002', 'A57L-0', 'A57L-AFP', 'A57L-S57' or 'A57L-APP' you are in Group A. If your reference number begins with 'A57L-SP' you are in Group B. If your reference number begins with 'A57L-OP' you are in Group C. The meaning of those groups is explained in the above document.

If having read this document you are still unsure about your status, please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter.

### **Awards of costs**

All parties will normally be expected to meet their own costs. Costs can be awarded against a party who has acted unreasonably and has caused the party applying for the award of costs to incur unnecessary or wasted expense during the Examination. Please ensure that you are aware of the relevant guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awards-of-costs-examinations-of-applications-for-development-consent-orders>

### **Management of information**

Information, including representations, submitted in respect of this Examination (if accepted by the ExA) and a record of any advice which has been provided by the Planning Inspectorate is published on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a57-link-roads-previously-known-as-trans-pennine-upgrade-programme>

The Examination Documents can also be viewed electronically at the locations listed in **Annex D** to this letter.

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair Examination, it is necessary to publish some personal information. Please view our Privacy Notice to find out how the Planning Inspectorate handles your personal information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notice/customer-privacy-notice>

We look forward to working with all parties during the Examination.

Yours faithfully

*Stuart Cowperthwaite*

**Lead Member of the Examining Authority**

### **Annexes**

- A** Examination Timetable
- B** Changes to the draft Examination Timetable
- C** Arrangements for hearings
- D** Availability of Examination Documents
- E** Electronic "Make a submission" Portal

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<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>



## Examination Timetable

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

The Examination of the application primarily takes the form of the consideration of written submissions. The ExA will also consider any oral submission made at a hearing.

Item	Matter(s)	Date(s)
1.	<b>Preliminary Meeting</b>	Tuesday 16 November 2021
2.	<b>Open Floor Hearing 1</b>	Thursday 18 November 2021
3.	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination Timetable</li> </ul>	Friday 19 November 2021
4.	<b>Deadline 1</b> For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• written summaries of oral submissions at hearings</li> <li>• post-hearing submissions requested by the ExA</li> <li>• comments on Relevant Representations and other written submissions received after the registration of Interested Parties closed on 16 September 2021</li> <li>• notification of wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing or an Open Floor Hearing, or for an Accompanied Site Inspection to be held</li> <li>• the Applicant's updated:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ draft Development Consent Order</li> <li>○ Explanatory Memorandum</li> <li>○ Book of Reference</li> <li>○ Statement of Reasons</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress regarding Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession, voluntary agreements, and objections</li> <li>○ Summary of progress in securing other consents</li> <li>○ Tracker identifying the latest versions of the Applicant's submission documents</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Wednesday 1 December 2021
5.	Publication of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the ExA's draft First Written Questions</li> </ul>	No later than Friday 10 December 2021

Item	Matter(s)	Date(s)
6.	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• notification of the date, time and place of hearing(s) in February 2022</li> <li>• notification of an Accompanied Site Inspection (if required)</li> </ul> Publication of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the ExA's First Written Questions</li> </ul>	No later than Friday 17 December 2021
7.	<b>Deadline 2</b> For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• responses to the ExA's First Written Questions</li> <li>• Written Representations</li> <li>• Local Impact Reports from local authorities</li> <li>• Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>• the Applicant's proposed itinerary for an Accompanied Site Inspection (if required)</li> <li>• comments on submissions for Deadline 1</li> </ul>	Friday 14 January 2022
8.	<b>Deadline 3</b> For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• requests to be make oral submissions at hearing(s) in February 2022</li> <li>• comments on submissions for Deadline 2</li> <li>• the Applicant's updated:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ draft Development Consent Order</li> <li>○ Explanatory Memorandum</li> <li>○ Book of Reference</li> <li>○ Statement of Reasons</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress regarding Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession, voluntary agreements, and objections</li> <li>○ Summary of progress in securing other consents</li> <li>○ Tracker identifying the latest versions of the Applicant's submission documents</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Wednesday 26 January 2022
9.	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• agenda(s) for hearing(s) in February 2022</li> </ul>	No later than Monday 31 January 2022

Item	Matter(s)	Date(s)
10.	Time reserved for hearings and an Accompanied Site Inspection (if required): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue Specific Hearings</li> <li>• Compulsory Acquisition Hearing</li> <li>• Open Floor Hearing (if required)</li> <li>• Accompanied Site Inspection (if required)</li> </ul>	Tuesday 8 February 2022  Wednesday 9 February 2022  Thursday 10 February 2022  Friday 11 February 2022
11.	<b>Deadline 4</b> For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any outstanding comments on Written Representations received for Deadline 2</li> <li>• written summaries of oral submissions at hearing(s)</li> <li>• post-hearing submissions requested by the ExA</li> </ul>	Wednesday 16 February 2022
12.	<b>Deadline 5</b> For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Applicant's updated:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ draft Development Consent Order</li> <li>○ Explanatory Memorandum</li> <li>○ Book of Reference</li> <li>○ Statement of Reasons</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress regarding Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession, voluntary agreements, and objections</li> <li>○ Summary of progress in securing other consents</li> <li>○ Tracker identifying the latest versions of the Applicant's submission documents</li> </ul> </li> <li>• comments on submissions for Deadlines 3 and 4</li> </ul>	Wednesday 23 February 2022
13.	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• notification of the date, time and place of hearing(s) in April 2022</li> </ul> Publication of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the ExA's Second Written Questions</li> </ul>	No later than Wednesday 2 March 2022



Item	Matter(s)	Date(s)
14.	<p><b>Deadline 6</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• responses to the ExA’s Second Written Questions</li> <li>• the Applicant’s final: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ draft Development Consent Order</li> <li>○ Explanatory Memorandum</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Wednesday 16 March 2022
15.	<p><b>Deadline 7</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• requests to make oral submissions at hearing(s) in April 2022</li> <li>• comments on submissions for Deadlines 5 and 6</li> <li>• the Applicant’s updated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Book of Reference</li> <li>○ Statement of Reasons</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress regarding Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession, voluntary agreements, and objections</li> <li>○ Summary of progress in securing other consents</li> <li>○ Tracker identifying the latest versions of the Applicant’s submission documents</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Wednesday 23 March 2022
16.	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• agenda(s) for hearing(s) in April 2022</li> <li>• the Report on Implications for European Sites (if required)</li> </ul>	No later than Monday 28 March 2022
17.	<p>Time reserved for hearings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue Specific Hearings</li> <li>• Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (if required)</li> </ul>	Tuesday 5 April 2022 Wednesday 6 April 2022 Thursday 7 April 2022
18.	<p><b>Deadline 8</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• written summaries of oral submissions at hearings</li> <li>• post-hearing submissions requested by the ExA</li> <li>• comments on submissions for Deadline 7</li> </ul>	Wednesday 13 April 2022
19.	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the ExA’s schedule of changes to the draft Development Consent Order</li> </ul>	No later than Wednesday 20 April 2022

Item	Matter(s)	Date(s)
20.	<p><b>Deadline 9</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• comments on the ExA’s schedule of changes to the draft Development Consent Order</li> <li>• comments on the Report on Implications for European Sites (if required)</li> <li>• comments on submissions for Deadline 8</li> <li>• the Applicant’s final: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Book of Reference</li> <li>○ Statement of Reasons</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress regarding Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession, voluntary agreements, and objections</li> <li>○ Summary of progress in securing other consents</li> <li>○ Tracker identifying the latest versions of the Applicant’s submission documents</li> </ul> </li> <li>• final updates to Statements of Common Ground requested by the ExA</li> </ul>	Wednesday 27 April 2022
21.	<p><b>Deadline 10</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• comments on submissions for Deadline 9</li> </ul>	Tuesday 3 May 2022
22.	<p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.</p> <p>The ExA may decide to close the Examination after the last timetabled deadline or event and before Monday 16 May 2022.</p> <p>Notification will be provided of the close of the Examination.</p>	Examination to be completed by Monday 16 May 2022

### Further information

In addition to the above, the ExA may request further information under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (Rule 17), for which deadlines will be set out in the request(s).

### Submission times for deadlines

The time for submission of documents at any deadline in the timetable is 11:59pm on the relevant deadline date, unless instructed otherwise by the ExA.

## **Publication dates**

All information received will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as practicable after the deadlines for submissions:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a57-link-roads-previously-known-as-trans-pennine-upgrade-programme>

See **Annex G** for more information on the availability of documents.

An Examination Library will be kept up to date throughout the Examination:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/TR010034-000603>

Each document will be given a unique reference. These references will be used by the ExA during the Examination.

## **Hearing agendas**

Please note that the ExA will publish a draft hearing agenda alongside the notification of a hearing to help inform your decision about whether to register to make an oral submission.

Hearing agendas will be made available on the National Infrastructure Planning website on the dates noted in the Examination timetable. However, the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the ExA's discretion.

## **Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)**

Where an applicant has provided a No Significant Effects Report or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the application, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the Examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the Examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's Recommendation to the Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State may rely on the consultation on the RIES to meet its obligations under Regulation 63(3) of The Habitats Regulations 2017 and/ or Regulation 28 of The Offshore Marine Regulations.

## Changes to the draft Examination Timetable

The Examination Timetable replaces the draft timetable that was included in the Rule 6 letter of 19 October 2021. In finalising the Examination Timetable, the ExA has sought to accommodate requests and suggestions made orally and in writing to the Preliminary Meeting.

The main changes to the draft Examination Timetable are set out below. The changes were either discussed in the Preliminary Meeting, correct an error, or follow from the process set out in the Rule 6 letter of 19 October 2021 for the “if required” second days for the Preliminary Meeting and Open Floor Hearing 1.

### **1. Items 1 and 2 in the draft Examination Timetable have been removed.**

Those items are removed from the Examination Timetable as they were pre-Examination rather than Examination Deadlines and the dates have passed.

### **2. The second days for the Preliminary Meeting and Open Floor Hearing 1 have been removed.**

The second days were not required as confirmed by the ExA at each event when it closed them at the end of the first days.

### **3. An item has been added to Deadline 1 for comments on other written submissions received after the registration of Interested Parties closed on 16 September 2021.**

The addition recognises that the ExA has accepted submissions since the Relevant Representations and clarifies that comments can be made on them. All submissions can be viewed on the National Infrastructure website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a57-link-roads-previously-known-as-trans-pennine-upgrade-programme>

### **4. An item added to Deadline 1 for notification of wish for an Accompanied Site Inspection to be held.**

This was originally omitted in error.

### **5. An item has been added for the publication of the ExA’s draft First Written Questions on Friday 10 December 2021.**

The ExA has recognised the value of providing more time for responses to the ExA’s First Written Questions. The draft questions may not include all the questions that will appear in the final version and some of the draft questions are likely to be changed. However, the ExA is of the view that the draft questions will help parties to make the earliest possible start on their responses.

### **6. The date for comments on submissions for Deadline 1 has been moved from Deadline 3 to Deadline 2. and an item has been added to Deadline 4 for receipt by the ExA of any outstanding comments on Written Representations received for Deadline 2.**

The date for comments on submissions for Deadline 1 has been brought forward from Deadline 3 to Deadline 2 to relieve some of the pressure at Deadline 3 and give parties more time to consider the comments on submissions for Deadline 1.

**7. The text “if required” has been removed for the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing for which time is reserved in February 2022.**

A Compulsory Acquisition will be held in February 2022, following the ExA’s receipt of a wish for one to be held.

**8. An item has been added to Deadline 4 for receipt by the ExA of any outstanding comments on Written Representations received for Deadline 2.**

This item has been added to provide some flexibility in case the number of Written Representations is of a similar magnitude to the number of Relevant Representations. It is expected that the Applicant will make every effort to provide all, or as much as possible, of its comments on Written Representations at Deadline 3 so that it can be considered in time for the hearings and to maintain good progress.

**9. The alternative date for completion of the Examination on Tuesday 17 May 2022 has been removed.**

This follows from the second day of the Preliminary Meeting not being required.

## Arrangements for hearings

The ExA's Examination will be principally undertaken through the exchange of written submissions however the Examination Timetable reserves periods of time for hearings to be held if they are required.

## Requests to appear at hearings

Interested Parties are required to notify the ExA in writing of their wish to make an oral submission to a hearing by the relevant Deadline in the Examination Timetable.

Any request to attend a hearing **must include** the following information:

- Name and Unique Interested Party reference number
- Email address (if available) and contact telephone number
- Name and Unique Interested Party reference number of any person/organisation that you are representing
- For blended events: confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in-person
- The hearing(s) you wish to participate in and brief details of the topic(s) that you would like to raise
- For Compulsory Acquisition Hearings: the plot number(s) of the relevant land provided in the Book of Reference and the Land Plans
- The Examination Library reference number (with paragraph/page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to

It is important that notifications from Interested Parties to appear at hearings is submitted separately from any other written submission. Please select the appropriate Deadline and Submission Item under the "Make a submission" tab and ensure the submission is titled appropriately to allow us to quickly identify which event the notification relates to. **Annex E** provides further information about the "Make a submission tab". Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter if you require any support to attend a hearing.

The ExA may hold Issue Specific Hearings about topics that it would like to be explored orally. The decision to hold an Issue Specific Hearing on a topic is not connected to how relevant or important the ExA considers an issue or topic to be.

The time, date and place of any confirmed hearing will be notified in writing to all Interested Parties, as indicated in the Examination Timetable.

## Hearing agendas

We aim to publish high-level agendas on the National Infrastructure Planning website at the time the hearings are notified to help inform your decision about whether to register to participate.

We will publish agendas as indicated in the Examination timetable. The actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

### **Procedure at hearings**

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. Any oral representations must be based on either the Relevant Representation or Written Representation made by the person by whom, or on whose behalf, the oral representations are made.

The ExA is responsible for the oral questioning of a person giving evidence and the process affords very limited scope to allow cross-questioning between parties.

### **Hearing livestream and recording**

If you would like to observe a hearing in real time, then you will be able to access a public livestream on the National Infrastructure Planning website at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a57-link-roads-previously-known-as-trans-pennine-upgrade-programme>

All hearings will be recorded, and the recordings will be made available on the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as practicable after the close of the hearing. The recordings allow any member of the public who is interested in the application and the Examination to find out what has been discussed.

## Availability of Examination Documents

The application documents and Relevant Representations are available on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a57-link-roads-previously-known-as-trans-pennine-upgrade-programme>

All further documents submitted during the Examination will also be published under the Documents tab at the above location:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a57-link-roads-previously-known-as-trans-pennine-upgrade-programme/?ipcsection=docs>

## The Examination Library

For ease of navigation, please refer to the Examination Library (EL) which is accessible by clicking the blue button under the 'Documents' tab. The EL is updated regularly throughout the Examination.

The EL records and provides a hyperlink to:

- each application document;
- each representation made to the Examination; and
- each Procedural Decision made by the Examining Authority.

Each document is given a unique reference which will be fixed for the duration of the Examination. A hyperlink to each document on the project webpage is also provided. **Please use the unique reference numbers applied in the EL when referring to any Examination Documents in any future submissions that you make.**

## Electronic deposit locations

Documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge, at the electronic deposit locations listed in the table below. Please note that you will need to bring a form of identification and register as a library member in order to use a computer at these locations.

The opening hours and availability of information technology set out in the table below may be subject to changes or limitations to address public health requirements because of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Bearing in mind the availability of the documents on the National Infrastructure Planning website and the effect of public health restrictions, please consider your need to attend these locations with care.

Please check the current circumstances with the relevant locations before you attend.



<b>Location</b>	<b>Venue/address</b>	<b>Opening hours</b>
Hadfield Library	Station Road Glossop Derbyshire SK13 1AA	Monday: CLOSED Tuesday: 2pm to 7pm Wednesday: CLOSED Thursday: 10am to 5pm Friday: 2pm to 5pm Saturday: 9.30am to 1pm Sunday: CLOSED
Glossop Library	Victoria Hall Talbot Street Glossop Derbyshire SK13 7DQ	Monday: 9.30am to 7pm Tuesday: 9.30am to 5pm Wednesday: 9.30am to 5pm Thursday: 9.30am to 5pm Friday: 9.30am to 5pm Saturday: 9.30am to 4pm Sunday: CLOSED
Hattersley Library	The Hub Stockport Road Hattersley Derbyshire SK14 6NT	Monday: 1pm to 5pm Tuesday: 1pm to 5pm Wednesday: CLOSED Thursday: 1pm to 5pm Friday: CLOSED Saturday: CLOSED Sunday: CLOSED
<b>Printing costs</b>	<b>Black and white</b>	<b>Colour</b>
Hadfield Library		
<b>A4</b>	10p per sheet	10p per sheet
Glossop Library		
<b>A4</b>	10p per sheet	10p per sheet
Hattersley Library		
<b>A4</b>	10p per sheet	60p per sheet

## **Electronic “Make a submission” Portal**

The Planning Inspectorate will be using an electronic portal, which parties will be able to use to make their written submissions at the relevant deadline.

A “Make a submission” tab will become available on the National Infrastructure website. The portal operates on a system where submissions are separated in accordance with the deadline submissions type requested (see the Examination Timetable at Annex A). Please ensure documents are submitted respective to the associated deadline and are the relevant document submission types. Where this is not possible, please use the ‘Other’ drop down option.

The National Infrastructure Planning website is at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a57-link-roads-previously-known-as-trans-pennine-upgrade-programme>

Interested Parties will be able to submit a document (upload file), make a text representation or both. It is possible to upload multiple files for each individual submission item. Electronic attachments should be clearly labelled with the subject title and not exceed 50MB. Providing links to websites where your submissions can be viewed is not acceptable. All submissions must be made in a format that can be viewed in full on the National Infrastructure Planning website. Any submissions that exceed 1500 words should also be accompanied by a summary; this summary should not exceed 10% of the original text.

The Planning Inspectorate encourages everyone in the first instance to use the “Make a submission” portal to make your submissions. However, if necessary, Interested Parties will be able to send electronic copies of their submission via email to the project mailbox, [A57LinkRoads@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:A57LinkRoads@planninginspectorate.gov.uk), on or before the applicable deadline.

If you experience any issues when using this portal, please contact a member of the Case Team to assist. The Planning Inspectorate will be monitoring the use of the portal.

Any feedback is much appreciated and will help the Planning Inspectorate to identify and prioritise future service enhancements for its customers.