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To Interested Parties, Statutory Parties
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Our Ref: TR010035

Date: 4 June 2019

Dear Sir/ Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning
(Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 13, Rule 16 and
Rule 8(3)**

**Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent
for the A585 Windy Harbour to Skipool Improvement Scheme**

**Notification of hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI), and
Examination Timetable variation**

I write to announce the dates, times and places of forthcoming hearings which will be held on 3 July 2019 and the date, time and meeting place for an ASI on 2 July 2019. I have also made a minor amendment to the Examination timetable attached to the Rule 8 Letter of 16 April 2019. Important details about the hearings and the ASI are set out at **Annex A** and **Annex B** to this letter and the revision to the Examination timetable is set out at **Annex C**.

Hearings

I write to advise you that the following hearings will be held at Thornton Little Theatre, Fleetwood Road North, Thornton-Cleveleys, FY5 3SZ:

Wednesday 3 July 2019

- Issue Specific Hearing on the draft DCO, 10.00am (doors open at 9:30am);
- Compulsory Acquisition Hearing, 2.00pm (doors open at 1:30pm) [See **Annex C**];
and
- Open Floor Hearing, 6.00pm (doors open at 5:30pm).

Details and arrangements for these hearings are set out at **Annex A**.

Those Interested Parties who wish to speak at the hearings should notify the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team using the postal or email address above by **Wednesday 19 June 2019**. I should be grateful if you would inform us if you plan to attend any of the hearings even if you do not wish to speak. It would also assist us if you could notify us of any special needs you may have (eg disabled access, hearing loop etc). Please ensure that you include your Interested Party reference number in your correspondence. This can be found either in the email covering this letter or on the postcard you have received.

The time allocated for each of the hearings has been estimated based on the matters identified for consideration. Should a hearing take less time than anticipated, the ExA may conclude the hearing as soon as all relevant contributions have been made and all questions asked and responded to. Equally, if there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at any hearing, there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day or adjourn the hearing and continue at a subsequent sitting. Alternatively, the ExA may choose to prioritise certain matters and defer others to further written questions, to be issued on Tuesday 23 July 2019.

An agenda for the Issue Specific Hearing and the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing will be published on our website in the week before each event.

Accompanied Site Inspection

In addition to the hearings above, an ASI is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 2 July 2019. The site inspection will begin at the Wyre Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7PU.

Further important details about the arrangements for the site inspection are set out at **Annex B**.

Attendees are reminded that the purpose of the site inspection is to view the site and surroundings in the context of the written material. No representations should be made, or discussions on points of merit conducted, at this inspection. The inspection will include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather, and sturdy footwear.

Timetable variation

The revised Examination Timetable, between Wednesday 3 July 2019 to Friday 5 July 2019, is attached at **Annex C**.

This replaces items 9 to 13 **only** of the timetable that was issued in the Rule 8 letter dated 16 April 2019. **Please note that there is no change to the Examination timetable issued in the Rule 8 letter from item 14 onwards - Deadline 4, Friday 12 July 2019.**

After careful consideration it has been decided that the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing scheduled for 4 July 2019 can be accommodated, and the matters adequately dealt with, on the afternoon of Wednesday 3 July 2019. As a result the date reserved

to continue the Accompanied Site Inspection (if required) has been brought forward to Thursday 4 July 2019.

Please note that if any of the events scheduled at **Annex A** or **Annex B** are no longer required, reasonable notice will be provided to Interested Parties of my decision to cancel them. This will include a notice published on the above website.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Gareth Symons

Gareth Symons
Examining Authority

Annex A Details of hearings

Annex B Details of Accompanied Site Inspection

Annex C Revised Examination Timetable

Annex A

Dates, times and place for forthcoming Examination hearings

Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1)

Please be advised that the Examining Authority (ExA) will hold hearing under Section 91 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) on the following date:

Date	Venue	Time	Notes
Wednesday 3 July 2019	Thornton Little Theatre, Fleetwood Road North, Thornton-Cleveleys FY53SZ	10.00am (doors open at 9.30am)	Issue Specific Hearing 1 Dealing with matters relating to the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)

If you wish to participate in or observe the Issue Specific Hearing please let the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team know by emailing A585WindyharbourtoSkipool@planninginspectorate.gov.uk **no later than 19 June 2019** indicating your wish to attend, the topics in respect of which you wish to speak and any special needs you may have (eg: disabled access, hearing loop etc).

An agenda for the Issue Specific Hearing will be published on our website approximately one week prior to the hearing.

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1)

Please be advised that the Examining Authority (ExA) will hold a hearing under Section 92 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) on the following date:

Date	Venue	Time	Notes
Wednesday 3 July 2019	Thornton Little Theatre, Fleetwood Road North, Thornton-Cleveleys FY53SZ	2.00pm (doors open at 1.30pm)	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 Dealing with matters relating to the proposed Compulsory Acquisition of land and rights, and the Temporary Possession powers proposed

If you wish to participate in or observe the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing please let the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team know by emailing A585WindyharbourtoSkipool@planninginspectorate.gov.uk **no later than 19 June 2019** indicating your wish to attend, the topics in respect of which you wish to speak and any special needs you may have (eg: disabled access, hearing loop etc).

An agenda for the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing will be published on our website approximately one week prior to the hearing.

Open Floor Hearing 2 (OFH2)

Please be advised that the ExA will hold a second open floor hearing under Section 93 of the PA2008 on the following date:

Date	Venue	Time	Notes
Wednesday 3 July 2019	Thornton Little Theatre, Fleetwood Road North, Thornton-Cleveleys FY53SZ	6.00pm (doors open at 5.30pm)	Open Floor Hearing 2 To hear oral evidence based on relevant or written representations

Please note that each participant will be provided with one opportunity to speak. **The ExA will not wish to hear submissions from groups or individuals repeated.**

If you wish to participate in or observe the Open Floor Hearing, please let the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team know by emailing A585WindyharbourtoSkipool@planninginspectorate.gov.uk **no later than 19 June 2019** indicating your wish to attend, the topics in respect of which you wish to speak and any special needs you may have (eg: disabled access, hearing loop etc).

Each Interested Party should assume that they will be allowed a maximum speaking time of 15 minutes in total for all submissions that they wish to make in this session. Please note that in the event that there are an exceptional number of potential submissions, it may be necessary to be more restrictive.

If the ExA decides that it is necessary to provide an agenda for this hearing, this will be published on our website approximately one week prior to the hearing.

Annex B

Date, time and meeting place for Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)

Please be advised that the Examining Authority (ExA) will hold an ASI under Rule 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 on the following date:

Date	Meeting Place	Time
Tuesday 2 July 2019	Wyre Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7PU	9.30am prompt for a 10.00am start

The site inspection will begin at 10.00am at the Wyre Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7PU. Attendees are requested to arrive at the meeting place by **9.30am** to receive a compulsory safety briefing and introductory remarks from the Applicant and the Planning Inspectorate.

Transport will be provided by the Applicant. Please note that for safety reasons, and because the capacity of the minibus is limited, only those parties who have notified the Case Team in writing of their wish to attend in accordance with the Examination Timetable will be able to be accommodated. If you wish to attend the site inspection but have not previously informed the Planning Inspectorate then please contact the Case Team who will endeavour to make suitable arrangements. Please note that where the ExA is able to view certain sites from public land they may choose to do so unaccompanied.

The ExA would like to remind all attendees that the purpose of the site inspection is to view the site and surroundings in the context of the written material. No oral or written representations should be made, or discussions on points of merit conducted, at this inspection.

The inspection will include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather, and sturdy footwear. Personal Protective Equipment (High Visibility vests) will be provided by the Applicant.

Please note that the itinerary is indicative, it is not possible to predict precisely how long each part of the inspection will last. Parties wishing to attend only at particular locations should notify the Case Team **no later than 19 June 2019** by email at A585WindyharbourtoSkipool@planninginspectorate.gov.uk, providing a contact telephone number.

Itinerary

1) Attendees are requested to arrive at the Wyre Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7PU at 9.30am to receive a compulsory health and safety briefing and introductory remarks from the Applicant and the Examining Authority prior to the commencement of the site inspection. The site inspection will commence immediately afterwards.

2) The Applicant will provide a document detailing the route for the site inspection which will be published on the A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a585-windy-harbour-to-skipool-improvement-scheme/?ipcsection=docs>

Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it; householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the Examining Authority onto their land. Under those circumstances, the Examining Authority will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection.

Annex C

Revised Timetable (items 9 to 13) for Examination of the application

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.

Item	Matters	Due Dates
9	Date reserved to hold an Issue Specific Hearing on the draft DCO (ISH1)	Wednesday 3 July 2019 (morning)
10	Date reserved for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH1)	Wednesday 3 July 2019 (afternoon)
11	Date reserved for Open Floor Hearing (OFH2)	Wednesday 3 July 2019 (evening)
12	Date reserved to continue the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) (if required)	Thursday 4 July 2019 (afternoon)
13	Date reserved to continue the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) (NO LONGER REQUIRED)	Friday 5 July 2019 (no longer required)

NOTE: There is no change to the Examination timetable issued in the Rule 8 letter: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010035/TR010035-000469-Rule%208%20Letter%20.pdf> from item 14 onwards - Deadline 4, Friday 12 July 2019