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To Interested Parties, Statutory Parties
and Other Persons invited to the
Preliminary Meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010035

Date: 26 June 2019

Dear Sir/ Madam

The Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 4 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 change of Examining Authority, notification of a change to the Examination Timetable and clarification of some minor matters relating to the Accompanied Site Inspection

All documentation associated with this project can be found on the National Infrastructure Planning website here:

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

Notification of change of Examining Authority

I write to you following my appointment on the 24 June 2019 by the Secretary of State, as the Examining Authority (ExA) to carry out an Examination of the above Application by Highways England. A copy of the appointment letter can be viewed at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010035/TR010035-000616-Rule%204%20Notification%20of%20Change%20of%20Examining%20Authority.pdf>

Notification of a change to the Examination Timetable

The Examination Timetable provided at **Annex A** to the Rule 8 letter dated 16 April 2019, amended by the Notification of hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection letter of 4 June 2019, is hereby superseded by the updated Examination Timetable provided at **Annex A to this letter**.

The Examination Timetable has been varied to correct an error in relation to the

deadline for comments on the ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO (if required) / or the ExA's draft DCO (if required) and to provide a deadline at the end of the Examination for responses to any further information that may be requested by the ExA before the close of the Examination.

Clarification of some minor matters relating to the Accompanied Site Inspection

Attendees at the Accompanied Site Inspection on Tuesday 2 July 2019 should note that lunch will not be provided and anyone attending should make their own arrangements regarding refreshments.

Yours faithfully

Max Wiltshire

Max Wiltshire
Examining Inspector

Annex A Examination Timetable

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.

8	Accompanied Site Inspection	Tuesday 2 July 2019
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)
14	Deadline 4 (D4) Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case • Any revised/ updated SoCG (if any) • Comments on any additional information/ submissions received by D3 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	Friday 12 July 2019
15	Publication of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA's Further Written Questions (if required) 	Tuesday 23 July 2019
16	Deadline 5 (D5) Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the ExA's further Written Questions (if required) • Applicant's revised draft DCO • Comments on any revised/ updated SoCG • Comments on any additional information/ submissions received by D4 	Friday 9 August 2019

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	
17	<p>Time reserved for issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any notification of Hearings 	Tuesday 13 August 2019
18	<p>Deadline 6 (D6)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on responses to the ExA's further Written Questions (if required) Comments on Applicant's revised draft DCO Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D5 Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	Wednesday 21 August 2019
19	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) The ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO (if required) / or the ExA's draft DCO (if required) 	Tuesday 27 August 2019
20	<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further Issue Specific Hearing (if required) Further Issue Specific Hearing on the draft DCO (if required) Further Open Floor Hearing (if required) Further Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (if required) 	Tuesday 10 September to Thursday 12 September 2019
21	<p>Deadline 7 (D7)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post Hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case (if required) Comments on the ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO / or the ExA's draft DCO Comments on the RIES Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D6 Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	Friday 20 September 2019
22	<p>Deadline 8 (D8)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p>	Tuesday 1 October 2019

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to comments on the RIES • Responses to comments on the ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO / or the ExA's draft DCO • Final DCO to be submitted by the Applicant in the SI template with the SI template validation report • Final updated Book of Reference • Final SoCG • Final Compulsory Acquisition Schedule • Final updated Guide to the Application • Comments on any additional information/ submissions received by D7 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	
	<p>Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline.</p> <p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.</p>	<p>Wednesday 9 October 2019</p>

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