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To all Interested Parties

Our Ref: TR010036

Date: 24 April 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) - Section 89
The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 8(3) and Rule 9
The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 –
Regulations 10 to 16**

**Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent
for the A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Project**

Amendment to the Application and inclusion of additional land

The Examining Authority (ExA) has accepted a proposal to amend the application and include additional land [PD-012]. The Applicant has certified that this proposal has been publicised in accordance with Regulations 7 and 8 of the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010.

Three further Relevant Representations were received [RR-042, RR-043 & RR-044]. In accordance with Regulation 11 of the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 the ExA has made an initial assessment of the issues arising in connection with the proposed provision and has decided that the issues remain as set out in Annex E to our letter of 21 December 2018. There are no new issues arising. The ExA has decided that it is not necessary to hold a meeting to discuss how the proposed provision should be examined. The provision will be examined by Written Representations and by holding further hearings. The Examination Timetable has been amended accordingly (see Annex A)

Written Representations

All Interested Parties are now invited to submit Written Representations on the proposed provision to amend the application and include additional land. In addition,

any additional affected persons¹ are invited to submit Written Representations on the application as a whole. Written Representations can cover any relevant matter and are not restricted to the matters set out in Annex E to our letter of 21 December 2018. Any person, other than the Applicant, who submits a Written Representation must identify those parts of the application with which they agree and those parts with which they do not agree, explaining the reasons why.

Written Representations should be submitted by **Thursday 30 May 2019** (the new Deadline 7 in the revised timetable attached at Annex A).

Notification of Hearings

In accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (CA Regs), we are required to give a 21 day notice period for hearings. We therefore write to advise you that the following hearings will be held on Thursday 23 May 2019. Important details about the hearings are set out below.

Date	Venue	Time	Notes
Thursday 23 May 2019	Yeovil Town Football Club, Huish Park, Lufton Way, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 8YF	9.30 (doors open 9.00)	Open Floor Hearing
		10.30 (doors open 10.15)	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing
		11.30 (doors open 11.15)	Issue Specific Hearing

The purpose of the Further Issue Specific Hearing is to enable any additional affected persons and/or any additional interested parties and or any Interested Party to make oral representations on matters that have been discussed at previous Issue Specific Hearings (ISH):

- ISH1 dealing with matters relating to Traffic and Transport and Socio-Economic Effects on Surrounding Communities
- ISH2 dealing with matters relating to Archaeology and Cultural Heritage, Landscape and Visual Effects, Biodiversity, Ecology and Natural Environment and Flooding/Drainage Strategy
- ISH3 dealing with matters relating to Noise and Vibration and Air Quality and Emissions
- ISH4 dealing with matters relating to the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)
- ISH5 dealing with further matters relating to Traffic and Transport, Socio-Economic Issues, Biodiversity, Flooding, Heritage, Noise and Air Quality
- ISH6 dealing with further matters relating to the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)

For those hearings that have already taken place, agendas, audio recordings of the events and written submissions of the oral representations made have been published in the Examination Library. ISH5 and ISH6 will be held on 14 and 15 May 2019. Agendas for these hearings will be published on our website approximately one week

¹ Persons with an interest in the additional land

prior to the hearings. Audio recordings of the events and written submissions of the oral representations made will be published in the Examination Library.

The purpose of the Further Compulsory Acquisition Hearing is:

- to enable any affected person and to make oral representations on the compulsory acquisition of the additional land; and
- to enable any additional affected persons to make oral representations on matters relating to the proposed compulsory acquisition of land and rights.

Those parties who wish to speak at the hearings should notify the Case Team at the postal or email address above **by 16 May 2019**. We should be grateful if you would inform us if you plan to attend a hearing 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 (e.g. disabled access, hearing loop etc). Please ensure that you include your Interested Party reference number in your correspondence.

ExA's Additional Written Questions

We have made a procedural decision to issue some Additional Written Questions about the application and the representations received so far. These questions will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website on **Thursday 25 April 2019** (see the revised timetable attached at Annex A) and answers to our Additional Written Questions should be provided by **Friday 3 May 2019** (the new Deadline 6a in the revised timetable attached at Annex A).

If you require a hard copy of our Additional Written Questions please contact the Case Team who will send you a copy.

Yours faithfully

Lesley Coffey

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Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

Annex A

Revised 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 ExA's examination of the application primarily takes the form of the consideration of written submissions. The ExA will also consider any oral representations made at Hearings.

15	Publication by the ExA of: The ExA's Additional Written Questions	Thursday 25 April 2019
16	Deadline 6 (D6) Deadline for receipt of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses to the ExA's further Written Questions, issued on 22 March 2019 • 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 1 May 2019
17	Deadline 6a (D6a) Deadline for receipt of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the ExA's Additional Written Questions 	Friday 3 May 2019
18	Further Issue Specific Hearing (ISH5) Date reserved to hold ISH5	Tuesday 14 May 2019
19	Further Open Floor Hearing (OFH3) Date reserved to hold OFH3	Wednesday 15 May 2019 (9.30 to 11.00)
20	Further Issue Specific Hearing (ISH6) Date reserved to hold ISH6 on dDCO	Wednesday 15 May 2019 (11.30)
21	Hearings (in accordance with the CA Regs) Date reserved for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Issue Specific Hearing • Further Compulsory Acquisition Hearing • Further Open Floor Hearing 	Thursday 23 May 2019 (9.30 to 12.15)
22	Further Issue Specific Hearing (ISH7) (If required) Date reserved to continue ISH5 and ISH6 if required	Thursday 23 May 2019 (13.30)

23	<p>Deadline 7 (D7)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case (if required) • Comments on the RIES • Written Representations on the proposed provision to amend the application and include additional land • Comments on responses to the ExA's Additional Written Questions, issued on 25 April 2019 • Applicant's revised draft DCO (if required) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D6 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	<p>Thursday 30 May 2019</p>
24	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <p>The ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO (if required)</p>	<p>Thursday 6 June 2019</p>
25	<p>Deadline 8 (D8)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to comments on the RIES • Final DCO to be submitted by the applicant in the SI template with the SI template validation report • Final updated Book of Reference • Final SoCGs • 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>Monday 10 June 2019</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 12 June 2019</p>

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