



## The Planning Inspectorate

### Planning Act 2008 – Section 93

#### Application by Highways England for an Order granting Development Consent for the A47/A11 Thickthorn Scheme

#### Agenda for virtual Open Floor Hearing 1: Tuesday 16 November 2021, 10:00am

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Open Floor Hearing 1	Tuesday 16 November 2021 10:00 (Arrangements Conference from 09:30am)	Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

#### Open Floor Hearing 1

All Interested Parties are invited to attend the Open Floor Hearing, but it would assist the running of the hearing if notice could be given to the Inspectorate's Case Team (A47A11thickthorn@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) of a wish to participate prior to the hearing by **midday 12 November 2021**. Each Interested Party is entitled to make oral representations. However, this is subject to the Examining Authority's (ExA) power to control hearings.

The Arrangements Conference will commence 30 minutes prior to the start of each hearing to enable a prompt start. Hearings will finish as soon as the ExA deems that all those present have had their say and that all matters have been covered. The agenda is for guidance only. It is not designed to be exclusive or exhaustive. The ExA may add other issues for consideration, may alter the order in which issues are considered and will seek to allocate sufficient time to each issue to allow proper consideration of them. Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a hearing does not preclude further examination of this issue, including the asking of further written questions.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the days that they are scheduled for. Should the consideration of the issues 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. If there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a

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considerable amount of time at any Hearing, there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day. Alternatively, it may be necessary to prioritise matters and defer others to further written questions.

**Please Note: There is no fixed agenda for the Open Floor Hearing.**

### **Purpose**

The main purpose of the first Open Floor Hearing 1 is for the ExA to hear persons affected by the proposal who have requested to be heard to detail their views on the application proposal orally.

### **Contingencies**

The ExA will endeavour to hear all participants. If the hearing, or parts of it, is unable to proceed, for example for technical reasons, then the ExA may adjourn for any incomplete business to be dealt with at hearings later in the Examination Timetable. Notice of any adjournments will be provided on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

### **Microsoft Teams**

The Hearing will take place virtually using Microsoft Teams. Further information about virtual events in relation to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.6: Virtual examination events:

[Advice Note 8.6: Virtual examination events | National Infrastructure Planning \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/advice-note-8-6-virtual-examination-events/)

Further information, including a short video regarding taking part in a Planning Inspectorate virtual event, can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's website:

[Planning Inspectorate virtual events: guide to participating – GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/planning-inspectorate-virtual-events-guide-to-participating)

Please contact the Case Team if you have any questions about using Microsoft Teams.

### **Digital Recording**

A digital recording will be made of the hearing. This will be made available on the project page of the National Infrastructure website.

If you take part in the hearing it is important that you understand that your comments will be recorded and that the digital recording will be published and retained, usually for a period of five years from the Secretary of State's decision.

As such the Planning Inspectorate is subject to the General Data Protection Regulations. It is very unlikely that the ExA will ask you to put sensitive personal information such as email addresses, financial or health related matters into the public domain.

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However, if for some reason you feel that it is necessary for you to refer to sensitive personal information the ExA would encourage you to speak to the case team in the first instance. The case team would then explore with you whether the information could be provided in a written format which could then be appropriately redacted before being published.

Please bear in mind that the only official record of the proceedings will be the digital recording that will be placed on the project page of the National Infrastructure website. Tweets, blogs and similar communications arising out of the hearing will not be accepted as evidence in the Examination of this application.



## Agenda

**Title of Meeting** Open Floor Hearing 1

**Date** Tuesday 16 November 2021 **Time** 10:00

**Venue** Virtually via Microsoft Teams

**Attendees** Invitees

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the Hearing**
- 2. Submissions by Big Sky Developments/ relevant parties**
- 3. AOB**
- 4. Action Points/ Close**

### **Attendees**

The following parties are anticipated to attend because the ExA considers that the material to be heard at the Hearing will inform the Examination:

- The Applicant
- Representative(s) of Big Sky Developments
- Representative(s) of Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council