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

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010038

Date: 12 August 2021

Dear Sir/ Madam

The Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8 etc

Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton

Procedural Decision to close the Preliminary Meeting in writing, Examination Timetable, and Procedure

This letter provides you with the Examination Timetable and other important information about the Examination.

All documentation associated with this project, including a note of the Preliminary Meeting and the recording taken at that meeting, can be found using this link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton/?ipcsection=docs>

Procedural Decision on the Preliminary Meeting

I write further to my Rule 6 letter dated 6 July 2021. Having considered the submissions made at Procedural Deadline B, I have decided that there are no further procedural matters which need to be explored orally. As a result, and in accordance with paragraph 7.5 of the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.6 'Virtual Examination Events', I am satisfied that there is no need to reconvene the Preliminary Meeting and have made the Procedural Decision to close the meeting in writing, effective immediately. This means that a virtual meeting (Preliminary Meeting Part 2) will no longer be held at 10:00am on Thursday 12 August 2021. The Examination will start on Thursday 12 August 2021.

The Examination Timetable

I have made a Procedural Decision about the way the application will be examined. The final Examination Timetable is attached at **Annex A**.

The Examination Timetable replaces the draft timetable that was included in the Rule 6 letter dated 6 July 2021¹. In finalising the Examination Timetable, I have sought, where possible, to accommodate requests and suggestions made at the Preliminary Meeting and in representations submitted at Procedural Deadlines A and B.

In response to the representations received, I have moved:

- Deadline 3 to Tuesday 5 October 2021;
- Deadline 4 to Friday 12 November 2021; and
- Deadline 7 to Monday 17 January 2022.

I consider the amended dates provide additional time for the receipt of materials, whilst also allowing sufficient time for their consideration before subsequent Deadlines and any hearings.

I have clarified that the dates reserved for the additional hearings at Item 21 will be 5 January to 7 January 2022.

I have also introduced a requirement into Deadlines 1 and 3 for the submission, by the Applicant, of an updated version of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO), in clean and tracked versions, along with a schedule of changes to the dDCO.

The Examination Timetable contains a number of Deadlines for receipt of information by the Planning Inspectorate. All Deadlines are at 23:59 on the Deadline date, unless otherwise specified. Please ensure submissions arrive by the Deadline. If you do not make your submissions by the dates specified in the timetable, I may disregard them.

A 'Make a Submission' tab will be available on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website which provides a portal through which parties will be able to make written submissions at relevant Deadlines during the Examination. Further information about the 'Make a Submission' portal is provided at **Annex E** to this letter.

If I consider it necessary to vary the Examination Timetable during the Examination, notification will only be sent to Interested Parties and Other Persons² invited to the Preliminary Meeting. The changes will be published on the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

Other Procedural Decisions

Annex B contains important details and clarifications about my other Procedural Decisions made at, or following, the Preliminary Meeting. These include:

- **Changes to the Examination Timetable**

¹ Your invitation to the Preliminary Meeting

² Other Persons are persons that I chose to invite to the Preliminary Meeting, in addition to the prescribed persons listed in section 88(3) of the Planning Act 2008 – see 'Your status in the Examination and future notifications' below

- **Examining Authority’s Written Questions**
- **Statements of Common Ground (S0CG)**
- **Habitats Regulations Assessment**
- **Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)**
- **Principal Issues**

Written Representations

All Interested Parties are now invited to submit Written Representations and any comments on the Relevant Representations already submitted. These should be submitted by Deadline 1 in the Examination Timetable (**Annex A**).

Written Representations can cover any relevant matter and are not restricted to the matters set out in my Initial Assessment of Principal Issues discussed at the Preliminary Meeting and included in my Rule 6 letter³. Nor are they restricted to the content of my Written Questions (see next heading, below).

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 why⁴. Interested Parties should also provide with their Written Representations “*the data, methodology and assumptions used to support their submissions*”⁵.

Further written submissions will be requested by the ExA at various points in the Examination.

Any Written Representations, and any further written submissions requested by the ExA in the course of the Examination which exceed 1500 words should also 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.

ExA’s Written Questions

It is my intention to issue my first set of Written Questions (ExQ1) on or before Wednesday 18 August 2021. These will be published on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

Answers to my ExQ1s must be provided by Deadline 2 (**Tuesday 14 September 2021**) in the Examination Timetable (**Annex A**).

If you require a hard copy of my ExQ1s, please contact the Case Team who will send you a copy.

Hearings

³ <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/TR010038-000309>

⁴ Required under Rule 10(4) of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

⁵ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-act-2008-examination-of-applications-for-development-consent>

The Examination Timetable at **Annex A** includes periods of time reserved for any hearings to be held, and I will notify all Interested Parties of any hearings scheduled as part of the Examination at least 21 days in advance of them taking place. That notification will include an additional deadline for Interested Parties to inform the Planning Inspectorate if they wish to attend the notified hearing(s).

In this respect, I note the submissions from various parties with regards to early identification of issues to ensure appropriate attendees are available. I will therefore endeavour to provide as much notice as possible of the topics to be discussed at any Issue Specific Hearings (ISHs) that are required.

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

Accompanied Site Inspection

Information about the Accompanied Site Inspection, scheduled to take place in week commencing 15 November 2021, is contained in **Annex B**.

Availability of application documents and representations submitted to the Examination

All documentation and recordings associated with the Examination of this application can be found using this link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton/?ipcsection=docs>

Annex D provides details of locations in the vicinity of the Proposed Development at which all Examination documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge.

Advice to Interested Parties about how to access and navigate the Examination Library is also provided at **Annex D**.

Your status in the Examination

You have received this letter because you fall within one of the groups described in this FAQ document: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Status-faq.pdf>

If your reference number begins with '2002', 'NTUD-0', 'NTUD-AFP', 'NTUD-S57 or 'NUT-APP' you are in Group A. If your reference number begins with 'NTUD-SP' you are in Group B. If your reference number begins with 'NTUD-OP' you are in Group C.

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

Award of costs

You should be aware of the possibility of the award of costs against parties who behave unreasonably.

To assist understanding of what 'unreasonable behaviour' means in the context of an Examination under the PA2008, you may find it helpful to read the government guidance 'Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders' (July 2013)⁶. It is in everyone's interest that information is brought forward as early as possible in the examination process, so you are encouraged to do so.

Management of information

The Planning Inspectorate has a commitment to transparency. Therefore, all information submitted for this project (if accepted by the ExA) and a record of any advice which has been provided, is published at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton/>

All Examination documents can also be viewed electronically at the locations listed in **Annex D**.

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair Examination, we consider it necessary to publish some personal information. To find out how we handle your personal information, please view our Privacy Notice.

I look forward to working with all parties in the examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

Adrian Hunter

Adrian Hunter
Examining Inspector

Annexes

- A** Examination Timetable
- B** Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority
- C** Requests to appear and procedure to be followed at hearings
- D** Availability of representations and application documents
- E** Electronic 'Make a submission' portal

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⁶ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awards-of-costs-examinations-of-applications-for-development-consent-orders>

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.

Item	Matters	Date
1.	<p>Procedural Deadline A (PD A)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written submissions on then Examination procedure, including any submissions about the use of virtual procedures; and <p>Requests to be heard orally at the Preliminary Meeting Part 1</p>	Tuesday 20 July 2021
2.	Preliminary Meeting PART 1	Tuesday 3 August 2021
3.	<p>Procedural Deadline B (PD B)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written submissions on the Examination procedure, including responses to matters raised orally at the Preliminary Meeting Part 1; and <p>Requests to be heard orally at the Preliminary Meeting Part 2 and/or at Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1).</p>	12pm Monday 9 August 2021
4.	Preliminary Meeting PART 2 - NOT required	Thursday 12 August 2021
5.	Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)	6pm Thursday 12 August 2021
6.	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ExA's Written Questions (ExQ1) 	By Wednesday 18 August 2021
7.	<p>Deadline 1 (D1)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on Additional Documents submitted by the Applicant since the application was accepted (see Annex F) Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs) Summaries of all RR's exceeding 1500 words 	Wednesday 1 September 2021

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Representations (WRs) • Summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words • Written summaries of oral submissions made at OFH1 • Submission by Applicant of draft Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) itinerary • Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requested by the ExA • An updated version of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) in clean and tracked versions • A schedule of changes to the dDCO • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules¹ 	
8.	<p>Procedural Deadline C (PD C)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification by Statutory Parties of their wish to be considered as an IP by the ExA • Notification of wish to speak at a further OFH • Notification of wish to make oral representations at Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) • Notification of wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) • Notification of wish to have future correspondence received electronically 	Wednesday 1 September 2021
9.	<p>Deadline 2 (D2)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Impact Reports (LIRs) • Responses to the ExA's First Written Questions (ExQ1) • Comments by IPs on the draft itinerary for the ASI and provision for IPs to suggest locations and justifications for ASI • Responses to comments on RRs 	Tuesday 14 September 2021

¹ The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D1 • Comments on Applicant's revised draft DCO (if any) • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	
10.	<p>Procedural Deadline D (PD D)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of wish to participate or observe at hearings scheduled in w/c 1 November 2021 • Notification of wish to attend, or part attend, the ASI scheduled for w/c 15 November 2021 	Tuesday 14 September 2021
11.	<p>Deadline 3 (D3)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on WRs • Comments on SoCGs • Comments on LIRs • Comments on responses to the ExAs First Written Questions • Applicant's revised ASI itinerary following D2 comments • Submission by the Applicant of low-resolution documents (see Annex F) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D2 • Applicant's revised draft DCO (if required) • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	Tuesday 5 October 2021
12.	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA's Further Written Questions (if required). 	Friday 8 October 2021
13.	<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFH2 (if required) • ISHs (if required) • CAH1 (if required) 	Tuesday 2 to Friday 5 November 2021

<p>14.</p>	<p>Deadline 4 (D4)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of oral submissions made at hearings w/c 1 November 2021 • Any revised/updated SoCG • Responses to the ExA's Further Written Questions (if issued) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D3 • Comments on Applicant's revised draft DCO (if any) • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	<p>Friday 12 November 2021</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>Date(s) reserved for Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)²</p>	<p>w/c 15 November 2021</p>
<p>16.</p>	<p>Deadline 5 (D5)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any revised/updated SoCG (if any) • Applicant's revised draft DCO (if required) • Comments on responses to ExA's further written questions (if issued) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D4 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	<p>Tuesday 23 November 2021</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA's Further Written Questions (if required) 	<p>Tuesday 30 November 2021</p>
<p>18.</p>	<p>Deadline 6 (D6)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the ExA's further Written Questions (if required) 	<p>Monday 13 December 2021</p>

² Please note: an ASI can only go ahead if Government guidance on COVID-19 at that time permits. In the event it cannot be undertaken as a physical visit, alternative approaches (including the use of technology) will be explored, and all participants will be notified.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on Applicant's revised draft DCO (if any) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D5 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	
19.	<p>Procedural Deadline E (PD E)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of wish to participate at or observe any OFHs, ISHs, or CAHs in w/c January 2022 	Monday 13 December 2021
20.	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required) • The ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO (if required) 	Friday 17 December 2021
21.	<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISHs, including on the draft DCO (if required) • OFH (if required) • OFH (if required) 	Wednesday 5 to Friday 7 January 2022
22.	<p>Deadline 7 (D7)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of oral submissions made at any hearings on 5 to 7 January 2022 • Comments on responses to the ExA's further Written Questions (if required) • Comments on the ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO (if issued) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D6 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	Monday 17 January 2022
23.	<p>Deadline 8 (D8)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the RIES (if issued) 	Tuesday 25 January 2022

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to comments on the ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO (if issued) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D7 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	
24.	<p>Deadline 9 (D9)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to comments on the RIES (if issued) • Final DCO to be submitted by the Applicant in the SI template (MS Word) with the SI template validation report • Final updated Book of Reference • Final SoCGs • Final Statement of Commonality of SoCG • Final Compulsory Acquisition Schedule • Final updated Guide to the Application • Statements of Final Position in respect of matters examined • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D8 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	Tuesday 8 February 2022
25.	<p>Deadline 10 (D10)</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	Saturday 12 February 2022
26.	<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 (i.e. part 2).</p> <p>The ExA may close the Examination before the end of the six-month period if he is satisfied that all relevant matters have been addressed and discussed.</p>	Saturday 12 February 2022

Publication dates

All information received will be published on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as practicable after each deadline for submissions.

Hearing agendas

We will aim to publish a draft agenda for each hearing on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at least five working days in advance of the hearing date. The actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at my discretion.

In this respect, I note the submissions from various parties with regards to early identification of issues to ensure appropriate attendees are available. I will therefore endeavour to provide as much notice as possible of the topics to be discussed at any ISHs that are required.

Report on the Implications for European Sites

Where the Applicant has provided a No Significant Effects Report or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the DCO application, the ExA may decide to issue a Report on the Implication for European Sites (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 relevant 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 Regulations³.

³ The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority

I have made a number of Procedural Decisions following the Preliminary Meeting¹:

1. Examination Timetable

I have moved:

- Deadline 3 to Tuesday 5 October 2021;
- Deadline 4 to Friday 12 November 2021; and
- Deadline 7 to Monday 17 January 2022.

I consider the amended dates provide additional time for the receipt of materials, whilst also allowing sufficient time for their consideration before subsequent Deadlines and any hearings.

I have clarified that the dates reserved for the additional hearings at Item 21, if required, will be Wednesday 5 January to Friday 7 January 2022.

I have also introduced a requirement into Deadlines 1 and 3 for the submission, by the Applicant, of an updated version of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO), both clean and tracked versions, along with a schedule of changes to the dDCO.

2. Examining Authority's Written Questions

It is my intention to issue my first set of Written Questions (ExQ1), on or before Wednesday 18 August 2021. Some of my ExQ1s will be directed to specific Statutory Parties which have not, at the time of writing, confirmed that they wish to become Interested Parties for the purposes of the Examination of the application.

All relevant Statutory Parties will receive this correspondence and I request each should check ExQ1 carefully in order that they may identify and respond to any questions posed to them. No party should feel inhibited or restricted in responding to any question I ask, even if it is directed elsewhere.

For the avoidance of doubt, Statutory Parties are defined as the parties listed in Schedule 1 to The Infrastructure Planning (Interested Parties and Miscellaneous Prescribed Provisions) Regulations 2015².

Responses to the ExQ1 are due by Deadline 2 (**14 September 2021**).

3. Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)

The Applicant is taking the lead in the preparation of SoCGs and it will aid the smooth running of the Examination if all Interested Parties who are participating in the preparation of SoCGs, liaise and co-operate with the Applicant in respect of their production. Draft versions of the SoCGs should be submitted by Deadline 1 (**1**

¹ Section 89(1) of the Planning Act 2008

² <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/legislation/>

September 2021). Final signed versions of the SoCGs listed below are requested to be submitted by Deadline 9 **(8 February 2022)**.

1. Breckland Council
2. Broadland District Council
3. South Norfolk Council
4. Norfolk County Council
5. Environment Agency
6. Natural England
7. Historic England
8. Relevant Statutory Undertakers
9. Owners of Berry Hall Estate

All of the SoCGs listed above should cover, amongst other things, some of which are outlined in Annex F of the Rule 6 letter of 6 July 2021, the Articles and Requirements in the draft DCO. Any of the above Interested Parties seeking for an Article or Requirement to be reworded, should provide in the SoCG, the alternative form of words which are being sought.

The content of draft SoCGs is necessary to help inform me as to the need to hold any Issue Specific Hearings in November 2021, and to enable me and the Applicant to give notice of such hearings at least 21 days in advance of them taking place.

4. Local Impact Reports (LIRs)

A LIR 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). For more information about the importance and content of LIRs see our Advice Note One: Local Impact Reports³.

Local authorities⁴ are invited to submit LIRs by Deadline 2 **(14 September 2021)**.

5. Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)

Time has been reserved in the Examination Timetable to undertake an ASI in the week commencing 15 November 2021.

The Examination Timetable at Annex A requests the Applicant to submit a draft itinerary for the ASI, at Deadline 1 **(1 September 2021)**. There is an opportunity for all parties to comment on the draft itinerary, along with the provision for IPs to submit additional locations and supporting justification for these, by Deadline 2 **(14**

³ <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

⁴ Defined in s56A of the Planning Act 2008

September 2021). A further revised itinerary should be submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 3 (**5 October 2021**).

Please confirm your wish to attend the ASI by Procedural Deadline D (**14 September 2021**). Persons making requests are asked to first review the ExA's USI note [[EV-001](#)].

It may be necessary to limit the numbers of persons who accompany me for logistical and safety reasons, but it should be possible for arrangements to be made for Interested Parties (or their representatives) to join the inspection at specified locations within the itinerary. Please contact the Case Team if you wish to meet the inspection at a specific location within the itinerary, or at a new location, as proposed in your comments.

The final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at least a week before the ASI.

Interested Parties should be aware that **ASIs are not an opportunity to make any oral representations to the ExA about the Proposed Development**. However, I may invite participants to indicate specific features or sites of interest.

6. Principal Issues

I have paid careful attention to the submissions about the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (Annex C to the Rule 6 Letter). The IAPI represent a snapshot in time, a non-exclusive list of issues identified at the start of the pre-Examination period. Additional important and relevant issues are likely to continue to emerge during the Examination and all important and relevant issues will be examined. For these reasons, I do not propose to amend or republish the initial assessment. However, I can confirm that I have considered the issues submitted both at the Preliminary Meeting and at Procedural Deadlines A and B, as part of my ExQ1.

7. Additional Submissions

In addition to the documentation submitted by Procedural Deadline B the ExA has exercised its discretion and made a Procedural Decision to accept Additional Submissions from the following:

- Mr Josselyn on behalf of Mr Meynell [AS-011]
- Chris Curson (T J Curson & Partners) [AS-012]
- Dr Iain Robinson [AS-013]

Any comments on these additional submissions should be made by Deadline 1 (**1 September 2021**).

Requests to appear and procedure to be followed at hearings

The Examination Timetable reserves two periods of time for a series of hearings to be held, between 2 and 5 November 2021 and between 5 and 7 January 2022.

Requests to appear at hearings

Interested Parties are required to notify the ExA in writing of their wish to take part in a further Open Floor Hearing (OFH) or a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH). I remind Interested Parties of the Procedural Decision issued with the Rule 6 Letter requesting notification from Interested Parties in this regard on or before Procedural Deadline C **(1 September 2021)**.

If no written requests to take part in an OFH or CAH are received by the above Deadline, I am not required to hold such a hearing; although I may choose to do so nonetheless.

I may also choose to hold Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) about topics that I think need to be explored orally.

The time, date and place of any confirmed hearing will be notified in writing to all Interested Parties, providing at least 21 days' notice.

If an Interested Party wishes to attend an OFH or ISH they should indicate which topics in their Relevant Representation or Written Representation they wish to address at the hearing. Similarly, any Affected Person wishing to attend a CAH should identify clearly the plots of land about which they wish to speak.

Notifications from Interested Parties in respect of the above should be sent separately from any other written submission, and appropriately titled to allow us to quickly identify which event the notification relates to.

Procedure at hearings

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010¹. 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 parties².

My Examination will be principally undertaken through the exchange of written submissions, and I will decide whether a hearing on a particular issue or topic is necessary. This decision is not connected to how relevant or important I consider an issue or topic to be.

¹ Rule 14

² Rule 14(5)

Hearing agendas

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Availability of representations and application documents

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For ease of navigation, we recommend that you use the Examination Library (EL) which is accessible via a blue button under the 'Documents' tab. The EL is updated regularly throughout the Examination.

The EL records:

- each application document;
- each representation accepted to be read in conjunction with the Examination; and
- each Procedural Decision made by the Examining Authority.

Each document is provided with a unique reference which will be fixed for the duration of the Examination. A hyperlink to each document on the National Infrastructure Planning website is provided. **Please use the unique reference numbers applied in the EL when referring to any Examination documents in representations that you make.**

Electronic deposit locations

Documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge, at the electronic deposit locations listed in the table below. At Costessey, Dereham and Norfolk and Norwich Millennium libraries free computer access is available to library members on production of their library card. However, it may also be possible for others to use a computer on a "guest" card. Please note that you may need to bring a form of identification with you.

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 as a result 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.

Local authority	Venue/address	Opening hours	Printing costs
Norfolk County Council	Costessey Library Breckland Road	Monday: 10am-1pm Tuesday: 2pm-6pm	A4 B&W 20p per sheet

Annex D

	Costessey Norwich NR5 0RW	Wednesday: 10am-1pm Thursday: Closed Friday: 10am-1pm Saturday: 10am-4pm Sunday: Closed	A4 colour 50p per sheet A3 B&W 30p per sheet A3 colour £1 per sheet
Norfolk County Council	Dereham Library 59 High Street Dereham NR19 1DZ	Monday: 9.30am-7pm Tuesday: 9.30am-7pm Wednesday: 9.30am-7pm Thursday: 9.30am-7pm Friday: 9.30am-7pm Saturday 9.30am-4pm Sunday: Closed	A4 B&W 20p per sheet A4 colour 50p per sheet A3 B&W 30p per sheet A3 colour £1 per sheet
Norfolk County Council	Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library The Forum Millennium Plain Norwich NR2 1AW	Monday: 10am-7pm Tuesday: 10am-7pm Wednesday: 10am-7pm Thursday: 10am-7pm Friday: 10am-7pm Saturday: ground floor 10am-7pm, all other areas 9am-5pm Sunday: 10.30am - 4.30pm	A4 B&W 20p per sheet A4 colour 50p per sheet A3 B&W 30p per sheet A3 colour £1 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 is available on the [project webpage of 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.

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.

We would encourage 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, A47NorthTuddenhamtoEaston@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 Inspectorate will be monitoring the use of the portal. Any feedback is much appreciated and will help the Inspectorate identify and prioritise future service enhancements for our customers.