

Responses due by Deadline 6: Monday 13 December 2021

PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED) – SECTION 89 AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010 (AS AMENDED) – EXAMINING AUTHORITY’S WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (ExQ3)

APPLICATION BY HIGHWAYS ENGLAND FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE A47 NORTH TUDDENHAM TO EASTON IMPROVEMENTS

APPLICATION REF: TR010038

RESPONSES OF THE HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND (HISTORIC ENGLAND)

- 1.1 The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (HBMCE), known as Historic England, are the Government’s adviser on all aspects of the historic environment in England - including historic buildings and areas, archaeology and historic landscape – and have a duty to promote public understanding and enjoyment. HBMCE are an executive Non-Departmental Public body sponsored by the Department for Digital Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and we answer to Parliament through the Secretary of State for Digital Culture, Media and Sport. Our remit in conservation matters intersects with the policy responsibilities of a number of other government departments – particularly the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, with their responsibilities for land use planning matters. The National Heritage Act (2002) gave HBMCE responsibility for maritime archaeology in the English area of the UK Territorial Sea.
- 1.2 Historic England have here provided answers to questions directed to as an Interested Party, or, if appropriate, have indicated why a question is not relevant to us. which were not directed at us. In some cases, by way of response we refer to the more detailed advice provided in our Written Representation. Our responses are noted in the attached Table.

David Eve

Inspector of Historic Buildings and Areas

16 December 2021

Application by Highways England for A47 North Tuddenham to Easton The Examining Authority’s written questions and requests for information (ExQ3) Issued on 30 November 2021

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The following table sets out the Examining Authority's (ExA's) third written questions and requests for information – ExQ3. Questions are set out using an issues-based framework derived from the submissions made to the Examination, answers to previous ExA Questions and oral submissions made at the Hearings held during the week of 2 November 2021. Questions have been added to the framework of issues set out there as they have arisen from representations and to address the assessment of the application against relevant policies.

Column 2 of the table indicates which Interested Parties (IPs) and other persons each question is directed to. The ExA would be grateful if all persons named could answer all questions directed to them, providing a substantive response, or indicating that the question is not relevant to them for a reason. This does not prevent an answer being provided to a question by a person to whom it is not directed, should the question be relevant to their interests.

Each question has a unique reference number which includes a 3 in the middle (indicating that it is from Ex3) and then has an issue number and a question number. For example, the first question is identified as Q1.3.1. When you are answering a question, please start your answer by quoting the unique reference number.

If you are responding to a small number of questions, answers in a letter will suffice. If you are answering a larger number of questions, it will assist the ExA if you use a table based on this one to set out your responses. An editable version of this table in Microsoft Word is available on request from the case team: please contact A47NorthTuddenhamtoEaston@planninginspectorate.gov.uk and include 'ExQ3 – A47 North Tuddenham to Easton' in the subject line of your email.

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Q0 Historic Environment

Q9.3.1	Historic England	<p>Q9.3.1 Historic England The Owners of Berry Hall Estate have submitted details of the designation of the Estate as a National Heritage Asset under the Inheritance Tax Act 1984 ,, on the basis of its outstanding scenic and historic interest [REP1-044, 045 and 047]. Oral submissions at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 and Issue Specific Hearing 2 were also made on the matter [REP4-022, 023, 024 and 025]. Please can HE provide their view on this designation, these submissions, any implications for the scheme and the impact of the proposed scheme upon it.</p> <p><i>Historic England response: Historic England were not consulted by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs during the designation of this Inheritance Tax Act (ITA) claim, had no engagement with the development of the management plan and have no on-going role in the review of the landowner's implementation of the Undertakings under the scheme. These duties have all been carried out by Natural England and as the designation relates to the importance of the landscape, not the listed buildings on the estate. This is reflected in the Undertakings which concern maintenance of the land, not the buildings. The proposed scheme within the draft Development Consent Order would affect some of the land within the ITA area, but we would defer to Natural England on this matter. As regards the grade II listed buildings on the estate we consider it appropriate that the impact on their historic significance by development in their setting should be assessed by the Applicant in the Environmental Statement and, as with other grade II listed buildings in the scheme, we would defer to the Local Planning Authority to advise the Examining Authority on that assessment.</i></p>
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