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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Purpose of this Document

- 1.1.1 This document has been prepared in response to the letter from the Planning Inspectorate titled Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8 etc (the “Rule 8 letter”) dated 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- 1.1.2 The Examining Authority (ExA) has requested (if required) an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) on Tuesday 29 March.
- 1.1.3 Annex A to the Rule 8 letter sets out the Examination Timetable. Item 5 states that at Deadline 1 (D1) the Applicant should submit a ‘Proposed Itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)’.
- 1.1.4 The itinerary has been prepared in response to this request and has taken into consideration the Examining Authority’s Note of Unaccompanied Site Inspection 1 (**EV-001**)<sup>1</sup>. Annex A to this document provides a copy of the ExA’s Note.
- 1.1.5 As per Item 6 in Annex A of the Rule 8 letter, parties may comment on the proposed itinerary by Deadline 2 (15 February 2022).

## 2 PROPOSED ACCOMPANIED SITE INSPECTION ITINERARY

### 2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 The Examining Authority’s inspection of sites is an opportunity for the ExA to look at physical features that can be seen on, or from the site. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.
- 2.1.2 The proposed itinerary focuses on those locations where it is necessary to view land but there is no public right of access and no clear view from nearby locations with open public access.
- 2.1.3 The proposed itinerary is presented in Table 2.1 while the proposed stops are illustrated in Figure 2.1.

### 2.2 Attendance at the Site Visit

- 2.2.1 As per Item 6 in Annex B of the Rule 8 letter, the date for Interested Parties to confirm their wish to attend the ASI to the Planning Inspectorate’s Case Team is also Deadline 1, 28 January 2022. The Rule 8 letter is available on-line at:  
[https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010039/TR010039-000394-TR010039\\_Final\\_Rule\\_8\\_Letter.pdf](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010039/TR010039-000394-TR010039_Final_Rule_8_Letter.pdf)
- 2.2.2 It may be necessary to limit the numbers of persons who accompany the ExA 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 either of the identified locations within the itinerary. Please notify the Planning Inspectorate Case

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<sup>1</sup> Available at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010039/TR010039-000312-Note%20of%20First%20Unaccompanied%20Site%20Inspection%20undertaken%2027%20October%202021.pdf>

Team if you wish to be considered to attend at either of the specific locations within the itinerary, or at a new location, as proposed in your comments.

2.2.3 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 Scheme. However, the ExA may invite participants to indicate specific features or sites of interest.

2.2.4 To ensure the smooth running of the ExA's inspection, it is requested that Interested Parties wishing to attend the site visit:

- provide a contact mobile number to the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team for the day,
- notify the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team if there are any changes in attendance, and
- ensure the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team is made aware of any special access requirements for any participants.

## **2.3 Joining the Site Visit on the Day**

2.3.1 The Applicant will provide a Health and Safety briefing on the day. It may not be possible to accommodate any parties who are not present for the briefing.

2.3.2 It is not possible to predict precisely how long each part of the inspection will last. For those Interested Parties wishing to join at an alternative location, the Applicant will use their mobile contact number to keep those Interested Parties notified of progress and expected arrival times where they are due to meet.

## **2.4 Transport Arrangements**

2.4.1 The Applicant will confirm transport arrangements depending on the number of attendees, current COVID restrictions and availability of parking places at the stops. Where necessary, the Applicant will provide a vehicle(s) for the site visit. This approach has been proposed to minimise transport emissions and disruption along the local road network and around the limited locations for parking.

2.4.2 Interested Parties planning to join for part of the visit will be expected to arrange their own mode of transport, but have regard to the itinerary timings, locations and parking arrangements, and confirm with the Planning Inspectorate's Case Manager in advance; see Section 2.3 above.

## **2.5 Safety Instructions**

2.5.1 High visibility vests will be provided for attendees and must be worn at all times when out of the vehicle. When stopping on a live road, a mini-briefing will be provided before attendees exit the vehicle, which will include where to stand and how to remain safe. All attendees:

- must follow instructions given to them by the Health and Safety staff representative from GallifordTry and provided by the risk assessment.

- are responsible for their own safety and must never act in a manner that might reduce the safety of themselves or others.

2.5.2 With regards to COVID, the appropriate controls in accordance with the latest Government guidelines at the time of the site inspection will be applied and managed through the risk assessments and safety briefings.

## **2.6 Clothing**

2.6.1 It will be necessary for all parties to wear appropriate sturdy footwear and weather-proof clothing appropriate for the time of the year. All parties are advised to bring their own high visibility jackets, if they have them, but the Applicant will provide high visibility vests for all attendees to wear.

## **2.7 Private Land**

2.7.1 The Applicant will arrange the visits to private land, however access onto private land is at all times by the permission of the person controlling it; householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances, the ExA will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait outside.

## **2.8 Welfare Facilities**

2.8.1 There are welfare facilities at Sacrewell Farm and the BP service station on the A47 east of the A1 and the Wansford roundabouts.

## **2.9 Cancellations**

2.9.1 Please note that in the unlikely event that the ASI is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, we would ask that you regularly check the Planning Inspectorate's website for updates prior to the visit; the website can be viewed here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a47-wansford-to-sutton/?ipcsection=overview>

## **2.10 Detailed Itinerary for Accompanied Site Inspection**

2.10.1 The times are approximate and cannot be guaranteed. A site inspection pack will be provided on the day containing a copy of Table 2.1 and Figure 2.1 along with details of the travel route and parking places.

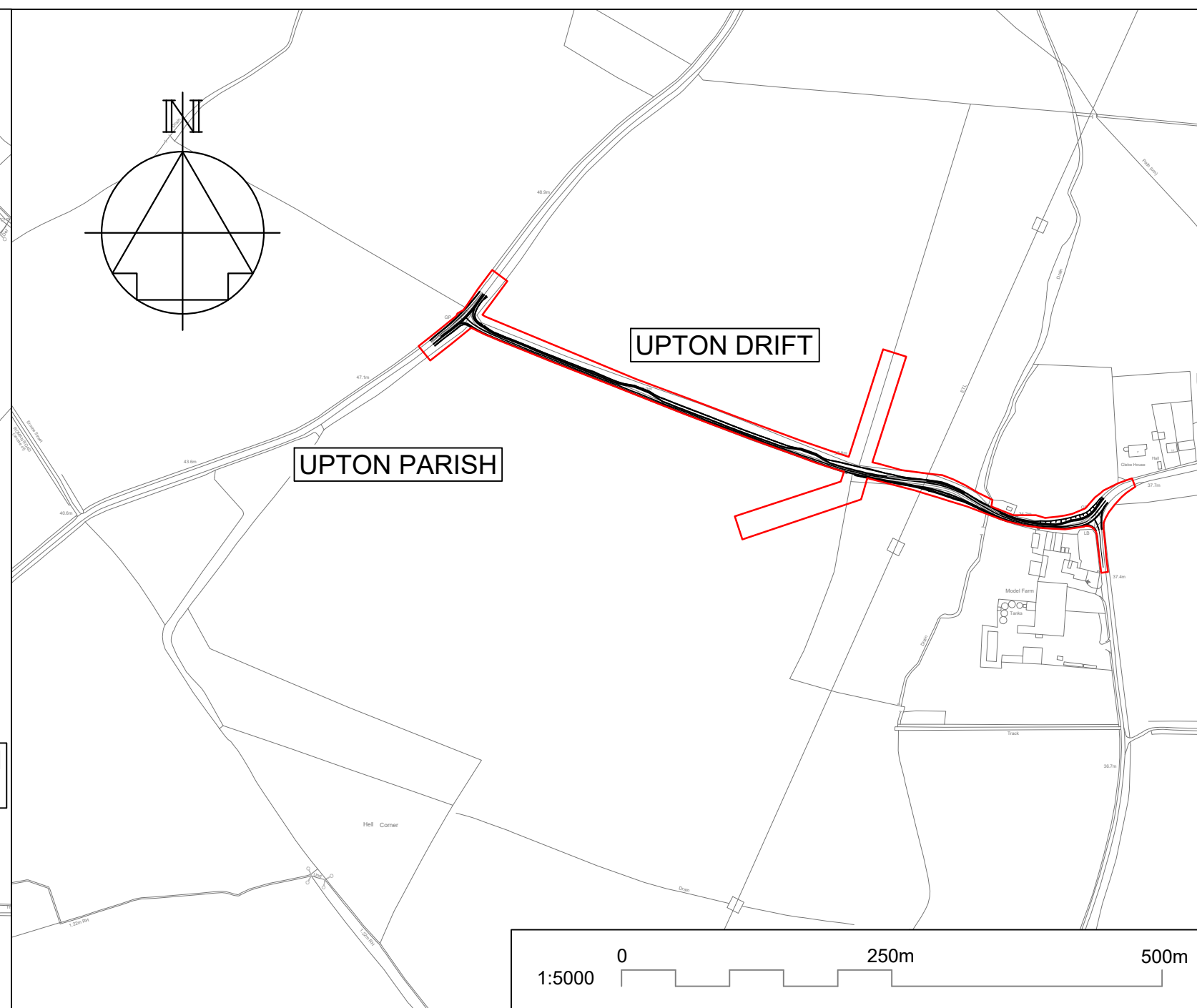
*Table 2.1 –Proposed Itinerary for Accompanied Site Inspection*

Stop / Travel	Approximate Timings	Location	Guidance Notes	Reason for Visiting Location
START	10:00	Sacrewell Farm car park	Guidance to be provided on the day	Arrival and registration. Health & Safety briefing and departure
Stop 1	10:20	Sacrewell Farm	Guidance to be provided on the day.	Viewpoint 4 at Sacrewell Farm is on private land (Sacrewell Farm)
Stop 2	10:45	Station House	Guidance to be provided on the day.	Station House is on private land (National Highways).

*Figure 2.1 Site Inspection Locations*



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## **ANNEX A – Examining Authority’s Note of Unaccompanied Site Inspection 1 (27 October 2021) (EV-1)**



## Examining Authority's Note of Unaccompanied Site Inspection 1

**Examining Authority** A47 Wansford to Sutton

**Application Ref:** TR010039

**Date** 27 October 2021

I, as Examining Authority, undertook an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) on Wednesday 27 October 2021. This note is a brief record to inform the Applicant, Interested Parties and other parties of the actions taken.

I used a combination of driving and walking routes to experience and record the local area, the details of which are broadly summarised below. All inspections took place from public land, mainly the public highway and public rights of way.

The weather was quite good during the day, dry with overcast skies and with occasional sunny intervals. There was a reasonable breeze from the south to west. Visibility was good.

I did not speak to anyone during the visit other than to say "Good morning/afternoon" to those I met when walking on public rights of way.

Timings set out below are approximate.

*Robert Jackson*

Examining Authority

28 October 2021



Time	Location	Comment
10:00	Arrived at Wansford west roundabout, drove along A47 to roundabout with A1260 at western edge of Peterborough and turned around.	To gain overview of route and area.
10:15	Drove east along A47, turning off at Love's Hill to drive through the villages of Castor and Ailsworth on Peterborough Road, to Nene Way roundabout, circumnavigated, and drove to Sutton via Nene Way. Parked outside St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sutton.	To gain impression of villages to south of A47 north of River Nene.
10:30	Walked west along Sutton 1 footpath, Wansford Nene Way Permissive Footpath 4, Wansford Annual Maintenance 113 and Wansford Nene Way Permissive 1, under A1 to junction with Peterborough Road in Wansford. Inspected junction of Peterborough Road with A1. Retraced steps to Sutton.	<p>To seek understanding of the effect of the route, both existing and proposed, from these Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) and understand the connection between Sutton and Wansford.</p> <p>Particularly noted locations of Wittering Brook outfall and former railway line.</p> <p>Sought to understand changes to Wansford west roundabout and area to south from these PRoWs.</p>
11:45	<p>Drove from Sutton along The Drift and joined A47 heading west to Wansford west roundabout. Drove south through Wansford, east along Peterborough Road, and on to A1 (north).</p> <p>Drove off A1 on A47 slip, turned north and drove along Old North Road to north end, turned around. Then south through Wansford village, along B671 to New Lane and to Stibbington.</p>	<p>Noted location of property known as 'Deep Springs' and gaps in vegetation on north side of A47.</p> <p>To gain understanding of villages and roads on western side of A1.</p>



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12:05	At Stibbington, drove around Church Lane/Old Great North Road loop, including cul-de-sac to River Nene, and parked close to eastern extent of Sibson cum Stibbington Footpath 2. Walked along Sibson cum Stibbington Footpath 2 to western extent at A1. Retraced steps to Stibbington.	To gain understanding of area to south of River Nene, and to gain impression of existing and proposed when viewed from this footpath, particularly the area of and to south of Wansford west roundabout.
12:45	Drove to Wansford Station and then returned to A1 at New Lane junction re-joined A1 heading north. Turned off A1 to Thornhaugh, along Russell Hill to A47 and back to Wansford west roundabout.	To identify location of heritage railway as tourist attraction and relationship of Thornhaugh to Proposed Development.
13:00	Lunch	
13:30	Drove north on A1 to junction with B1081 south of Stamford, turned around, drove back to Wansford east roundabout, past location of 6 – 12 (evens) Great North Road, drove east along A47 and turned off at Sutton Heath Road.	To gain understanding of A1 to north of Application site and location of 6 – 12 (evens) Great North Road.
13:45	Parked on verge to south of Heath Road, walked along Sutton Heath Road to see location of Wansford Road Railway Station and Heath House.	To understand these buildings, railway bridge and location of Scheduled Monument and Sutton Heath and Bog SSSI.
14:00	Drove to Upton via Sutton Heath Road and Main Road. Drove along Church Walk  Stopped to see Model Farm and associated wall.  Drove south along Main Road and Upton Road circumnavigating Nene Way roundabout, returning to Upton.	To understand the nature of the roads to/from Upton.  Noted location of Lower Lodge Farm.



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Time	Location	Comment
14:15	<p>Drove to Sutton Heath Road, and parked on verge near eastern extent of Sutton 5 Bridleway.</p> <p>Walked west, along Sutton 5 Bridleway, Thornhaugh 8 Bridleway, to Sacrewell Farm.</p> <p>Walked north and then west on Thornhaugh Bridleway 8, along Windgate Way, to A1.</p> <p>Walked to west of 6 – 12 (evens) Great North Road and noted location of proposed private access from north.</p> <p>Retraced steps to Sacrewell Farm, then walked south to A47 on Wansford Hereward Way Permissive 3.</p> <p>Retraced steps to Sacrewell Farm on Wansford Hereward Way Permissive 3 and then eastward along Thornhaugh Bridleway 8 and Sutton 5 Bridleway to Sutton Heath Road.</p>	<p>To gain impression of location of Sutton Heath and Bog SSSI, location of Scheduled Monument, and area, visitor facility at Sacrewell Farm and relationship of 6 – 12 (evens) Great North Road to A1 and proposed private way to north.</p> <p>Also saw proposed location of permissive bridleway from south of A47 to Sacrewell Farm.</p>
15:15	<p>Drove to A47 and then east along A47 to edge of Peterborough at roundabout with A1260 and turned around, driving west back along A47 to Wansford east roundabout.</p>	<p>To ensure whole length of existing A47 as proposed to be altered was driven in both directions.</p>
15:30	<p>Left area.</p>	