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Planning Act 2008 – section 91

Application by National Highways (formerly Highways England) for an Order granting Development Consent for the A47 Wansford to Sutton scheme

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) on Environmental Matters

In its letter dated 10 February 2022, the Examining Authority (ExA) notified Interested Parties (IP) of its decision to hold an Issue Specific Hearing into the above matters on the following date:

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) Environmental Matters	Tuesday 15 March 2022 10:00am (*Arrangements Conference starts at 9:30 am)	Online using Microsoft Teams ¹

*Participants must join the Arrangements Conference to register and gain access to the Hearing.

About ISH2 on Environmental Matters

The main purpose of ISH2 is to undertake an examination of various environmental matters to review environmental impact considerations, including matters arising from the application documentation and representations relating to:

- Cultural Heritage
- Water environment
- Biodiversity
- Air Quality and Emissions
- Geotechnical Risk
- Landscape and Visual matters

The ExA will endeavour to hear all participants. If the ISH2, or parts of it, is unable to complete or proceed, for example for technical reasons, then the ExA may adjourn incomplete business to reserved hearings later in the Examination Timetable. The week commencing 9 May 2022 is already programmed for further Hearings should they be necessary. Notice of any further adjournments will be provided on the project webpage of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website.

¹ Further information is available in Advice Note 8.6, available at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-8-6-virtual-examination-events/>



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Attendance at the Hearing

Anyone wishing to attend the Hearing should advise the Case Team as soon as possible to be issued with joining instructions to access the Hearing. Please email: A47WansfordtoSutton@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Parties can join using a computer, laptop, tablet or phone. Attendees will receive instructions on how to join in a separate email shortly before the Hearing. The access details are for your own personal use and should not be shared with any other party.

Please join the Arrangements Conference to join the event and register your attendance. The Arrangements Conference allows procedures to be explained and will enable the Hearing to start promptly.

The Hearing will be livestreamed and the link will be posted on the [website](#) shortly before the Hearing. A recording of the Hearing will also be available shortly after the event.

Participation, conduct and management of Hearing

As set out in the letter of 10 February the ExA would particularly like to hear from the following IPs during this Hearing:

- The Applicant
- Peterborough City Council
- Environment Agency
- Historic England
- Natural England

The ExA made clear that that he would welcome the attendance of the relevant Parish Councils should they wish to attend.

The named parties have been invited because they are:

- public bodies or other parties that are named in the draft provisions in the draft DCO;
- public bodies with policy and regulatory responsibilities associated with the subject matter;
- national and local authorities for the affected area; or
- persons or organisations with another related and relevant special interest.

The ExA invites all IPs, who are entitled to make oral representations at the Hearing, subject to the ExA's power to control the Hearing. These representations should be informed by the written submissions already made. However, representations made at the Hearing should not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission. Rather, they should draw attention to those submissions in summary form and provide further detail, explanation and evidential corroboration to help inform the ExA.

The ExA may ask questions about representations or ask the Applicant or other parties to comment or respond. The ExA will probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questioning of persons making oral representations. Questioning at the Hearing will therefore be led by the ExA.



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This 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.

Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a Hearing does not preclude further examination of that issue, including through the inclusion of questions in the ExA's Further Written Questions (ExQ2) (if issued).

The ExA may conclude the Hearing as soon as all relevant contributions have been made and all questions asked and responded to. Some of the issues identified in the agenda are by their nature overlapping. If items later in the agenda have already been answered the ExA will acknowledge this at the time.

If there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time, there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day or at a subsequent sitting.

All parties should note that the agenda provides a framework for this Hearing and offer discussion points; it does not constrain the ExA to specific topics. The ExA may wish to raise other matters arising from submissions and pursue lines of inquiry which are not included in this agenda.

References in square brackets [] are to the unique document identification number in the [Examination Library](#).

Please submit full summaries of all oral submissions by Deadline 4 on the Examination Timetable (Thursday 24 March 2022). Any additional illustrative or supporting material that you wish to share must be submitted at Deadline 4, as it will not be possible for you to show it on screen during your contribution to the Hearing.

Please contact the Case Team if you have any questions regarding the arrangements: A47WansfordtoSutton@planninginspectorate.gov.uk



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Issue Specific Hearing 2

Date **Tuesday 15 March 2022**
Arrangements **9:30am**
Hearing start time **10:00am**

Virtual event using Microsoft Teams

Agenda

Item 1	Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the Hearing
Item 2	Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing (ISH2)
Item 3	Cultural Heritage <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scheduled Monument<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Significance○ Effects direct and on setting• Stamford and Wansford Railway• Wansford Road Station buildings• Historic approaches to Sutton from north• Effect on setting of Wansford and Thornhaugh Conservation Areas• Effect on setting of Sacrewell Mill
Item 4	Water Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flood Compensation area• A47 Crossing of Whittering Brook• A1 Mill Stream culvert• Upton Main Road Water Course crossing• Construction discharges• Post-development maintenance arrangements• Groundwater
Item 5	Biodiversity <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relationship with Rutland Water• Protected species• Sutton Heath and Bog SSSI<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Qualifying features○ Extent and effects• Ancient Woodland and Veteran Trees• Biodiversity Net Gain• Habitats Regulations Assessment



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Item 6	Air Quality and Emissions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Air Quality Assessment• Carbon Emissions
Item 7	Geotechnical Risk <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Surveys and results
Item 8	Landscape and Visual Effects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overhead cables• Growth rates
Item 9	Cross-cutting issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As arising from above
Item 10	Review of issues and actions arising
Item 11	Close

Breaks will be taken during the Hearing as directed by the ExA.

The above Agenda does not seek to cover all matters that may need consideration during the Examination process and does not deal with typographic matters. The ExA may include within his Further Written Questions other matters where he wishes to be informed.

The ExA may well refer to the following documents during the Hearing and suggests that parties have copies to hand:

Title	Examination Library Reference
Scheduled Monument Official List Entry	[REP2-073]
Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations	[REP1-010]
Applicant's Response to the ExA's First Written Questions (ExQ1) – Annexes	[REP2-036]
Sutton Conservation Area Appraisal	[REP2-064]
Environmental Masterplan Rev 1	[REP2-024]
Natural England Written Representations and responses	[REP2-080]
Environmental Statement Figures 7.6.11a to 7.6.12d	[APP-068]
Environmental Statement Figures 7.6.13a to 7.6.14b	[APP-069]



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Should a party consider that any other documents, already submitted, may need to be referred, they should contact the Case Team at A47WansfordtoSutton@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by 12.00 noon on Friday 11 March 2022.