



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 4 (ISH4) on the Draft Development Consent Order

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 4 (ISH4) Draft Development Consent Order	Thursday 17 March 2022 2:00pm (*Arrangements Conference starts at 1:30 pm)	Online using Microsoft Teams ¹

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

About ISH4 on Draft Development Consent

The main purpose of ISH4 is to undertake an examination of the draft Development Consent Order.

This will be held on a ‘without prejudice’ basis in respect of whether the ExA is minded to recommend that the Order be granted, on the basis that if the ExA is minded to recommend that the Order is not granted then the ExA is under an obligation to provide the Secretary of State with a draft Order in case they come to a different conclusion.

The ExA will endeavour to hear all participants. If the ISH4, 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.

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

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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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

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.

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.



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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 4

Date **Thursday 17 March 2022**
Arrangements **1:30pm**
Hearing start time **2:00pm**

Virtual event using Microsoft Teams

Item 1	Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the Hearing
Item 2	Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing (ISH4)
Item 3	Discussions on matters arising from ISH2, ISH3 and Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1
Item 4	Matters which the ExA wishes to consider further in light of the representations to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permanent Mitigation on Land where Temporary Possession Rights only are sought• Extent of Rights sought• Consultation with Parish Council on matters relating to Requirements
Item 5	Outstanding Drafting matters
Item 6	Consents, licenses and other agreements <p>The Applicant will be asked to provide an update of progress and timescales for completion. The ExA will then ask questions, including discussing whether any section 106 agreements are proposed and if there are indicative timescales for finalising them.</p>
Item 7	Review of issues and actions arising
Item 8	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 will 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:



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Title	Examination Library Reference
Draft Development Consent Order	[REP3-003]
Explanatory Memorandum	[REP3-005]

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.