

Application by National Highways for A47 Wansford to Sutton Dualling

The Examining Authority's further written questions and requests for information (ExQ3)

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The following table sets out the Examining Authority's (ExA's) written questions and requests for information – ExQ3. If necessary, the Examination Timetable enables the ExA to issue a further round of written questions in due course. If this is done, the further round of questions will be referred to as ExQ4.

Questions are set out using an issues-based framework derived from the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues. 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 starts with 3 (indicating that it is from ExQ3) and then has an issue number and a question number. For example, the first question on air quality and emissions issues is identified as Q3.1.1. 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 a47wansfordtosutton@planninginspectorate.gov.uk and include 'A47 Wansford to Sutton ExQ3' in the subject line of your email.

A date for responses is **Deadline 8** (14 June 2022), with the exception of the response to ExQ3.0.1 which is **Monday 6 June 2022**.

Abbreviations used

CA	Compulsory Acquisition	NPSNN	National Policy Statement for National Networks
dDCO	Draft DCO	PA2008	Planning Act 2008 (as amended)
EA	Environment Agency	PCC	Peterborough City Council
EM	Explanatory Memorandum	PPG	Planning Practice Guidance
ExA	Examining authority	SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
GEH	A formula used in traffic engineering	SoS	Secretary of State
HBCME	Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (commonly known as Historic England)	TP	Temporary Possession
NMU	Non-Motorised User	VISSIM	A proprietary micro-simulation modelling software

The Examination Library

References in these questions set out in square brackets (eg [APP-010]) are to documents catalogued in the Examination Library. The Examination Library can be obtained at this [link](#).

It will be updated as the examination progresses.

Citation of Questions

Questions in this table should be cited as follows:

Question reference: issue reference: question number, eg ExQ3.1.1 – refers to question 1 in this table.

ExQ3	Question topic:	EA response:
3.1	Air quality and emissions	
3.1.2	Carbon emissions	The EA has no view on this currently.
3.6	Draft Development Consent Order (DCO) [REP5-005/REP5-006]	
3.6.5	Time limits for deemed consent	Response to article 21(8) (Discharge of water) – This ties in with 21(6) which states <i>'Nothing in this article overrides the requirement for an environmental permit under regulation 12 (requirement for environmental permit) of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016(b)'</i> . In order to discharge surface water to a watercourse via a headwall, a Flood Risk Activity Permit will therefore be required from the EA. The EA will have 2 months in which to determine a Flood Risk Activity Permit.
3.6.6	Potential Requirement regarding Flood Risk	As it stands, the EA are not able to answer the question because they are not certain as to what it relates to. To allow the EA to be able to provide you with its latest position in respect of the need for an additional requirement relating to flood risk, please provide clarification as to what information you require.
3.12	Water environment and flood risk	
3.12.1	Peak rainfall allowances	As the application was validated prior to the updated peak rainfall allowances, the EA would not request that the applicant update the Flood Risk Assessment. With regards to the peak rainfall allowances, this relates mainly to surface water and as such, the Lead Local Flood Authority should advise if this should be updated in line with their guidance.
3.12.2	Flood Compensation	The EA can confirm that the Floodplain compensation is acceptable at this stage as was set out and agreed during Stage 3 and included within the Flood Risk Assessment (REP3-014). This volume is based on the available information at the time and will be refined during the detailed design stage, which will use detailed topographical information. As such, the volume of storage required could change as the compensation required will need to be provided on a 'level for level, volume for volume' basis and detailed topographical information is required to provide the exact figures.