

Hearings Action Points

Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A47 Blofield to North Burlingham project.

Actions arising from the Issue Specific Hearings and Compulsory Acquisition hearings held virtually between 17-20 August 2021.

	Action	Party	Deadline
Issue Specific Hearing 1 – Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) - Tuesday 17 August 2021			
1	Explain why some plans and strategies are listed under Requirement 4 whereas others, such as a piling risk assessment, are specified within the Record of Environmental Actions and Commitments	Applicant	Deadline 4
2	Article (A) 10(11)(c) - Confirm Eastern Power Networks is correct	Applicant	Deadline 4
3	Further justify A20 given that there would be no direct discharges to watercourses and no connections to public sewers	Applicant	Deadline 4
4	A26(1) would give the power for compulsory acquisition of rights over the Order land or to impose restrictive covenants affecting the land. A26(2) sets limitations for this in respect of land specified in Schedule 5. Justify the unlimited power over the rest of the Order land not specified in Schedule 5.	Applicant	Deadline 4
5	A28(10) – add comma between ‘agents’ and ‘contractors’ and change ‘order land’ to ‘Order land’	Applicant	Deadline 4
6	A33(8)(b) – justify this power over all land to be subject to temporary possession	Applicant	Deadline 4
7	A37 – remove blank part of page 29 so A37(3) sits below A37(2)	Applicant	Deadline 4
8	A45 – further justify this power given that the Control of Pollution Act 1974 makes provisions for appeals	Applicant	Deadline 4
9	Schedule 1 – correct spacing issues in ‘Work No. 2’ and ‘Work No. 22’ and add a fullstop in ‘Work No26A’	Applicant	Deadline 4
10	Schedule 1 (a) to (e) – justify inclusion of pumping stations, cofferdams, outfalls and culverts	Applicant	Deadline 4
11	Requirement (R) 3 – clarify where design features, such as bridges, are shown on the works plans or engineering drawings	The Applicant	Deadline 4



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	and sections and consider whether the general arrangement plans should be specified. Broadland District Council (BDC) to confirm whether detail of bridges as shown in general arrangement plans is satisfactory for the purposes of R3	BDC	
12	R(5)(2) – consider if reference here to ‘requirement 5’ is necessary	Applicant	Deadline 4
13	R(6)(2) – should ‘all parties’ be specified rather than just the undertaker as per para 1.6 of Environment Agency (EA) submission [REP2-013] – liaise with EA over this	Applicant	Deadline 4
14	R8 – clarify how long-term management and maintenance would be secured R8(2) – add the EA as a consultee Norfolk County Council (NCC) to confirm necessity of request to add it, as Lead Local Flood Authority as a consultee given it would be consulted in any case by BDC	Applicant Applicant NCC	Deadline 4
15	R9 - make provision for the reporting and publishing of data	Applicant	Deadline 4
16	R10 – refer to outline Traffic Management Plan	Applicant	Deadline 4
17	R12 – amend ‘Timetable3’	Applicant	Deadline 4
18	Schedule 3 Parts 1-3 – does Point G need adding as this appears on sheet 2 of the classification of roads plans – check consistency between plans and dDCO	Applicant	Deadline 4
19	Schedule 3 Part 8 – add rows / columns and add (1) and (3) rather than (1 and (3	Applicant	Deadline 4
20	Schedule 5 – add rows and columns	Applicant	Deadline 4
21	Schedule 10 – reinstate ‘Masterplan’, change 6/3 to 6.3, update revisions and consider how to show this for Environmental Statement documents, consider whether Explanatory Note needs updating to reflect list of certified documents	Applicant	Deadline 4
22	Any other action points not listed but specified during the hearing	Relevant Parties	Deadline 4
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 – Wednesday 18 August 2021			
1	Evidence whether land take / compulsory acquisition (CA) was a factor in the route selection	Applicant	Deadline 4
2	Address the lack of separation of project costs and CA costs in the Funding	Applicant	Deadline 4

	Statement or provide these costs separately		
3	Further justify response to first written question ExQ1.5.7 or provide the information requested	Applicant	Deadline 4
4	Clarify response to ExQ1.5.12 in respect of the Land Compensation Act 1973, noting that the response indicates that a claim may not be possible given that physical factors would need to arise from the use of the new or altered road rather than the use of roads where no alteration has taken place	Applicant	Deadline 4
5	Correct reference to '4/7c' on Land Plans, Sheet 4, Inset G	Applicant	Deadline 4
6	CA Schedule [REP2-008]: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> consider whether 'Obj No.' in first table is the correct title of column provide clarity in second table as to whether Affected Persons (APs) listed have raised a specific concern in respect of CA / temporary possession (TP) ensure second table captures all relevant APs (including [REP1-078] and [RR-064]) 	Applicant	Deadline 4
7	Update Book of Reference in respect of land interests for Plot 1/7a (Anna Randlesome and Ryan Woodward)	Applicant	Deadline 4
8	Provide details of any gate proposed for High Noon Lane	Applicant	Deadline 4
9	Liaise with John Randlesome over CA / TP matters	Applicant	As soon as practical
10	Liaise with Tim Knight over maintaining vehicle access and agree Heads of Terms to confirm arrangements	Applicant	As soon as practical
11	Statutory Undertakers Schedule [REP3-020] – clarify British Gas PLC situation in s138 schedule	Applicant	Deadline 4
12	Clarify whether 'Department for the Environment, Transport and the Regions' is the correct Crown Authority in respect of interests in Plot 1/5	Applicant	Deadline 4
13	Provide update in respect of all CA / TP / Crown Land negotiations	Applicant	Deadline 4
Issue Specific Hearing 2 – Environmental Matters - Thursday 19 August 2021			
1	Clarify why Environmental Management Plan Rev 2 [REP1-049] and Rev 3 [REP3-015] show same track changes and confirm Rev 3 clean version [REP3-014]	Applicant	Deadline 4

	reflects track changed version		
2	Provide Biodiversity Net Gain Defra Metric 2.0 data and clarify why Defra Metric 3.0 is not to be used	Applicant	Deadline 4
3	For the purposes of clarity, identify all changes made to the Masterplan and other plans in a schedule	Applicant	Deadline 4
4	Clarify effectiveness of bat hops through any monitoring on other schemes and provide an update on raised netting pilot scheme for bat mitigation	Applicant	Deadline 4
5	Confirm if a European Protected Species Licence is required for any activity affecting bat roosts	Applicant	Deadline 4
6	Explain how effects on bat roosts would be mitigated	Applicant	Deadline 4
7	Provide view of Applicant's rationale for protected species survey timing for great crested newts	NCC	Deadline 4
8	Further explain and justify effectiveness of proposed new woodland planting as mitigation for loss of woodland associated with Lingwood Community Woodland	Applicant	Deadline 4
9	Updates to Habitats Regulations Assessment [REP2-004] in respect of conclusion and Figure 2	Applicant	Deadline 4
10	Provide an assessment in respect of climate change for the lifetime of the Proposed Development (ie beyond 2037) or further justify reasons for not providing this	Applicant	Deadline 4
11	Clarify the meaning of ES Chapter 14 [REP2-002] paragraph 14.8.10(2) and how this fits with the penultimate paragraph of the Applicant's answer to ExQ1.4.1 [REP1-061]	Applicant	Deadline 4
12	Clarify why other major road projects in the area or those in the Government's Road Investment Strategy 2 (RIS2) have not been considered in any cumulative effects assessment in respect of climate change	Applicant	Deadline 4
13	Comment on the A38 Derby Junctions DCO challenge and the RIS2 challenge and implications for the Proposed Development	Applicant	Deadline 4
14	Updates to ES Chapter 6 [REP3-012] in respect of: correct reference to the south-east corner of North Burlingham Park; addition of Church of St Andrew, Church of St Peter, Owls Barn and House at Owls Barn listed buildings to Table 6-2; addition	Applicant	Deadline 4

	of Owls Barn and House at Owls Barn listed buildings to Table 6-3; and reference to Lingwood Lodge		
15	Identify Agricultural Land Classification Survey to occur pre-construction in GS3 of the Record of Environmental Actions and Commitments within the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) [REP3-014]	Applicant	Deadline 4
16	Comment on the recently updated National Planning Policy Framework in respect of the Proposed Development	Applicant and any other parties	Deadline 4
17	Correct the front page of the Guide to the Application [REP3-017] to reflect correct revision number	Applicant	Deadline 4
18	Address incorrect paragraph numbering after 2.5.6 of ES Chapter 2 [REP1-018]	Applicant	Deadline 4
19	Any other action points not listed but specified during the hearing	Relevant Parties	Deadline 4
Issue Specific Hearing 3 – Environmental Matters – Friday 20 August 2021			
1	Provide revised summary table of residual significant effects (Appendix E of [REP1-061]) relating to ES Chapters 7, 13 and 15	Applicant	Deadline 4
2	Provide further justification for number of lighting columns proposed around the Yarmouth Road junction (and over the proposed B1140 overbridge) evidencing the need for these due to implied road safety requirements	Applicant	Deadline 4
3	Make any necessary changes to the Schedule of Plants within the Masterplan [REP1-041] in respect of timings for the introduction of ivy and brambles	Applicant	Deadline 4
4	Provide a view on the level of detail within the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan at Appendix B.7 of the EMP [REP3-014]	BDC	Deadline 4
5	Ensure consistency between the Masterplan [REP1-041] and the General Arrangements Plans [REP3-003] with regard to fencing in the vicinity of the east to west footpath route to the south of the Proposed A47	Applicant	Deadline 4
6	Comment on the Arboricultural Impact Assessment [REP1-36]	NCC	Deadline 4
7	Clarify whether the number of potential HGV movements in month 17 of the construction phase (up to 425 HGVs / 850 movements) would affect the noise assessment undertaken, and if not, the reason for this	Applicant	Deadline 4

8	Provide information on the difference of effectiveness between a 2m high noise barrier No 4 and a 3m high noise barrier No 4, and if material, potential to provide a higher noise barrier at this location	Applicant	Deadline 4
9	Provide update on timetable for low road noise resurfacing at Noise Important Area 5206	Applicant	Deadline 4
10	Clarify the situation with regard to the number of diversion routes during construction (within the outline Traffic Management Plan) to limit noise impacts	Applicant	Deadline 4
11	Address whether any additional noise mitigation measures would be feasible for those receptors along the B1140 (High Road) and Yarmouth Road where significant effects are reported	Applicant	Deadline 4
12	Provide LT6 data which has been omitted from page 16 of the Baseline Noise Summary [APP-106]	Applicant	Deadline 4
13	Provide a cost estimate for a footbridge over the Proposed A47	Applicant	Deadline 4
14	Explain the status of the East Broadland Green Infrastructure Plan 2015	NCC BDC	Deadline 4
15	Clarify the difference between the Burlingham Woodlands Walk and the Burlingham Trails	NCC BDC	Deadline 4
16	Clarify if a route along the A47 from North Burlingham to Acle is specified within Policy 5 of the Acle Neighbourhood Plan 2015 and provide the relevant extracts of this document	BDC	Deadline 4
17	Investigate further the potential for a footway connection between North Burlingham and the footway leading to Acle along the A47 in the vicinity of The Windle	Applicant	Deadline 4
18	Provide a section drawing to indicate the relationship between the proposed shared footway / cycleways and roads	Applicant	Deadline 4
19	Provide a view as to whether Blofield Allotments might fall within the category of 'open space' under s131 and s132 of the Planning Act 2008	Applicant	Deadline 4
20	Provide further information as to the degree of any health effect on receptors along the B1140 (High Road) and Yarmouth Road as reported in ES Chapter 12 [REP1-030].	Applicant	Deadline 4
21	Provide an answer to ExQ1.13.16 [PD-006]	Applicant	Deadline 4
22	Clarify whether any commitment could be	Applicant	Deadline 4

	made for traffic monitoring at the A47 Brundall / Cucumber Lane roundabout as part of the EMP		
23	Any other action points not listed but specified during the hearing	Relevant Parties	Deadline 4