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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 The purpose of this document is to set out the locations that the Applicant suggests the Examining Authority (ExA) visits as part of the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI). The ExA has requested that the Applicant provide a suggested ASI Itinerary by Deadline 1 on 31 August 2021.
- 1.1.2 The deadline for nominations of locations for the ASI was Procedural Deadline A on 03 August 2021. Four nominations were received, of which one was a joint nomination from Cambridgeshire County Council, Huntingdonshire District Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council. The Applicant has had regard to the locations proposed by other parties submitted by the 03 August 2021 deadline in preparing this itinerary. Several locations within the nominations have been excluded due to access restrictions (road carriageways and verges, watercourses and vegetation) and the associated safety risks.
- 1.1.3 The ASI is scheduled to take place on 21 September 2021.

## 1.2 Structure of this document

- 1.2.1 This document comprises of two chapters and two appendices as follows:
  - a. **Chapter 1:** Introduction
  - b. **Chapter 2:** Itinerary
  - c. **Appendix A:** Sign-in Sheet
  - d. **Appendix B:** Route Maps
- 1.2.2 Highways England will undertake a risk assessment which will inform a Health and Safety Briefing to be provided to all attendees before commencement of the ASI.

## 2 Itinerary

- 2.1.1 The proposed Itinerary for the ASI is set out in **Table 2-1**. This includes timings and a description of what is to be observed at each location. While the inspection party will endeavour to follow the timings, as closely as possible, external factors such as weather, traffic, and land access may slightly affect these timings. Those who intend to join the inspection route at a specific location along the route should inform the Planning Inspectorate's case team via email or telephone.
- 2.1.2 Vehicle(s) will be provided by the Applicant for those attending the ASI on a first come, first serve basis. Some of the locations will be observed on foot, possibly on uneven or wet ground. Parties attending will need to inform the PINs case team and the Applicant of any access requirements that they consider the inspection party needs to be made aware of.
- 2.1.3 Note that part of the ASI will be undertaken on footpaths and by walking along local roads (where safe to do so). As no roads may be crossed by foot, these elements of the visit are subject to approval from the Principal Contractor and suitability for each of the attendees, visibility, and appropriate weather conditions. Attendees should ensure that appropriate footwear and clothing are worn, pending confirmation from the Principal Contractor, 6-point PPE may be required. Subject to prior arrangement, the Applicant will provide the required PPE for the visit. There will be an option to stay in vehicles for the walking elements of the visit.
- 2.1.4 It should be noted that access to private land will be required for the ASI itinerary set out below. The Applicant is in discussions with landowners to secure this access, but the below is subject to change if landowners do not wish the party to view the site from their land. In some instances, the person responsible for the private land may wish to limit the number of people entering the land. Under those circumstances, the ExA will determine whether to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask some of the party to remain behind.
- 2.1.5 With regards to item 9 on the agenda (lunch), please note that lunch will not be provided by the Applicant.
- 2.1.6 The Applicant will prepare an ASI Document Pack, which will include the itinerary and the route map to aid navigation.
- 2.1.7 A plan showing the proposed route and stop points is provided in Appendix B.

## 2.2 Health and Safety

- 2.2.1 A health and safety briefing will be provided by the Applicant at the start of the ASI. Although COVID restrictions have been lifted, those attending will need to comply with any reasonable requests by the Applicant to ensure the health and safety of all those attending. This may include the use of hand gel, wearing masks on shared transport and ensuring adequate spacing between attendees.

**Table 2-1 - Draft Itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection**

Stop	Timings	Description
n/a	08:00AM for 08:15AM start	ASI Starting point: Stuart Memorial Hall, Church St, Tempsford, Sandy SG19 2AW Prior to commencement of the ASI, the following will be undertaken. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Signing in of all attendees (see Appendix A of this Draft Itinerary)</li> <li>b. Health and Safety Briefing by the Applicant</li> <li>c. A briefing by the Examining Authority</li> </ul>
1	08:30 – 09:00	<b><u>Black Cat Quarry</u></b> Leaving Stuart Memorial Hall head south along Church Street, at the roundabout continue on to Tempsford Road, take the left hand turning on to the A1 north. At Black Cat roundabout take the forth exit into Black Cat Quarry, this is a stopping location where the attendees alight the vehicle to observe the surrounding area.
2	09:00 – 09:15	<b><u>Black Cat roundabout Services</u></b> Leave the Black Cat Quarry and on the roundabout take the fourth exit on to the A1 North, then take the first left into the Black Cat roundabout service area. From the service area the attendees will transverse across the adjacent footpath to observe the surrounding area.
3	09:15 - 09:30	<b><u>School Lane/Kelpie Marina</u></b> From the Black Cat roundabout service area, the vehicle will head north along the A1 for approximately 1.2km before taking the exit on to The Lane. The vehicle will drive along The Lane before turning left on to Roxton Road. At the end of Roxton Road the vehicle will turn right onto Bedford Road and follow it for approx. 800m then turning left on to Park Road, which will then lead into School Lane. The vehicle will then stop when it is safe to do so. This will allow the attendees to see the proposed location of the Kelpie Marina access track, and associated works.

Stop	Timings	Description
4	09:30 – 10:00	<p><b><u>Farm access off Barford Road</u></b></p> <p>From School Lane the vehicle will return on to the A1 and head north to Black Cat Roundabout and U-turn and head south along the A1 taking the exit on to Barford Road, then proceeding north along Barford road for 1.4km taking the right hand turn onto the farm access, following the access track until reaching its end. The attendees will then have the opportunity to leave the vehicle and have a look at this area between Barford Road and the railway.</p>
5	10:00 – 10:45	<p><b><u>Site access off Cold Arbour Lane, Tempsford</u></b></p> <p>Heading back on to Barford Road the vehicle will then head south and take the turning on to station road which will lead them through Tempsford. Following Station Road will lead the vehicle to a T-junction just after a level crossing, at this junction the vehicle will go left to head north towards the site location of the high pressure gas main that is east of the railway that is to be diverted. At this location the attendees will have the opportunity to get out and observe the surrounding area. If need be there will be an opportunity to use the welfare unit at this site.</p> <p>There will be an opportunity here for the group to have a comfort break and to use the welfare facilities at site compound.</p>
6	10:45 – 11:30	<p><b><u>Access track off Potton Road</u></b></p> <p>Leaving the Site the vehicle will head back through Tempsford to head south along Barford Road for 800m before turning left on to Tempsford Road, follow the road for approximately 4.6km. at the T-junction the vehicle will go left then immediately take the right hand turn onto Potton Road. Follow Potton Road for 650m then take the left-hand turn onto Everton Road which goes on for another 1.1km, then keeping to left going on to Drove Road. Follow Drove Road through to Gamlingay taking the left turn on to Tetworth Hill which the vehicle will follow tills its end then turning left on to Drewels lane, in approximately 1.9km the vehicle will reach the farm access entrance for Top Farm. This stop will allow the attendees to observe a section of land for the proposed mainline.</p>
7	11:30 – 12:00	<p><b><u>Eynesbury Plant Hire, Potton</u></b></p> <p>Leaving the access track of Top Farm, the vehicle will turn left on to Potton Road and travel approximately 2.1km north before turning right of off Potton Road into Eynesbury Plant Hire. This stop will allow the attendees to see the proposed location of the realigned Potton Road and B1046.</p>

Stop	Timings	Description
8	12:00 – 12:45	<p><b><u>Howitt’s Lane and Footpaths 194/55 and 1/9</u></b></p> <p>Leave the Eynesbury Plant Hire and head north along Potton Road for approximately 1.3km before taking the right-hand turn into Howitt’s Gardens, follow the road for 400m and then pull into the parking area on the right. The attendees will then be able to walk along the Hen Brook footpath (194/55 and 1/9) eastward towards the existing A428 this length is approximately 700m, before turning round and walking back towards the vehicle.</p>
9	12:45 – 13:15	<p><b><u>Lunch – Tesco café</u></b></p> <p>Leave the parking area and head north along Howitt’s Lane, at the end of the road turn left on to Cromwell Road, at the roundabout, take the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit onto Barford Road, continue along Barford Road past two roundabouts, at the third roundabout take the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit in to the Tesco’s car park. Here the attendees will be able take a comfort break and have some lunch.</p> <p>Please note, depending on timings, this lunch break may come before the footpath walk (stop 8).</p>
10	13:15 – 13:45	<p><b><u>Layby east of Cambridge Road roundabout</u></b></p> <p>Leaving Tesco, join the existing A428 heading east, travel to Cambridge Road Junction and pull off onto the layby on the existing A428 westbound layby. The route is approximately 4km from start to finish. The attendees will have the opportunity to leave the vehicle to observe Cambridge Junction, the farm, the existing A428 and the Wintringham Homes site (by car). Private land access will be required for this stop.</p>
11	13:45 – 14:00	<p><b><u>Access track and bridleway (1/18) off existing A428</u></b></p> <p>Leaving the Cambridge Junction layby, travel east on the existing A428 and turn left off the main road and into the farm access (opposite Eltisley Manor). The route is approximately 1.1km from start to finish. The attendees will have the opportunity to leave the vehicle to observe the proposed shared accommodation track and bridleway (1/18) location.</p>
12	14:00 – 14:30	<p><b><u>Access track off Toseland Road</u></b></p> <p>Continuing north along the farm track, travel to the exit onto Toseland Road (gated) and cross the road onto the opposite track (also gated). Continue along the farm track and stop at the hay storage area. The route is approximately 3.2km from start to finish. The attendees will have the opportunity to leave the vehicle and have a look at the farm and the surrounding areas of the Scheme, including Toseland Road.</p>



Stop	Timings	Description
13	14:30 – 15:00	<p><b><u>Access track off B1040, St Ives Road and Bridleway 74/6</u></b></p> <p>Leaving the farm access and heading south down Toseland Road and rejoin the existing A428 heading eastbound. Leave the existing A428 at the B1040 and turn left at the farm access. The route is approximately 5km from start to finish. The attendees will have the opportunity to leave the vehicle and have a look at a key area of the Scheme - Eltisley Link.</p>
14	15:00 – 15:30	<p><b><u>Farm access off the existing A428 west of Caxton Gibbet Roundabout</u></b></p> <p>Leaving the farm access and heading south down the B1040, rejoin the existing A428 heading east and turn left into the Pembroke Farm site compound, just west of Caxton Gibbet. The route is approximately 2.7km from start to finish. Here the attendees will have the opportunity to leave the vehicle and observe the farm and its proximity to the proposed Caxton Gibbet junction and the proposed borrow pit to the west of the A1198.</p>
15	15:30 – 16:00	<p><b><u>Access track off Brockley Road</u></b></p> <p>Leaving Pembroke Farm and following the existing A428 east over Caxton Gibbet and leaving the existing A428 at Cambourne junction. Follow St Neots Road and Brockley Road before turning left onto the farm access track. The route is approximately 5.5km from start to finish. The attendees will have the opportunity to leave the vehicle and have a look at the most eastern part of the Scheme including the proposed location for the eastern site compound and borrow pit.</p> <p>There will be an opportunity here for the group to have a comfort break and to use the welfare facilities at Caxton Gibbet Services.</p>
n/a	16:00 - 17:30	<p><b><u>Close</u></b></p> <p>After final stop the vehicle will return back to Stuart Memorial Hall driving through the following villages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elsworth</li> <li>• Papworth Everard</li> <li>• Caxton</li> <li>• Great Gransden</li> <li>• Abbotsley</li> <li>• Eltisley</li> </ul>

Stop	Timings	Description
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yelling</li><li>• Toseland</li><li>• Great Barford</li><li>• Blunham</li></ul>

## Appendix A: Sign-In Sheet

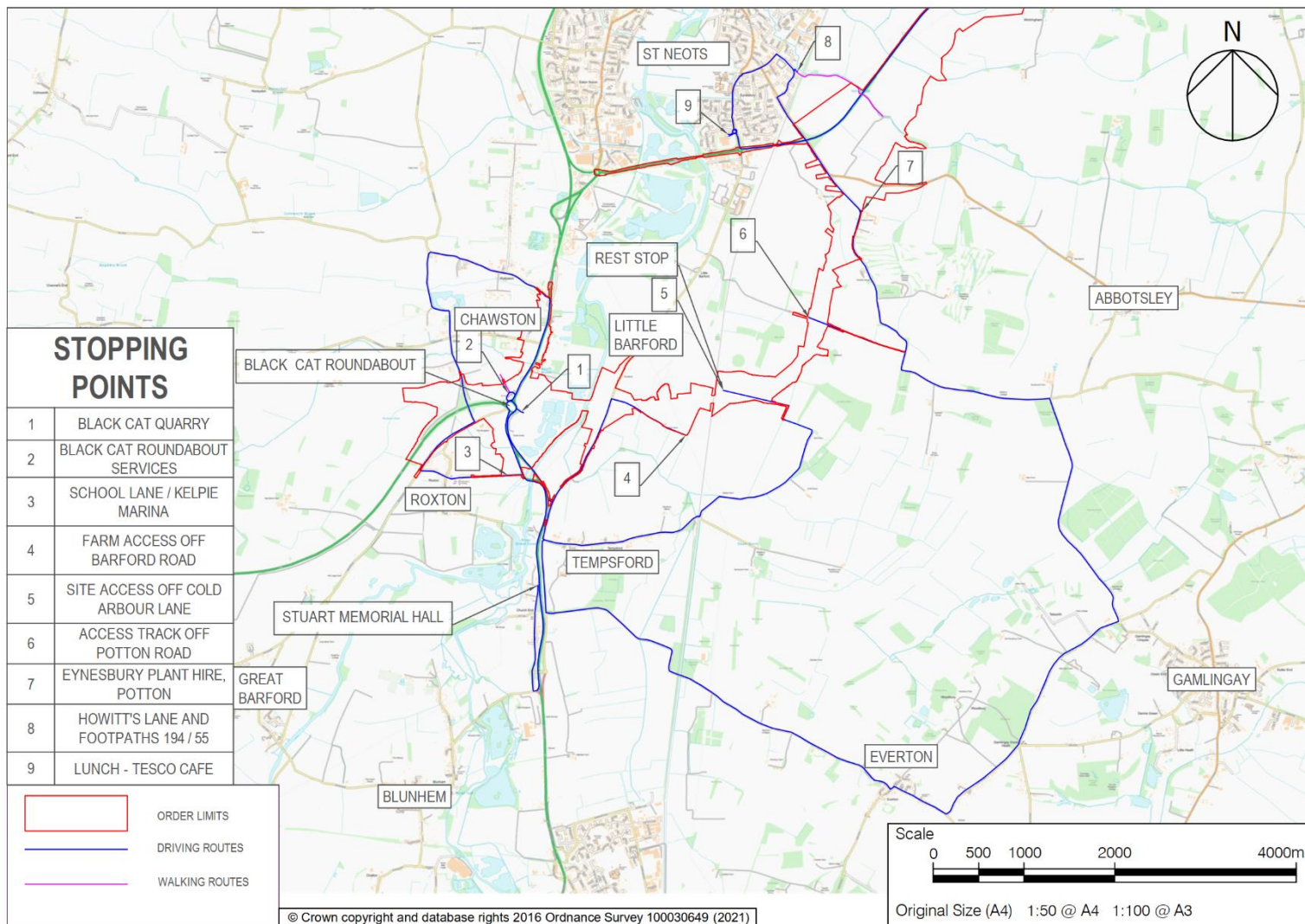
Please sign below to confirm you have read and understood the disclaimer, and to ensure we have accurately recorded the attendees.

**Safety Instructions:** The site visit will take place between Black Cat Roundabout and Caxton Gibbet Roundabout, as well as the surrounding areas. Some of the site visit will take place on foot. Please take care. A safety briefing will be provided before we leave the Stuart Memorial Hall. Please listen to the briefing and follow the advice provided. The required PPE 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 staff. All attendees must follow the instructions provided within the risk assessment. All attendees are responsible for their own safety and must never act in a manner that might reduce the safety of themselves or others.

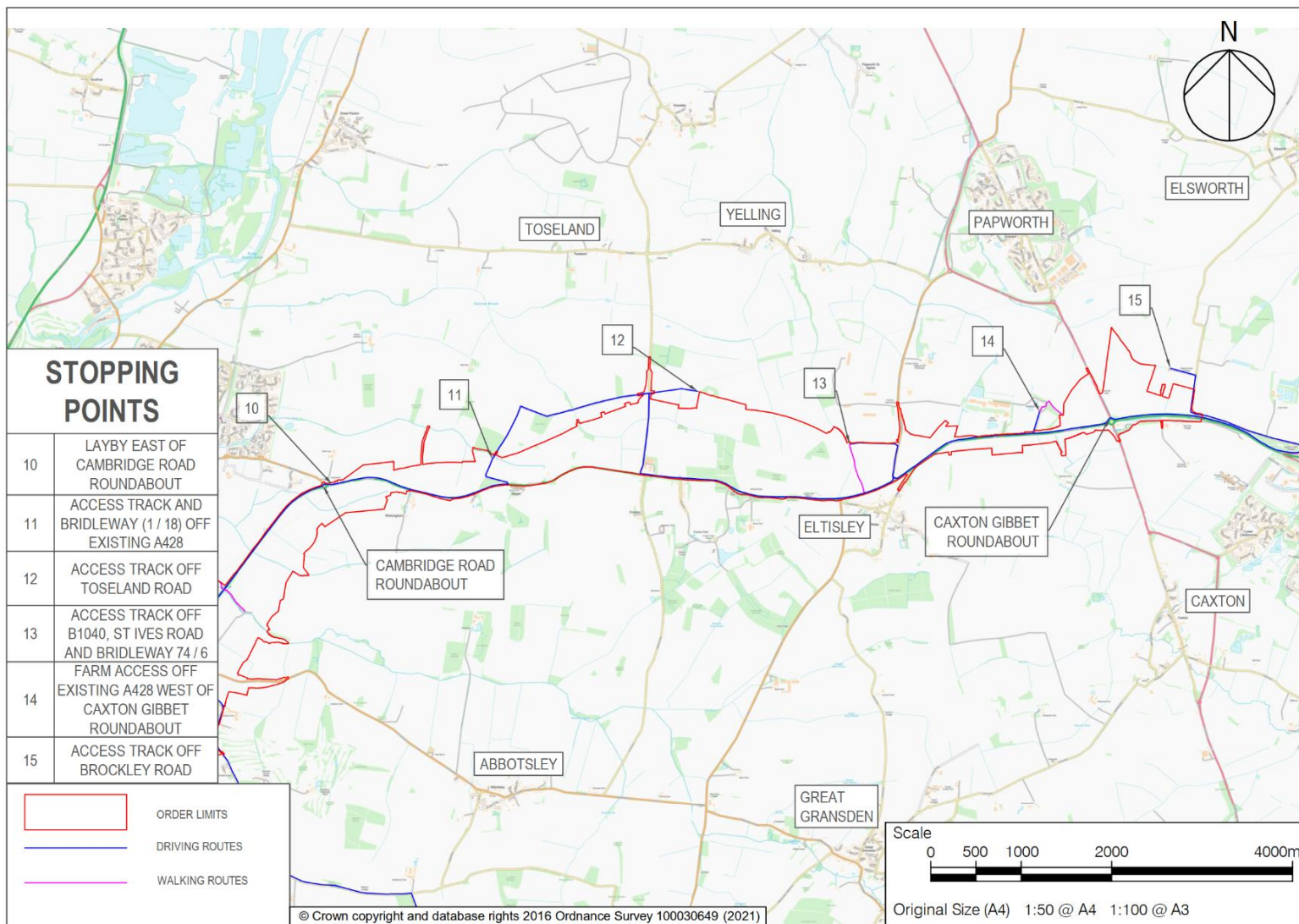
Please sign below to confirm you have received the site safety briefing, have received a risk assessment, and will follow the safety instructions above.

Name	Signature

## Appendix B: Route Map







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