



ACCOMPANIED SITE INSPECTION

Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Improvements

Accompanied Site Inspection 1 (ASI1)

Date	Tuesday 21 September 2021
Timings	Meeting time: 08:00 am Start Time: 08:15 am
Meeting Location	Stuart Memorial Hall, Church Street, Temsford, Sandy SG19 2AW

Purpose of the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)

In line with Rule 16 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, and the notification in the Rule 8 letter dated Friday 20 August 2021, the Examining Authority (ExA) intends to inspect the sites listed in this itinerary, relating to the application and in the company of Interested Parties, Other Persons or their representatives.

It is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest. However, inspection of sites is not an opportunity to provide any oral or written representations on the project or discuss evidence.

Attendance at the ASI

The ASI will include the ExA, the Case Team, the Applicant, and all parties who have confirmed attendance at Procedural Deadline C, Tuesday 31 August 2021. The ExA may not allow attendance by an Interested Party or any other person who had not notified the ExA of their wish to attend the ASI by the required deadline, but asks to join the ASI on the day.

Joining the ASI

The ASI will commence at the car park at Stuart Memorial Hall, Church Street, Tempsford, Sandy SG19 2AW on Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 8.00 am. Participants are asked to assemble promptly at the car park; the ExA will not wait for parties who are not present at the start point at the notified time.



Most parties will join the ASI at the starting point. The Case Team has made arrangements with individuals who will meet us at their property or join the ASI en route.

Please read the ASI itinerary carefully. A plan showing the proposed route and stopping points is included in this document. The Applicant will prepare an ASI Document Pack and bring printed copies for attendees on the day. This will include the itinerary and the route map to aid navigation.

Please note that we will stop for lunch. All attendees are expected to provide their own lunch.

Transport arrangements

The Applicant has provided mini-buses to transport everyone from the starting point, to the various sites, and back. The capacity in the mini-buses is enough for the number of people who have confirmed attendance. The mini-buses will pick up and drop attendees at Stuart Memorial Hall, where parking is available for private cars.

Sites on private land

Access onto private land or into homes is at all times by permission of the person controlling it; householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances, the ExA will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait outside.

COVID-19 – lateral flow testing and other precautions

Attendees must complete a lateral flow test¹ 24 hours before arriving at Stuart Memorial Hall. Once complete, you will need to report your results to the NHS. This can be done by:

- Visiting www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result and scanning the QR code using a mobile phone camera.
- Calling 119 and giving the ID number under the QR code to the operator.

Once reported, you will receive a confirmation email from the NHS, this will need to be forwarded to A428.Blackcat@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by 7:30am on Tuesday 21 September 2021, the results of the tests will then be provided to the Applicant.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>



If you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms please do not attend.

Mini-buses will be used to transport attendees between sites. Whilst this vehicle will have capacity to enable social distancing measures (a seat between each attendee), a negative lateral flow test will still be required for the safety and comfort of attendees as well as the use of face masks on-board and the opening of windows to promote clean airflow.

During the ASI, the ExA, the Case Team and all attendees are expected to follow current and relevant COVID-19 guidelines imposed by the Government and [the Planning Inspectorate](#). During the rest stops, the ExA and Case Team will wear masks inside the café and lunch venue and advise attendees to do the same.

Clothing and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Part of the ASI will be undertaken on footpaths and by walking along local roads. It will be necessary for all parties to wear appropriate sturdy footwear and weather-proof clothing. All parties are advised to bring and wear high visibility jackets, if they have them, when walking on the public highway. Alternatively, you will be required to wear the high visibility jackets provided by the Applicant.

Contact details

The Case Manager, Emre Williams, can be reached on the day of the ASI on 0303 444 5000. To ensure the smooth running of the ASI, attendees should provide contact details for the day; notify the Case Team if there are any changes in attendance and ensure the Planning Inspectorate is made aware of any special access requirements for any participants.

Cancellation

Please note that in the unlikely event that the ASI is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand but we would ask that you regularly check the [project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website \(NI website\)](#).

Documents

The ExA will refer to its own copies of the following maps and plans during the ASI, and will also have the ability to pull up other maps on a tablet if required.

1. General Arrangement Plans [APP-011]
2. Land Plans [APP-008]
3. Environmental Statement [APP-091]
4. Visual Effects Year 1 [APP-113]
5. Eversden and Wimpole Woods SAC Technical Note - Rev 1 [REP1-032]



6. Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [APP-244, Appendix C]
7. Deadline 2 submission by East West Rail Company Limited

The ExA requests the listed material to be provided on site, by the Applicant or other relevant parties as indicated.

8. The Applicant is requested to provide 3D visualisations of the proposed grade separated junctions and other proposed structures along the route that would be visible from the stopping points in the itinerary.

ITINERARY

While the ASI will start promptly at 8:15 am as indicated above, and we will endeavour to follow the timings, as closely as possible, external factors such as weather, traffic, and land access may slightly affect these timings. The ExA will close the ASI at 5:30 pm, or sooner if all relevant sites have been covered.

08:00 am Arrangements Meeting at Stuart Memorial Hall

1. Signing in of all attendees
2. Welcome and briefing by the Examining Authority (ExA)
3. Health and Safety Briefing by the Applicant

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, in addition to what is specified in this document.

08:15 am Commence the ASI

1. Black Cat Quarry

08:30 am Leaving Stuart Memorial Hall head south along Church End, at the roundabout continue on to Tempsford Road, mini-buses will take the left hand turn on to the A1 north. At Black Cat roundabout mini-buses will take the 4th exit into Black Cat Quarry, this is a stopping location where the attendees alight the vehicles.

2. Roxton Road Bridge

09:00 am Leaving the Black Cat Quarry and on the roundabout mini-buses will take the exit onto the A1 North, then take the left onto The Lane and continue along the road until turning left onto Roxton Road. Continuing south until the entrance to the field access just north of



Roxton Road bridge. From here the attendees will follow the footpath south to Roxton Road Bridge.

3. Site access off Cold Arbour Lane, Tempsford

09:30 am

Heading south again on Roxton Road and right onto Bedford Road, the mini-buses will head through Roxton and onto School Lane, rejoining the A1 north. This will give the attendees a brief view of Roxton, Tempsford Bends and Kelpie Marina. The mini-buses will then head north back to Black Cat Roundabout and turning off at the 5th exit onto the A1 southbound carriageway. The mini-buses will leave the A1 at the exit onto Little Barford Road and into Tempsford on Station Road. Following Station Road will lead the vehicles to a T-junction just after a level crossing, at this junction the vehicles will go left to head north and stop at a location just east of the railway.

No access to the active works area will be permitted.

4. Access track off Potton Road

10:45 am

Leaving the Site, the vehicles will head back through Tempsford to heading south along Barford Road before turning left on to Tempsford Road. Following the road until the T-junction where the vehicle will turn left bearing right onto Potton Road. Following Potton Road and the mini-buses will take the left-hand turn onto Everton Road, until the left hand turn on to Drove Road. Following Drove Road through to Gamlingay and taking the left turn on to Tetworth Hill until Drewels Lane. Turning left onto Drewels Lane and the mini-buses will bear right onto Potton Road. Turning left at the Potton Road farm access track, we will travel along the farm track to the East Coast Main Line (ECML) underpass where the mini-buses will stop.

An Affected Person's agent will meet the ExA at this stopping point.

5. Lunch – Tesco café

11:45 pm

Turning left out of the farm access, the mini-buses will head north along Potton Road until the junction with the B1046, join the B1046 and continuing north to Eynesbury. At the junction, the mini-buses will turn left and follow Barford Road until the Tesco roundabout and take the 2nd exit into Tesco for a lunch break.

6. Eynesbury Plant Hire, Potton

12:30 pm

Leaving Tesco, the mini-buses will take the 2nd exit on the roundabout and follow Barford Road north and rejoin the B1046 heading south over the A428. At the junction with Potton Road, the mini-buses will turn right onto Potton road and continue south to Eynesbury Plant Hire. This is a stopping location.



7. Layby east of Cambridge Road roundabout

01:00 pm

Leaving Eynesbury Plant Hire, the mini-buses will turn left and continue south on Potton Road until the road transitions onto Drewels Lane. Continuing east on Drewels Lane and onto Pitsdean Road and from there the mini-buses will go north into Abbotsley. In Abbotsley, the mini-buses will rejoin the B1046 heading east until the left turn, and head north on Abbotsley Road into Croxton.

The mini-buses will then rejoin the A428 and turn left towards Cambridge Road roundabout. Pull off into the layby just before the junction and park near the access to fields 66 and 69. This is a stopping location and attendees will have the opportunity to leave the vehicle.

8. Access track and bridleway (1/18) off existing A428

01:45 pm

Leaving the Cambridge Junction layby, drive west to the roundabout and the mini-buses will take the 3rd exit, rejoining the A428 heading eastbound. Continuing east on the existing A428 and turn left off the main road and into the farm access (opposite Eltisley Manor). The attendees will have the opportunity to leave the vehicle.

9. Access track off Toseland Road

02:00 pm

Continuing north along the farm track, the mini-buses will travel to the exit onto Toseland Road and turn left, heading north along Toseland Road. Turning left at the High Street Junction and into Toseland. Continuing west until the Paxton Hill Junction the mini-buses will turn right onto Paxton Hill Road. Continuing north until the Offord Darcy roundabout the mini-buses will take the 2nd exit onto Gravely Road. Continuing south into Gravely and the mini-buses will turn right onto Toseland Road. Continuing down Toseland Road, over the High Street Junction, the mini-buses will turn left at the farm access (gated). The mini-buses will travel along the farm track and stop at the hay storage area. The attendees will have the opportunity to leave the vehicle.

10. Access track off B1040, St Ives Road

02:45 pm

Leaving the farm access and heading south down Toseland Road, the mini-buses will rejoin the existing A428 heading eastbound. Leaving the existing A428 at St Ives Road (B1040) junction heading north the mini-buses will turn left at the farm access. This is a stopping location and the attendees will have the opportunity to leave the vehicle.

03:15 pm

11. Farm access off the existing A428 west of Caxton Gibbet Roundabout



Leaving the farm access, the mini-buses will turn left and head north along the St Ives Road (B1040). At the roundabout the mini-buses will take the 3rd exit and head south along the St Ives Road (B1040). Rejoining the existing A428 the mini-buses will head east and turn left into the farm, just west of Caxton Gibbet. Here the attendees will have the opportunity to leave the vehicle.

12. Access track off Brockley Road

Leaving the farm, joining the existing A428, the mini-buses will follow the road east over Caxton Gibbet roundabout and exit at the Cambourne junction. The mini-buses will take the 1st exit off the roundabout and follow St Neots Road, transitioning into Brockley Road before turning left onto the farm access track. The attendees will have the opportunity to leave the vehicle.

03:45 pm

The attendees will also have the opportunity to take a comfort break and to use the welfare facilities at Caxton Gibbet Services. When leaving the Caxton Gibbet services, the mini-buses will turn left onto the A1198 heading south and continue until the roundabout. Take the 3rd exit back onto the A1198 northbound, re-joining the A428 at the Caxton Gibbet roundabout.

13. Return back to Stuart Memorial Hall

The mini-buses will drive back to Stuart Memorial Hall through the following villages:

04:30 pm

- Elsworth (South Cambridgeshire District Council)
- Papworth Everard (South Cambridgeshire District Council)
- Caxton (South Cambridgeshire District Council)
- Great Gransden (Huntingdonshire District Council)
- Eltisley (South Cambridgeshire District Council)
- Yelling (Huntingdonshire District Council)
- Great Barford (Bedford Borough Council)
- Blunham (Central Bedfordshire Council)

05:30 pm

Close of ASI at Stuart Memorial Hall



Appendix A

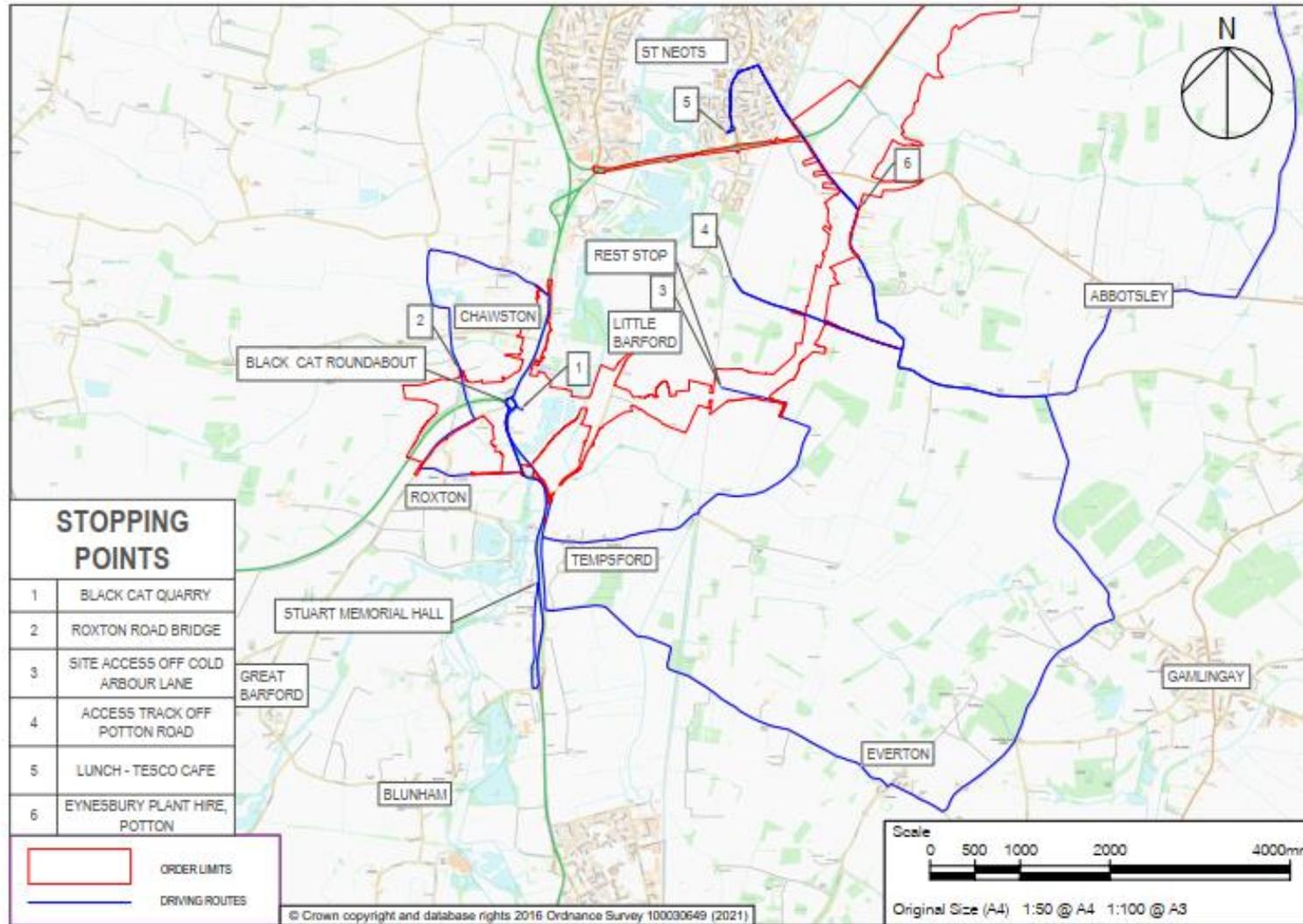
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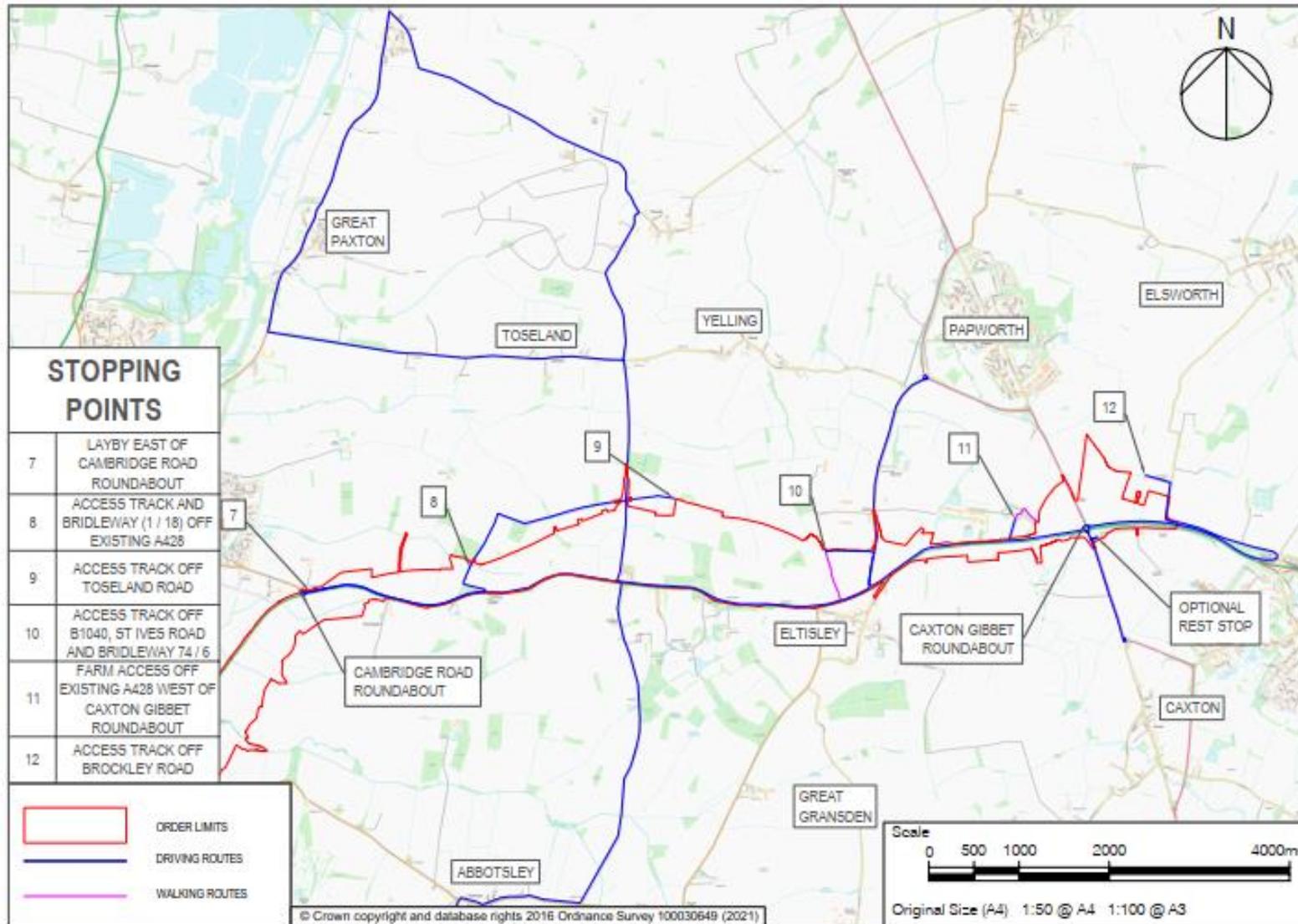
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Annex A: Route Map



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