



## HEARING AGENDA

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

Issue Specific Hearing 5 (ISH5)	Highways Matters
<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 1 December 2021
<b>Timings</b>	Arrangements Conference: 09:20 am Hearing Start Time: 10:00 am
<b>Location</b>	Virtual event on Microsoft Teams

#### Requested Attendees

1. Applicant
2. Bedford Borough Council (BBC)
3. Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC)
4. Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC)
5. Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC)
6. South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC)
7. East West Rail Company Limited (EWR)

In addition, the Examining Authority (ExA) welcomes involvement from all parties at ISH5. You were required to confirm attendance at ISH5 by Procedural Deadline D, Tuesday 16 November 2021.

#### Purpose of ISH5

The purpose of the ISH5 is to discuss those matters relating to highways and transport that the ExA consider merit further explanation and discussion among different parties at a Hearing. It is not intended to discuss all matters relating to highways and transport, some of which the ExA may pursue through further rounds of Written Questions. At ISH5, the ExA is looking to clarify and get views on matters relating to:

1. Operational traffic effects on the local highway network;
2. proposed highway layouts and junction arrangements;
3. provision for Non-Motorised Users (NMUs);
4. the proposed Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (Outline CTMP);
5. Good design;
6. construction methods and effects;
7. air quality in Sandy; and
8. noise.



## Documents

The ExA referred to several documents in the preparation of this agenda, and some of the documents that we will be referring to during the Hearing are listed here. These documents can be located using the Examination Library reference number in [] square brackets:

1. draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) [REP4-006];
2. Transport Assessment Part 1 & 2 [APP-241 & APP-242];
3. Transport Assessment Annex [APP-243];
4. Junction Modelling Technical Note REV-1 [REP1-030];
5. Scope of Junction Model Sensitivity Test [REP3-029];
6. Junction Model Sensitivity Test [REP5-018];
7. Works Plans Part 1 [APP-009] and Works Plans Part 2 [APP-010];
8. General Arrangement Plans [APP-011];
9. Outline CTMP Rev 2 [REP4-012];
10. Scheme Design Approach and Design Principles [REP3-014];
11. Central Bedfordshire Air Quality Action Plan 2019-2024 [REP1-055];
12. CCC, HDC and SCDC joint Local Impact Report (LIR) [REP2-003];
13. BBC LIR [REP2-002]; and
14. CBC LIR [REP2-004].

## AGENDA

The Hearing will start promptly at the indicated time of 10:00 am. All other times in the Agenda are indicative. The ExA will close the Hearing at 4:45 pm, or sooner if all relevant matters have been covered.

### 09:20 am Arrangements Conference

1. Registration by the Case Team

### 10:00 am Issue Specific Hearing 5 (session 1)

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Procedure for running the virtual ISH5**
- 3. Anticipated operational traffic effects on the local highway network**
  - a. Applicant's Junction Model Sensitivity Testing [REP5-018].
    - i. Methodology
    - ii. Extent of modelling undertaken
    - iii. Findings
    - iv. Views of LHAs



- b. Whether the additional modelling undertaken by the Applicant enables Local Highway Authorities (LHAs) to conclude that the operation of the Proposed Development would not interfere with the expeditious movement of traffic on the local highway network and the LHAs' ability to fulfil their Network Management Duty.
- c. The approach and likely timeliness for delivery, of any required interventions identified as a result of 'Monitor and Manage', as detailed in Transport Assessment Annexe [APP-243].

**11:00 am**

**Break**

**11:15 am**

**Issue Specific Hearing 5** (session 2)

#### **4. Highway layouts and junction arrangements**

- a. Whether the approach of the Applicant to proposed Departures from Standards (DfS) on the local road network have any likely road safety implications, particularly at Toseland Road, B1046 and Potten Road, Cambridgeshire [REP4-056, WQ2.11.2.1], specifically:
  - i. Road Safety Audit findings regarding proposed DfS on the local road network;
  - ii. Implications, if any, on the Proposed Development in the event of no agreement being reached on DfS between the LHA and Applicant.
- b. Update on any proposed draft protective provisions or intended amendments to the dDCO relating to highways design matters associated with the potential interfaces with the EWR scheme, and the current position of the Applicant regarding any associated future design changes [REP4-037] [REP4-067] [REP5-024, WQ2.10.2.1 and WQ2.17.4.1].

#### **5. Provision for Non-Motorised Users**

- a. Current position of the Applicant regarding the provision for NMUs and accordance with National Policy Statement for National Networks (NPS-NN) paragraphs 5.20, 5.215 and 5.216, DfT Local Transport Note 1/20 and local policies with particular regard to:
  - i. Adequacy of intended NMU provision where new local highway infrastructure would be provided or existing highway be de-trunked, specifically at Roxton Road Bridge, Barford Road Bridge and along the existing A428.



- b. The realistic potential for use of 'Designated Funds' [REP-037, WQ2.11.6.1] to provide additional NMU infrastructure, how any successful schemes would be delivered and over what timescale.
- c. Signalised crossing facilities – clarification in light of the Applicant's response to ISH2 Hearing Action point 16 [REP3-019], including where such infrastructure is shown on submitted plans or described in the schedule of works.

**12:45 pm**      **Lunch Break**

**01:30 pm**      **Issue Specific Hearing 5 (session 3)**

## **6. Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (Outline CTMP)**

- a. Adequacy of the submitted second iteration Outline CTMP [REP4-012] and whether any further iterations are proposed during the Examination.
- b. Clarification regarding construction vehicle route restriction drawings, in addition to the anticipated frequency, number and duration of heavy goods vehicle (HGV) movements using green and orange routes shown in the second iteration Outline CTMP [REP4-012, Appendices C and D].
- c. Whether the lack of detail at this stage of the Examination relating to anticipated construction HGV traffic is typical of other nationally significant infrastructure highway schemes.
- d. Monitoring of traffic re-routing during construction and any subsequent interventions on the local highway network, including funding, organisational roles and responsibilities [REP4-012, paragraph 3.5.10] [REP4-037, WQ2.11.7.3].
- e. Requested approach of CCC to funding any necessary repairs to the local highway network, as a result of the construction of the Proposed Development.
- f. Adequacy of the submitted Outline Travel Plan [REP5-016] and the Applicant's intended approach to any future iterations.

## **7. Good Design**

- a. Further information expected in Scheme Design Approach and Design Principles [REP3-014] [REP3-014, Appendix C] to enable the assessment of the Proposed Development against policy requirements in the NPS NN, NPPF and local planning policies.
- b. Applicant's proposed iterative design development process for detailed design (if consent is granted), and how that can be secured.

## **8. Construction methods and effects**



- a. Progress on pending issues relating to Borrow Pits.
- b. Information that is in the Borrow Pits Excavation and Restoration Report [REP3-011] that is not included in the First Iteration EMP [APP-234].
- c. Further details on the uses proposed in the construction compounds.

**03:00 pm**      **Break**

**03:15 pm**      **Issue Specific Hearing 5** (session 4)

**9. Noise**

- a. Mitigation measures requested by CBC in response to anticipated noise effects at Rectory Farm.
- b. Intended approach of Applicant to the monitoring of noise and any subsequent interventions, within the development limits, during the construction and operation of the Proposed Development.

**10. Air Quality in Sandy**

- a. Update from Applicant and CBC regarding what, if any, mitigation measures have been considered in relation to the predicted effects of the Proposed Development on air quality in Sandy.
- b. If applicable, justification for not proposing mitigation.

**11. Procedural decisions, review of actions and next steps**

**12. Closing remarks**

**04:45 pm**      **Close of Issue Specific Hearing 5**