

HEARING ACTION POINTS

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

Actions arising from the Issue Specific Hearing 4 held on
Tuesday 30 November 2021

Action		Party	Deadline
1.	Review and confirm implications of their name change including in draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) and Explanatory Memorandum, Funding Statement, Statement of Reasons and Book of Reference.	Applicant	D6
2.	Applicant to confirm existing references in Examination library relating to qualifying features of the Ouse Washes SPA & Ramsar site: Appendix B and D Table 2 [APP-233]. Pg 143 & 144 screening matrix	Applicant	COP
3.	Provide citations for Ouse Washes Special Protection Area and Ramsar site	Applicant	D6
4.	Disaggregate detail relating to different species [APP-233, Tables 1 and 2].	Applicant	D6
5.	Confirm whether (and if so when) East West Railway Company (EWR) 2020 bat surveys, that have been relied upon to draw conclusions for this Examination, can be submitted to the Examination	Applicant Natural England EWR	D6
6.	Discuss rationale as to whether an Appropriate Assessment is required for Habitat Regulations Assessment irrespective of the additional bat survey work undertaken.	Applicant Natural England	D6
7.	Local Authorities to be involved in discussions on design of bat crossings and routes to those crossing points	Applicant Natural England	Ongoing
8.	Submit DEFRA 2.0 metric technical appendix and user guide in relation to interpreting Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG).	Cambridgeshire County Council	D6
9.	Provide evidence as to whether the use of the DEFRA metrics in assessing Biodiversity	Applicant jointly with Natural England and	D6

	Net Gain (BNG) has been included in other NSIPs.	Local Authorities	
10.	Position and supporting policy basis, especially in NPS NN, regarding the need to use BNG metrics	Applicant and Interested Parties	D6
11.	Technical note regarding groundwater and surface water modelling and sensitivity testing. IPs to provide comment at following deadline or include in Statement of Common Ground.	Applicant and Interested Parties	D6 & D7
12.	Were Bedford Internal Drainage Board consulted on proposals and what is their view of them in relation to groundwater flood risk?	Applicant	D6
13.	Explanation, including where appropriate any factual information to support the narrative described in the relevant tables in [REP4-032] and [REP4-033] relating to assessment of alternatives at Black Cat junction. Key to aid understanding for the Examining Authority being the chronology of decisions taken and sign posting to relevant information in the Examination Library for non-statutory consultation, specifically, the described effects on Brook Cottages and why the view changed.	Applicant	D6
14.	With reference to the submitted evidence, including [REP4-033 Table 10.2], explain why Option C+ was not combined with the Orange route in design selection process, and the implications of this for that process.	Applicant	D6
15.	List all departures from standard associated with the Proposed Development	Applicant	D6
16.	Bedford Borough Council to be involved in future discussions between Historic England and the Applicant regarding methods to retain as much of Brook Cottages as practicable should it require demolition and relocation.	Applicant Historic England Bedford Borough Council	Ongoing
17.	Update on Requirement 16 in dDCO being discussed with Historic England and if practicable submission of draft wording	Applicant Historic England	D6
18.	LAs to provide evidence relating to any local or regional carbon budgets, including	Local Authorities	D6

	formal adoption process and how individual schemes are considered in relation to those budgets.		
19.	Transport Action Network to provide their estimations associated with carbon emissions of RIS2 schemes and any further updated information associated with the economic cost of carbon emissions, including a description of any caveats applied.	Transport Action Network	D6