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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 Procedural Deadline A on 10 September 2020.

1.1.2 The ASI is scheduled to take place on 1 and 2 December 2020.

1.2 Structure of this document

1.2.1 This document comprises two chapters and two appendices, as follows:

Chapter 1: Introduction

Chapter 2: Itinerary

Appendix A: Sign-in Sheet

Appendix B: Route Maps

1.2.2 Highways England will undertake a risk assessment for the site visit. This has not yet been undertaken yet due to the uncertainties around the guidance that could be in place in December 2020 surrounding Covid-19 and therefore how the site visit might be best organised.

2 Itinerary

- 2.1.1 The proposed itinerary is set out in Table 1. This includes timings and a description of what is to be observed at each location.
- 2.1.2 On the assumption that it is possible for attendees to travel together, the vehicle(s) will be provided by the Applicant for the site visit, although some of the locations will be observed on foot, possibly on uneven or wet ground. The itinerary refers to a 'bus', which will be used if it is possible to do so. The itinerary may need to be revisited if all parties must travel in their own vehicles as there is limited parking at some of the proposed stop locations.
- 2.1.3 Note that part of the site visit will be undertaken on footpaths and by walking along local roads where there may not be a footway. Therefore, these elements of the visit are subject to access being suitable for all attendees, to good visibility and to weather conditions being appropriate. Attendees should ensure that appropriate footwear and clothing are worn. The Applicant will provide high-visibility vests. There will be an option to stay in vehicles for the walking elements of the site visit.
- 2.1.4 It is not currently known what the guidance will be for visits such as these in December 2020 in the context of the current Covid-19 pandemic, but it is considered likely that attendees will be advised to wear facemasks for the day, except when eating/ drinking.
- 2.1.5 It should be noted that some access to private land would be required for the ASI itinerary set out below. Highways England 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.
- 2.1.6 The Applicant will bring any relevant plans or photomontages as well as a site visit brochure detailing the itinerary and providing health and safety advice.
- 2.1.7 A plan showing the proposed route and stop points is provided in Appendix B.

Table 1 Proposed Itinerary for the ASI

Stop	Timings	Description
	09:30 (WRS) 10:00 (FHCC)	Wolverhampton railway station/Featherstone & Hilton Community Centre Wolverhampton railway station will be used as a meeting point for the ASI, allowing access for attendees by public transport or car. A second pick up will be made from Featherstone & Hilton Community Centre for local attendees. A compulsory site briefing from the applicant (including health & safety and welfare information) will take place at 10:30 including comfort break, and the ASI will begin at 10:45.
1	10:45 – 11:15	Featherstone & Hilton Community Centre/The Avenue/Cannock Road (A460) The bus will depart Featherstone & Hilton Community Centre at approximately 10:45am and will travel towards the first stop point by travelling along Baneberry Drive/Turnstone Drive to Brookhouse Lane and stopping at a convenient location on The Avenue (Stop Point 1). The site visit will then proceed on foot using existing footpaths/pavements with the aim to observe the identified Key Points of Interest (1.1-1.3 see plan in Appendix B).

		Attendees will turn right at the end of The Avenue to walk along Cannock Road. It will be possible to observe the position where the existing A460 will be stopped up (Point 1.1), the location of the proposed new junction arrangement with the A460/The Avenue (Point 1.2) and the positioning/alignment of the proposed slip road exit from the new Link Road back onto the existing A460 (1.3). After observations have been made the party will walk back to the bus parked in The Avenue.
-	11:15 – 11:30	Cannock Road (A460)/Dark Lane/Park Road Following the conclusion of the first stop the bus will continue along The Avenue before making a right turn onto Cannock Road (A460) and travelling in a northerly direction to the junction with Hilton Lane where the bus will make a right turn into Hilton Lane. The bus will continue along Hilton Lane before taking the first right into Dark Lane and then the first right into Park Road, where the bus will make its second stop. Members of the party will be able to exit the bus and will be able to walk back towards Dark Lane. This will enable observations on the relationship between the settlement of Hilton and the Scheme (2.1)
2	11:30 – 12:30	Dark Lane/Park Road Exit the bus and walk back towards Dark Lane, observing the relationship between Hilton and the Scheme (2.1). Once on Dark Lane it will be possible to observe the proximity of existing properties along Dark Lane to the proposed Scheme (2.2). There is an optional additional walk only element (for those able and wishing to do so) heading in a westerly direction along Dark Lane back to the junction with the A460 before turning left and immediately left again to walk along the access track which runs past Lower Lodge Hilton Park towards the rear of Hilton Hall. There are a number of suitable points to stop along this access track to observe the alignment of the proposed link road (2.3). Upon completion of this element, the party walk back to Dark Lane to walk along the western verge. The party will walk the length of Dark Lane up to the junction with Hilton Lane, to observe the length of Dark Lane to be stopped up (2.4) and the proposed re-alignment of Hilton Lane (2.5). Once participants have observed these elements they will return to the bus parked in Park Road.
-	12:30 – 12:45	Dark Lane/Hilton Lane/Hilton Hall Upon departure from Stop 2 the bus will turn left out of Park Road back onto Dark Lane where it will proceed to the junction with Hilton Lane where it will turn right and proceed to Hilton Hall where the minibus will make its third stop.
3	12:45 – 13:45	Hilton Hall/Lunch Break It is proposed that at the third stop a break for lunch will be made (subject to availability/arrangement) at Hilton Hall and we will aim to make a suitable space within the Hall available. Attendees are asked to bring their own packed lunch and a comfort break will also be possible at Hilton Hall. This part of the itinerary is subject to change depending on access, government guidance and number of attendees. In order to ensure the day keeps moving participants are invited during the lunch break to walk within the grounds of Hilton Hall (subject to agreement) and observe the proximity of the Hall (3.1) to the proposed Scheme. The positioning of the Hall in respect of Portobello Tower will also be possible to observe from the grounds.
-	13:45 – 14:00	Hilton Hall/Hilton Lane Following the lunch break participants will return to the bus. The bus will exit Hilton Hall and make a left turn back onto Hilton Lane. The bus will make its

		fourth stop a short distance before the turning to Dark Lane and will pull into the access track for the fishing ponds to the south of Brookfield Farm.
4	14:00 – 14:45	Fishing Ponds The vehicle will back into the access (subject to prior agreement) and participants will be able to exit the vehicle as the party will walk along the access track towards the fishing ponds. At the end of the track and just before the fishing ponds participants will be able to view the proposed alignment of the link road (4.1) whilst also gaining an appreciation of the proximity of the proposed Scheme to Shareshill, Brookfield Farm and leisure centre, the existing M6 and A460. Once all observations have been made, participants will return to the bus by walking back along the access track.
-	14:45 – 15:00	Hilton Lane/A460/Mill Lane Once participants are back on the bus it will make a right turn out of the access and proceed along Hilton Lane to the junction with the A460 where it will turn right. The bus will proceed along the A460 towards the J11 of the M6, passing the M6 Diesel on the right-hand side. Before reaching J11 the vehicle will make a left-hand turn onto Mill Lane and will make its fifth stop within the access to the field used for car boot sales on the left-hand side.
5	15:00 – 15:30	Mill Lane/A460 At the fifth stop participants will be able to observe the proposed location for the northern site compound (5.1) and the current alignment of the A460 to J11 of the M6 (5.2) and then gain an understanding of the proposed link road alignment and associated changes at J11 of the M6 (5.3). Once all relevant points of interest have been observed participants will return to the bus. Several the key points of interest will be observed from within the bus as it makes its way between stop 5 and stop 6.
-	15:30 – 16:00	Mill Lane/Saredon Road/School Lane/Church Road/A460/A462 The bus will proceed from the 5 th stopping point in a loop continuing first along Mill Lane before making a left-hand turn onto Saredon Road. From Saredon Road it will continue along as the road merges onto School Lane (following the road around to the left). The bus will continue until the end of School Lane and will turn left onto Church Road followed by a second left onto the A460. The bus will then proceed onto the roundabout at J11 M6 and will take the third exit onto the A462 before turning left onto Wolverhampton Road and will continue until the Wheatsheaf Pub where it will make the 6 th stop.
6	16:00 – 16:40	Wheatsheaf Inn/Comfort break The bus will stop for the 6 th and final stop at the Wheatsheaf Inn car park (subject to agreement) on Wolverhampton Road. Participants will then walk back along the Wolverhampton Road using the adjacent footpath/pavement along Wolverhampton Road to observe the proposed re-alignment of the A460 to the north (6.1) and the realignment of the A462 to the south (6.2). Following the necessary observations participants will then walk back to the Wheatsheaf Inn and board the bus. A comfort break prior to departure at the Wheatsheaf Inn will be possible (subject to agreement). The bus will then make its way back to the two drop off points
-	17:00	Close The vehicle will return firstly to the Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre aiming to be back at the Centre for 17:00 before travelling onto Wolverhampton railway station where the ASI will end at approximately 17:30.

Appendix B: Route Map



