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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This document has been prepared in response to the letter from the Planning Inspectorate titled 'Planning Act 2008 – Section 88 and 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 6 and 8, dated 2 May 2023 and 25 May 2023 respectively.
- 1.1.2 Annex B to the Rule 8 letter sets out the Examination Timetable for the Development Consent Order (DCO) application by the Examining Authority (ExA). Item 4 states that at Deadline 1 (D1) the Applicant should submit a draft itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI).
- 1.1.3 The Examining Authority (ExA) will undertake an Accompanied Site Inspection on Monday 10 July 2023.
- 1.1.4 As per Item 4 in the Rule 8 letter, the draft itinerary is to allow all parties to comment on the draft itinerary and propose additional locations, with supporting justification, by Deadline 2 (Tuesday 15 June 2023).
- 1.1.5 The ExA will publish the final itinerary for the ASI on 22 June 2023.
- 1.1.6 This itinerary has been prepared in response to these requirements and has taken into consideration the Examining Authority's Unaccompanied Site Inspections (USI) on 9 March 2023 (EV-001) and 28 April 2023 (EV-002), and information contained within the Rule 8 letter.
- 1.1.7 This document sets out a suggested itinerary prepared by National Highways (the Applicant) for an ASI to be carried out by the ExA during the Examination of the M3 Junction 9 Improvement Scheme.

2 Suggested Itinerary

2.1.1 The suggested itinerary and stopping points are set out in Table 1.1. This is accompanied by a map representing the route and the stops in section 2.10. Some of the locations would not be visible on the **Location Plan (2.1, APP-005)**. The map in Figure 1 provided in section 2.10 depicts the route with a location plan below in order to aid orientation and understanding of the proposed route.

2.2 Start and Finish Points

2.2.1 The site inspection will start at the Colebrook Street Car Park (Colebrook St, Winchester SO23 3SD), adjacent to the Mercure Winchester Wessex Hotel and will act as the meeting point.

2.2.2 The inspection will finish at the Colebrook Street Car Park, following the penultimate stop M - 'Existing junction including underpasses'.

2.3 Attendance at the ASI

2.3.1 The final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at least a week before the ASI. The Applicant notes that ASIs are not an opportunity for any party to make any oral representations to the ExA about the Proposed Development, but the Examining Authority may invite participants to indicate specific features or sites of interest.

2.3.2 It may be necessary to limit the numbers of persons who accompany the ExA for logistical and safety reasons, but it should be possible for arrangements to be made for Interested Parties (or their representatives) to join the inspection at specified locations within the itinerary.

2.3.3 Those planning to attend should notify the Planning Inspectorate Case Team if they wish to be considered for joining for the whole day or meet the inspection at a specific location within the itinerary, or at a new location. Those joining for the whole day are referred to hereafter as the Core Attendees.

2.3.4 Parties wishing to attend the site visit should:

- provide a contact mobile number to the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team for the day,
- notify the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team if there are any changes in attendance, and
- ensure the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team is made aware of any special access requirements for any participants.

2.4 Transport

- 2.4.1 The Applicant will provide a minibus for the site visit. This approach has been proposed to minimise transport emissions and disruption along the local road network and due to parking availability.
- 2.4.2 The vehicle(s) will be used to transport Core Attendees for the entire ASI. Any Interested Parties planning to join for part of the visit along the route will be expected to arrange their own mode of transport, but have regard to the itinerary timings, and locations stated within this document.

2.5 Joining the ASI on the day

- 2.5.1 For those joining the Core Attendees, these participants will start the visit from Colebrook Street Car Park. All Core Attendees are asked to arrive and report to the Applicant no later than 08:45am. This is to allow for a Health and Safety briefing and allocation of people to the transport provided. The Applicant will be at the venue by 08:30am to welcome participants.
- 2.5.2 The Health and Safety briefing will start promptly at 09:00am. We are not able to wait or delay the briefing so as to enable the site visit to start promptly with the departure of vehicles from the venue at 09:30am; any parties who are not present at the requested time or arrive late cannot be accommodated.
- 2.5.3 It is not possible to predict precisely how long each part of the inspection will last. For those Interested Parties wishing to join at an alternative location, the Applicant will use their mobile contact number to keep those Interested Parties notified of progress and expected arrival times where they are due to meet.

2.5.4 Safety, Clothing and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- 2.5.5 Some of the locations will be observed on foot, possibly on uneven ground and accessed via local roads with narrow or no footway provision.
- 2.5.6 Attendees are advised to wear appropriate clothing, including sturdy footwear appropriate for walking. The weather is likely to be warm so appropriate items to protect from the sun such as hats, suncream, and appropriate clothing in the heat is advised. Waterproof clothing should be brought in the event of inclement weather forecast.
- 2.5.7 National Highways will provide high-visibility jackets to be worn by attendees. High visibility vests will be provided for attendees and 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 the Health and Safety staff representative and provided by the risk assessment.

- Are responsible for their own safety and must never act in a manner that might reduce the safety of themselves or others.

2.6 Lunch and Comfort breaks

- 2.6.1 Please note refreshments and lunch will not be provided. A lunch break has been included in the itinerary at Tesco Extra in Winnall which also has comfort facilities.
- 2.6.2 Further welfare facilities will be available at the Keir – National Highways Depot (Location L) and at the start and end point.

2.7 Land Access and Private Land

- 2.7.1 The Applicant will arrange visits to private land, however, access onto private land is at all times by the 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.

2.8 First Aid Facilities

- 2.8.1 There are no first aid facilities on site, and it is assumed, in the worst-case scenario that no intended attendees from National Highways are a qualified First Aider. The nearest hospital with Accident and Emergency facilities is Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Romsey Rd, Winchester SO22 5DG.

2.9 Key Site Hazards

- 2.9.1 A safety briefing will be provided by the Applicant. All attendees must follow safety instructions given by National Highways. All attendees are responsible for their own safety and must never act in a manner that might reduce the safety of themselves or others.
- 2.9.2 The following key hazards have been identified:
- Uneven terrain whilst crossing farmland
 - Roadside hazards
 - High speed travel of passing cars when parked near M3 for various stops
 - Narrow roads and hedgerows reducing visibility
 - Potential for livestock / deer / and other wildlife to be present
 - Crossing of two-lane roads

2.10 Draft Itinerary for ASI

2.10.1 The times are approximate and whilst we will endeavour to meet persons along the route, the timings cannot be guaranteed. A site inspection pack will be provided on the day containing a copy of **Table 1.1** and **Figure 1**

NOTE: Timings and travel / parking locations and travel guidance will be confirmed in the final issue of this document.

Table 1.1 Suggested Itinerary for Accompanied Site Inspection

Point	Time	Location	Description of works and purpose	Land ref
A	09:00 – 09:30	Colebrook Street Car Park, Colebrook St, Winchester SO23 3SD (adjacent to the Mercure Winchester Wessex Hotel)	Meeting/Collection Point and 15 min Safety Briefing.	-
-	Travel	15 minutes	Drive to location B	
B	09:45 – 10:00	Communities along B3335	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Communities along B3335 who may be impacted by construction (requested by Mr Gillham). ▪ No works proposed. ▪ Parking suggested: Bell Inn 	-
-	Travel	15 minutes	Drive to location C	
C	10:15 – 11:00	St. Catherine’s Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ St Catherine’s Hill and the surrounding area (requested by Mr Gillham). ▪ No works proposed. ▪ Parking suggested: St. Catherine’s Hill Park and Ride (12 minute walk) 	-
-	Travel	5 minutes	Drive to location D	
D	11:05 – 11:30	Chalk Ridge (SO23 0QW) South Downs Way footbridge over	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chalk Ridge South Downs Way footbridge over M3 (requested by WCC). 	-

Point	Time	Location	Description of works and purpose	Land ref
		M3 (from Petersfield Road, Winchester close to Chalk Ridge)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Purpose: Example of residential properties close to existing motorway to observe amount of current noise as a baseline. Provides good vantage point to assess entire site. ▪ No works proposed. ▪ Parking suggested: Along Chalk Ridge. 5 minute walk from Chalk Ridge to South Downs Way 	
-	Travel	10 minutes	Drive to Location E	
E	11:40 – 12:05	Twyford Down and The Dongas ancient trackway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Twyford Down and The Dongas ancient trackway (requested by Mr Gillham) ▪ No proposed works. Not easily available to walk due to surrounding area being classed as military firing range. ▪ Route may need be taken via vehicle only 	-
-	Travel	10 minutes	Drive to Location F	
F	12:20 – 13:05 (Lunch break)	Tesco Extra Easton Ln, Winchester SO23 7RS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lunch break, toilet facilities available within Tesco Extra. ▪ 45min break proposed. 	

Point	Time	Location	Description of works and purpose	Land ref
-	Travel	15 minutes	Drive to Location G (it is proposed stops G, H, I would be accessed by foot).	
G	13:20 – 13:35	Proposed Construction compound on land east of M3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Works: The construction of a temporary construction site compound situated on land to the east of the M3 Junction 9 gyratory. (Work No. 38) ▪ Private land not accessible to members of the public. ▪ Approximately 5-minute walk from parking point. ▪ Parking suggested: Along Easton Lane 	Plot ref 5/3c Owned by Mr Burge and the Church Commissioners for England
H	13:35 -13:50	Shoulder of Mutton Farm, Easton Lane, SO21 1DQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Potential impact on domesticated borehole and proximity to proposed infiltration basin, in relation to land owned by Ms Rosewell. (requested by Ms Rosewell). ▪ Private land not accessible to members of the public. ▪ Approximately 5-minute walk from parking point at Easton Lane 	
I	13:50 – 14:05	Land to the east of M3 between Easton Lane and Long Walk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Location has been suggested so the special qualities of the South Downs National Park can be appreciated. 	Plot ref 6/4c Owned by Mr

Point	Time	Location	Description of works and purpose	Land ref
			<p>Required for parts of the new roads / links, the central construction compound and the new proposed bridleway. The land also provides wider context of M3 and proposed changes (requested by South Downs National Park and Mr Gillham and the Applicant).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Works: Views of the construction of a new one lane off slip carriageway and associated hard shoulder, being 881 metres in length, on both embankment and in cutting to connect the M3 southbound to the M3 Junction 9 gyratory (Work No. 11). Construction of drainage infiltration and attenuation basin with associated drainage facilities, access and landscaping (Work No. 9.). Diversion of power cables and gas main pipeline (Work No. 20 and 21). ▪ Private land not accessible to members of the public. ▪ Approximately 5-minute walk from parking point at Easton Lane 	Burge and the Church Commissioners for England
-	Travel	10 minutes	Drive to Location J	

Point	Time	Location	Description of works and purpose	Land ref
J	14:15 – 14:45	Proposed bridleway and landscaping on land east of M3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works: The land will host construction of a new bridleway, being 1390 metres in length including edgings, verges, wayfinding signage, bollards, tactile paving, and horse mounting blocks, and associated drainage and landscaping features to connect Long Walk and Easton Lane (Work No.9). Private land not accessible to members of the public. Approx 15 min walk from parking point. 	Plot ref 5/3b Owned by Mr Burge and the Church Commissioners for England
-	Travel	15 minutes	Drive to Location K	
K	15:00-15:30	Proposed attenuation basins and merge slip road (Land to the west of the M3 Northbound and to the east of the A33)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works: The construction of two drainage attenuation basins with associated drainage facilities, access and landscaping, and other associated works (Work No. 1 (j-o)). The construction of a new 1 lane merge onslip onto the M3 Northbound from the A34 roundabout (Work No. 7 & 8). The diversion of 1095 metres of water pipeline (Work No.5). Private land not accessible to members of the public. (487m walk in field). (Approximately 12-minute walk from parking point) 	Plot Ref 5/3a Owned by Mr Burge and the Church Commissioners for England

Point	Time	Location	Description of works and purpose	Land ref
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parking suggested: Northern section of Long Walk 	
-	Travel	10 minutes	Drive to Location L	
L	15:40 – 16:00	Kier - National Highways Depot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Entrance to highway depot and proposed cycleway and toucan crossing ▪ Works: The construction of a cycle track (Work No. 2) and toucan crossing (Work No. 15). Work associated with a new roundabout and 2 lane carriageway between A33 roundabout and National Highways roundabout (Work No. 16; 17; 18). (requested by WCC and the Applicant) ▪ Parking suggested: Keir Highways Depot 	Plot ref 6/2f – 62/e (note depot is not within application red-line boundary but works are adjacent)
-	Travel	5 minutes	Drive to Location M	
M	16:05 – 16:25	Existing junction including underpasses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Works to M3 Junction 9 Gyratory ▪ Requested by WCC - To observe the existing width and operation of the crossing system which is subject to major change. ▪ Parking suggested at Tesco Extra, with safe walking along the pavement. 	

Point	Time	Location	Description of works and purpose	Land ref
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-minute walk from parking point 	
-	16:30 (End)	Return to Colebrook Street Car Park, Colebrook St, Winchester SO23 3SD (adjacent to the Mercure Winchester Wessex Hotel)	Return to start location.	

Figure 1 Map of Route

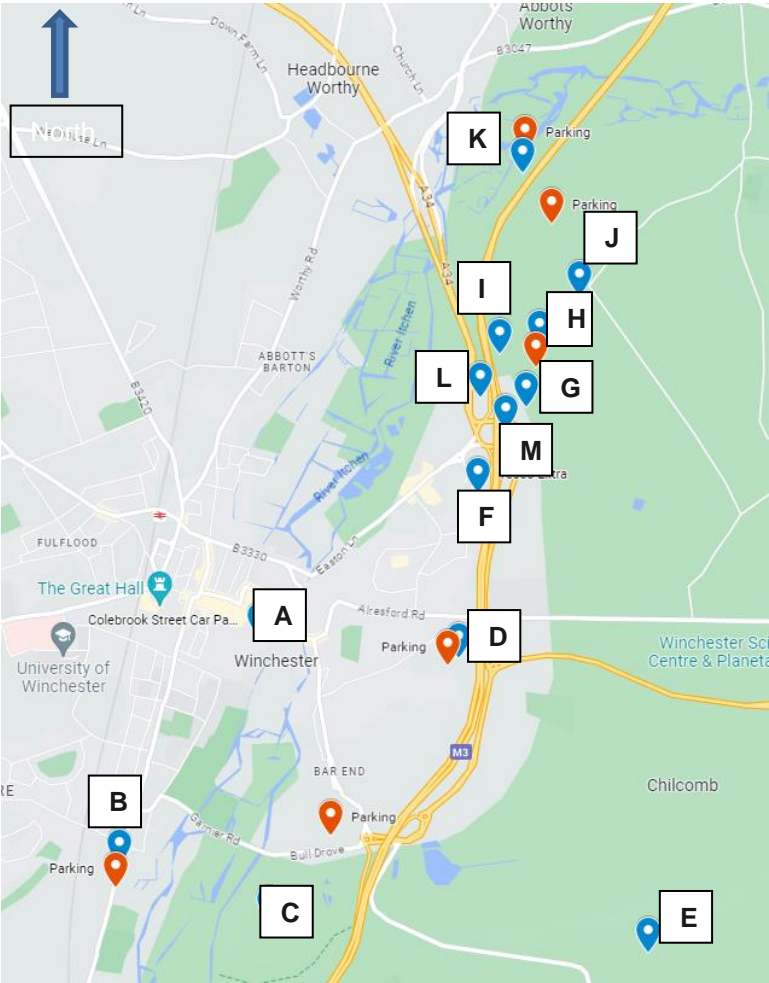


Figure 2 Location plan (2.1, APP-005) (not to scale)

