



## Planning Act 2008 – section 93

### Application by National Highways (formerly Highways England) for an Order granting Development Consent for the A417 Missing Link project

#### Agenda for Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)

In its letter dated 17 December 2021, the Examining Authority (ExA) notified Interested Parties (IP) of its decision to hold an Open Floor Hearing on the following date:

Hearing	Date and time	Location
<b>Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)</b>	<b>Monday 24 January 2022</b> <b>10.00am</b> (Arrangements conference starts at 09.30am*)	Virtually via Microsoft Teams <sup>1</sup>

\*Participants must join the Arrangements Conference in order to register and be permitted access to the Hearing.

#### About OFH1

This is the first Open Floor Hearing to be held in this Examination. It is being held to allow IPs to make oral representations about the application.

#### Attendance at the Hearing

The ExA is conducting this Hearing virtually in light of Government restrictions relating to Coronavirus (COVID-19), in particular the Omicron variant, using digital and telephone technology only.

Anyone wishing to attend the Hearing who has not already advised the Case Team of this should do so as soon as possible (and by **Monday 17 January 2022 at the latest**), as you will need to be issued with joining instructions to access the Hearing virtually. Please email: [A417MissingLink@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:A417MissingLink@planninginspectorate.gov.uk).

Parties can join using a computer, laptop, tablet, mobile phone or landline telephone. Invitees will receive full instructions on how to join online or by phone in a separate email shortly before the Hearing, including a joining link or telephone number through which you can join the Arrangements Conference. The joining link and telephone

<sup>1</sup> Further information is available in Advice Note 8.6, available at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-8-6-virtual-examination-events/>



number are for your own personal use and **should not be shared with any other party.**

Please join the Arrangements Conference at the appointed time for the Hearing you have been invited to. The Case Team will admit you from the lobby and register your attendance. The Arrangements Conference allows procedures to be explained and will enable the Hearing to start promptly.

It is the Applicant's intention to livestream the Hearing, and a link to watch the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website](#) closer to the event date. A recording of the Hearing will also be made available on the project webpage shortly after the event.

### **Participation, conduct and management of Hearing**

The Hearing will be subject to the powers of control of the ExA and we will be inviting registered participants to make an oral representation to us. You will see that, due to the number of requests to speak, each IP will be strictly limited to a maximum of 5 minutes. Please run through your representation in advance to ensure it can be completed within 5 minutes to avoid us having to cut your contribution short. To facilitate an efficient Hearing, we would also ask those with common points to come together and to nominate a spokesperson or representative speakers to cover specific topics, so as to avoid repetition.

As the Hearing will be recorded, please do not include any information that you wish to be kept private and confidential.

Each IP has been allocated a meeting and time to make their representation. If any IP has been invited to speak at a time when they are unable to attend, they should contact the Case Team as a matter of urgency to advise. The ExA therefore invites a contribution from each of the IPs that have registered to speak at this Hearing and as identified in **Annex A**.

Where two persons are named together, it would be helpful if one could be nominated to speak at the Hearing. Should both persons wish to participate, then they will need to share the allocated 5 minutes slot.

Breaks are provided during the OFH in recognition of the fatigue associated with on-screen communication during virtual events. Where an OFH has been divided into Sessions, those listed to speak in later Sessions may, if they wish, leave the Hearing after Item 1 below and then re-join the OFH as indicated in **Annex A** before the start of the appropriate Session.

All representations at the OFH should be based on the Relevant Representation or Written Representation made by the person by whom (or on whose behalf) the oral



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representations are made<sup>2</sup>. However, representations made at the Hearing should not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission. Rather, they should draw attention to those submissions in summary form and provide further detail, explanation and evidential corroboration to help inform the ExA.

The ExA may ask questions about representations or ask the Applicant or other party to comment or respond. Breaks may be taken during the Hearing as directed by the ExA. The Agenda is subject to change depending on, for example, responses from the invitees.

May we draw your attention to **Deadline 3** on the Examination Timetable (**Wednesday 2 February 2022**) and our request to receive full summaries of all oral submissions given at this Hearing by that date by those who made them. Note that any additional illustrative or supporting material that you wish to share must be submitted at Deadline 3, as it will not be possible for you to show it on screen during your contribution to the Hearing.

Please contact the Case Team if you have any questions regarding the arrangements for the Hearing: [A417MissingLink@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:A417MissingLink@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

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<sup>2</sup> s91 Planning Act 2008



# Agenda

<b>Project</b>	A417 Missing Link [TR010056]
<b>Title of meeting</b>	Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)
<b>Date</b>	Monday 24 January 2022
<b>Time</b>	10.00am
<b>Venue</b>	Virtually via Microsoft Teams
<b>Attendees</b>	Invitees

## **1. Welcome, preliminary matters and introductions**

## **2. Arrangements for the Open Floor Hearing**

## **3. Confirmation of those who have notified the Examining Authority of a wish to be heard at the Open Floor Hearing**

- Speakers will be heard in the order shown, and in the session indicated, under the List of Speakers in **Annex A**. Any further Interested Parties (IP) that come forward following Deadline 2 or the publication of this Agenda will be heard in order at the discretion of the Examining Authority (ExA).

## **4. Oral submissions**

- Each party who has indicated a wish to speak and has been invited will address the ExA in turn. Due to the number of requests to speak, each IP will be strictly limited:
  - A maximum speaking time of five minutes will apply to oral submissions made by individual IPs.
  - A maximum speaking time of ten minutes will apply to oral submissions made by Organisations, Groups, or Representatives of a number of individual IPs.
- Following each submission, the ExA may wish to ask the speaker questions.
- Oral submissions should be based on representations previously made in writing by the participant. However, representations made at the Hearing should not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission, but rather provide further detail, explanation and evidential corroboration to help inform the ExA.



## **5. Responses by Applicant**

- The Applicant will be invited to respond briefly to any matters raised by speakers and any questions arising from the ExA either orally, after all the submissions, or in writing by **Deadline 3 (Wednesday 2 February 2022)**.

## **6. Close of Open Floor Hearing**



**List of Speakers**

<b>OFH1: Monday 24 January 2021</b>		
Arrangements conference from 9.30am		
Session 1: Start 10.00am		
Order	Name	Time
1	Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust	10
2	Gateley Hamer on behalf of National Star Foundation	10
3	Moore Allen & Innocent on behalf of BJ Ford	5
4	Moore Allen & Innocent on behalf of CE Ford	5
5	Tim Knox	5
6	Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council (non-IP)	10
<b>Break</b>		
Re-join through lobby from 11.25am		
<b>Session 2: 11.30am (if required)</b>		
<b>Break</b>		
Re-join through lobby from 13.55pm		
<b>Session 3: 14.00pm (if required)</b>		



<b>Break</b>		
Re-join through lobby from 15.40pm		
<b>Session 4: 15.45pm (if required)</b>		