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Date: 2 June 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 8(3)**

### **Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A1 in Northumberland - Morpeth to Ellingham**

#### **Procedural Decision and Amended Examination Timetable**

This letter provides you with details of a Procedural Decision made by the Examining Authority (ExA) regarding changes to the Timetable for the A1 in Northumberland - Morpeth to Ellingham. It also accompanies the Agendas for Hearings that will be held during the weeks commencing 7 June 2021 and 14 June 2021.

You have received this letter because the law requires that where an Examination Timetable is changed, all persons already involved in the Examination together with all persons entitled to be notified of the acceptance and Examination arrangements for the application, must be notified.

The Examination Timetable was published as Annex A to our Rule 8 Letter of 6 January 2021 [PD-008] and the Revised Examination Timetable published as Annex A of our Rule 8(3) Letter of 9 April 2021 [PD-014]. Hearings in the week commencing 7 June were included in the original Timetable while those during the week commencing 14 June were added to address the Applicant's request for changes to the Proposed Development which were accepted into the Examination as set out in our letter of 9 April 2021 [PD-014].

It has become apparent that there is no provision at Deadline (D)10 for Interested Parties to submit comments on D9 submissions. Consequently, we have added a new item to the Timetable at D10.

With the amendments to the Timetable we are also aware that there would be limited time following the Hearings during the week commencing 7 June for written summaries to be provided before the further Hearings in the week commencing

14 June. We have therefore amended the Timetable so that Written Summaries of Oral Submissions to Hearings and any Actions Arising from the Hearings during both the week commencing 7 June and the week commencing 14 June should be provided by D10 (29 June) and any responses to those documents provided at D11 (2 July).

As set out in the Examination Timetable annexed to our letter of 6 January 2021, and subsequently amended on 9 April those Interested Parties who wish to speak at the Hearings should notify the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team by emailing [A1inNorthumberland@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:A1inNorthumberland@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) if you wish to participate in these Hearings as soon as possible and no later than 4 June 2021. We would be grateful if you would inform us if you plan to attend a Hearing even if you do not wish to speak.

For those that do not wish to participate in the Hearings there is the opportunity to observe them in real time via a livestream link which will be published on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website shortly before the start of the Hearings. Alternatively, a full digital recording of the event will be made available on the same webpage as soon as possible after the close of the Hearings.

All documentation associated with this project, including information about the previous Hearings and the digital recordings of them can be found on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning Website and can be accessed using this link: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/a1-innorthumberland-morpeth-to-ellingham/?ipcsection=docs>

We look forward to continuing to work with all parties in the examination of this application.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

*Kevin Gleeson*

**Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors**

## **Annex**

A - Revised Examination Timetable

Original timetable with variations **in Red**

Item	Matters	Due Dates
25a.	<p><b>Deadline 8a (D8a)</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to ExQ4 (if required).</li> </ul>	<b>4 June 2021</b>
26.	<p><b>Hearings</b></p> <p>Dates reserved for any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue Specific Hearing(s) (if required);</li> <li>• Open Floor Hearing(s) (if required);</li> <li>• Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s) (if required).</li> </ul>	<b>Week commencing 7 June 2021</b>
26a.	<p><b>Hearings</b></p> <p>Dates reserved for any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue Specific Hearing(s) (if required);</li> <li>• Open Floor Hearing(s) (if required);</li> <li>• Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s) (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Week commencing 14 June 2021</b>
27.	<p><b>Deadline 9 (D9)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment on responses submitted for Deadline 8 and Deadline 8a;</li> <li>• <del>Written summaries of oral submissions to Hearings held during the week commencing 7 June 2021;</del></li> <li>• Any post-Hearing notes requested at the Hearings.</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules (if required);</li> <li>• Responses to any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR (if required).</li> </ul>	<b>15 June 2021</b>
28.	<p><b>Deadline 10 (D10)</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Comment on responses submitted for Deadline 9;</del></li> </ul>	<b>29 June 2021</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written summaries of oral submissions to Hearings held during the weeks commencing 7 and 14 June 2021;</li> <li>• Any post-Hearing notes requested at the Hearings;</li> <li>• Finalised SoCG;</li> <li>• Finalised Statement of Commonality for SoCG;</li> <li>• Finalised Statement of Compulsory Acquisition Schedule in clean and tracked versions;</li> <li>• A finalised Guide to the Application;</li> <li>• A finalised version of the dDCO in clean and tracked versions;</li> <li>• A finalised Schedule of changes to the dDCO;</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules (if required);</li> <li>• Responses to any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR (if required).</li> </ul>	
28a	<p><b>Deadline 11 (D11)</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment on responses submitted for Deadline 10;</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA (if required) under Rule 17 of the EPR (if required).</li> </ul>	<b>2 July 2021</b>
29.	The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months.	<b>5 July 2021</b>