



# The Planning Inspectorate

## Planning Act 2008 – Section 91

### Application by Highways England for an Order granting Development Consent for the A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Ellingham

#### Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 5 (ISH5)

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 15 June 2021
<b>Joining available from:</b>	9.40am <sup>1</sup>
<b>Meeting start time:</b>	10.00am <sup>2</sup>
<b>Location:</b>	Virtual event

#### Notes on participation, conduct and management of the hearing

All Interested Parties are invited to attend Issue Specific Hearings but as this event is being held virtually it would assist with the running of the Hearing if you could let the Inspectorate's Case Team ([A1inNorthumberland@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:A1inNorthumberland@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)) know by **Friday 4 June** if you wish to participate in the Hearing so that the relevant instructions can be sent for you to join the event. The event will also be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the project page of the National Infrastructure website closer to the event date.

Each Interested Party is entitled to make oral representations at the Hearing. However, this is subject to the Examining Authority's (ExA) power to control the Hearing.

The ExA requests that the following attendees participate in ISH5:

- **Highways England (the Applicant)** - including representatives of the Applicant who are in a position to discuss the matters on the agenda;
- **Northumberland County Council (NCC);**
- **Environment Agency (EA);**
- **Natural England (NE);** and
- **Any other Interested Parties (IPs)** - with an interest in environmental matters.

Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the Hearing will be conducted to ensure that legal representation is not required.

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<sup>1</sup> Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance of the meeting to those who register to participate.

<sup>2</sup> If you are joining as an active participant, please follow the joining instructions for the virtual event carefully and connect to the Hearing in good time. In common with traditional Hearings, the event will start on time irrespective of any late arrivals, for whom access may not be possible.

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provide that it is the ExA that will probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questioning of persons making oral representations at hearings. Questioning at the Hearing will be led by the ExA.

The virtual event will be open 20 minutes prior to the start of the Hearing to enable a prompt start. Hearings will finish as soon as the ExA deems that all those present have had their say and that all matters have been covered.

The agenda is for guidance only. It is not designed to be exclusive or exhaustive. The ExA may add other issues for consideration, may alter the order in which issues are considered and will seek to allocate sufficient time to each issue to allow proper consideration of them. Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a Hearing does not preclude further examination of this issue, including the asking of further written questions.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the day that they are scheduled for. Should the consideration of the issues take less time than anticipated, the ExA may conclude the Hearing as soon as all relevant contributions have been made and all questions asked and responded to.

If there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at any Hearing, there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day. Alternatively, it may be necessary to prioritise matters and defer others to further written questions.

All Examination documents are provided with a unique identification number for referencing purposes shown in square brackets [ ].

**This is the fifth ISH (ISH5) to be held in this Examination. It is being held because the ExA wishes to question the Applicant and hear from Interested Parties primarily arising from the Applicant's Change Requests 1, 2 & 3.**

### **Purpose of ISH5**

The main purpose of the fifth Issue Specific Hearing is to undertake an examination of various environmental matters related to the Applicant's Change Requests 1, 2 & 3. In particular:

- To review environmental impact considerations, including matters arising from the application documentation and representations relating to:
  - the water environment including hydraulic modelling and geomorphology;
  - biodiversity, ecology and the natural environment;
  - landscape and visual impacts; and
  - combined and cumulative effects.
- Clarification of other outstanding environmental matters.

## **Key Documents for ISH5**

- Draft Development Consent Order [REP8-004] (clean) and [REP8-005] (tracked);
- Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) [REP8-011];
- Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [REP8-013];
- Culvert Mitigation Strategy [REP8-023];
- Change Request Letter [REP4-034];
- ES Addendum: Earthwork Amendments [REP4-061];
- ES Addendum: Stabilisation Works [REP4-063];
- ES Addendum: Southern Access Works [REP4-064];
- River Coquet Fluvial Geomorphology Assessment [REP7-003];
- Borrow Pit Dewatering Assessment [REP7-004];
- Option Appraisal of River Coquet Bridge Foundation Stabilisation and Scour Protection System [REP7-005];
- River Coquet Hydraulic Modelling Report [REP7-006]



## **Issue Specific Hearing 5**

**10:00am, Tuesday 15 June 2021**

### **1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for this Issue Specific Hearing (ISH5)**

### **2. Change Request 2 & 3**

- To consider the impact of the proposed Changes 2 & 3 on the geomorphology and hydrology of the River Coquet, particularly in relation to the scour protection;
- To consider the effects of proposed Changes 2 & 3 on biodiversity, ecology and the natural environment; and
- To consider any other outstanding matters still under discussion between the Applicant, the Environment Agency and Natural England.

### **3. Change Request 1**

- The landscape and visual effects of proposed Change 1;
- The combined and cumulative effects of proposed Change 1.

### **4. Oral representations from Interested Parties who may be affected by the Proposed Development**

- The ExA will invite any additional IPs to make oral representations on matters addressed at previous Hearings relating to the Proposed Development as a whole.

### **5. Review of issues and actions arising**

### **6. Any other matters**

### **7. Closure of the Hearing**