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Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 13 and Rule 16

Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Scheme

Notification of Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection

Notification of Hearings

We write to advise you that the following hearings will be held under Rule 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. The Hearings will be a blend of online and in person.

Hearing	Date	Start time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1) on Environmental Matters	Tuesday 28 February 2023	Arrangements conference start: 9:30am Event start: 10:00am	Blended events at: Kingsland Church, 86 London Road, Lexden, Colchester, CO3 9DW and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1)	Wednesday 1 March 2023	Arrangements conference start: 9:30am	Blended events at: Kingsland Church,

Resumed) (if required)		Event start: 10:00am	<p>86 London Road, Lexden, Colchester, CO3 9DW</p> <p>and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered</p>
Issue Specific Hearing (ISH2) on Draft Development Consent Order	Wednesday 1 March 2023	<p>Arrangements conference start: 12:30pm</p> <p>Event start: 13:00pm</p>	<p>Blended events at: Kingsland Church, 86 London Road, Lexden, Colchester, CO3 9DW</p> <p>and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered</p>
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH1)	Wednesday 1 March 2023	<p>Arrangements conference start: 14:45pm</p> <p>Event start: 15:15pm</p>	<p>Blended events at: Kingsland Church, 86 London Road, Lexden, Colchester, CO3 9DW</p> <p>and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance</p>

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Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH2) (if required)	Friday 3 March 2023	Arrangements conference start: 9:30am Event start: 10:00am	Blended events at: Kingsland Church, 86 London Road, Lexden, Colchester, CO3 9DW and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered

You must register by Tuesday February 14 2023 if you wish to attend the Hearings.

The registration date differs from that required in the Examination timetable due to the additional detail that we are now able to provide on the matters to be discussed at these Hearings. Anybody who has already registered to attend these Hearings will automatically be added to the list of attendees and therefore, there is no need to register again, although it would be helpful if you could ensure that we have all the information listed below.

When registering, please provide us with the following details using this [Registration Form](#):

- The Hearing(s) you will be attending;
- Your name and your unique Interested Party reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate);
- If you are representing a person or organisation also provide their name and reference number;
- Email address (if available) and contact telephone number;
- If you would need any assistance in joining the online meeting eg training or guidance, or assistance in attending the in person event, eg hearing loop;
- The agenda item(s) on which you wish to speak and a list of the points you wish to make;
- The relevant plot numbers if you would like to speak at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing.

Please note that it may not be possible to participate on the day if you have not registered your wish to speak by Tuesday 14 February 2023.

To ensure there is adequate seating capacity at the venue we request that you register your attendance to observe only by Tuesday 14 February 2023 using this [Registration Form](#).

Agenda: The Agendas and any detailed arrangements for the Hearings will be published on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at least five working days before the Hearings. However, the actual agenda on the day of each Hearing may be subject to change at our discretion. We will manage the Hearings and invite participants to speak on the topics they have requested to speak about.

Virtual Attendance: If your request to speak at a Hearing is accepted, you will receive an invitation which will include joining instructions. When you join the meeting you will arrive into the Arrangements Conference which will provide information on the Hearing and reminders about using the technology. Please join the Arrangements Conference, which begins 30 minutes before the Hearing, to make sure you are registered, and your equipment is working to enable you to fully participate. Please arrive in good time so the Case Team can admit you before the hearing start time.

Livestream: If you are observing the event virtually and not intending to speak then you do not need to register to attend. If you simply wish to observe any of the Hearings, then you can either:

1. Watch a livestream of the event - a link to the livestream will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before the event is scheduled to begin; and/or
2. Watch the recording of the event which will be published on the [project webpage](#) shortly after the event has finished.

Contributing: You may speak on issues set out in your Relevant Representation or Written Representation. Speakers will need to introduce themselves, including any organisation or groups that they represent, each time they speak to ensure that someone listening to the recording after the event is clear who was speaking.

We will be responsible for questioning each party, and as such, may not need to ask further questions either to you or to other parties in attendance. Please be assured that we will carefully assess all contributions you make during the examination of the application. Technical and management considerations may mean we need to limit the number of speakers at any Hearings, or the length of time allocated to speakers. We may also seek to limit the time on particular topics to ensure we cover all agenda items in the time available. We will prioritise Interested Parties and those speaking on behalf of a group of people. We will give the same consideration to any matter, whether it is raised once or several times. We would also remind you that the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Planning (NSIP) process is primarily a written process, with written submissions to the Examination carrying the same weight as those made orally.

As the recordings are retained and published, they form a public record that can contain personal information to which the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) applies. Please refer to our [Privacy Notice](#) for further information.

Participants should avoid making public any information they wish to be kept private and confidential. If there is a need to refer to such information, it should be in written form. Although this will also be published, personal and private content can be redacted or removed before it is made public. You may contact the Case Team for further guidance on your personal information.

The Planning Inspectorate's practice is to publish the recordings and retain them for a period of five years from the Secretary of State's decision on the Development Consent Order. If you participate in a Hearing, you will be recorded and the recording will be made available in the public domain.

Cancellation: If the Hearings are no longer required or need to be cancelled or postponed for any reason, notice will be provided on the project page of the National Infrastructure website.

Post Hearing submissions: Following the Hearing you may want to submit documents, eg a written summary of your answers to the ExA questions. These must be sent before the relevant deadline (Deadline 3, Thursday 9 March 2023). Please see the Examination timetable for dates of deadline submissions. Where possible we ask that you use the Submissions Portal on the webpage of the National Infrastructure website.

Queries: If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Case Team A12chelmsfordA120@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

Accompanied Site Inspection

An Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) will be held under Rule 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 on the following date:

Event	Date	Time	Location
Accompanied Site Inspection	Thursday 2 March 2023	Meeting time and safety briefing from the Applicant: 08:30am Departure time: 09:00am	Kelvedon Train Station Car Park Station Road, Kelvedon, Colchester, CO5 9NR

Attendees are reminded that the purpose of the site inspection is to view the site and surroundings in the context of the written material. No representations should be made or discussions on points of merit conducted at this inspection.

If you wish to attend the ASI then please register by using this [Registration Form](#) by Tuesday 14 February 2023 providing telephone contact details (preferably mobile telephone) so that we can contact you should the visit run late or need to be cancelled with minimal notice. This is particularly important given the potential for bad weather at this time of year. Please also let us know of any mobility needs that may affect transportation.

For logistical and safety reasons, capacity on the transport that will be used for the ASI may be limited. Priority will be afforded to the Planning Inspectorate staff, the Applicant, local authorities and relevant Statutory Parties. Any Interested Parties who express a wish to attend the ASI for its duration may be contacted by the Case Team to discuss the option of meeting the ExA at relevant locations in the itinerary instead. For those parties with location specific matters, we would encourage this approach.

The inspection is likely to include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather and study footwear. At times during the ASI it will be necessary to wear a high

visibility vest or coat. Attendees who have their own high visibility vest or jacket should bring it with them. For anyone who does not have either a high visibility vest or coat, the Applicant will provide a vest for use during the course of the ASI. The final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Scheme project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website approximately one week before the ASI.

Please contact the Case Team if you have any questions about this letter.

In the meantime, we look forward to the continuing Examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

Adrian Hunter

Adrian Hunter
Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

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