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Dear Tracey Harvey

Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rules 9 and 13

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

Procedural Decision - Notification of Hearings

On 31 January 2023 the Applicant made a request [[AS-040](#)] to the Examining Authority (ExA) for the requirements under Rule 13(6)(c) of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 to be amended in relation to the Issue Specific Hearings, Compulsory Acquisition Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection to be held during the week commencing 27 February 2023. The request was made due to the required lead in time to secure publication in the relevant local newspapers and the resulting inability to advertise the proposed hearings in compliance within the prescribed period.

Having considered the request, the ExA hereby directs, in accordance with Rule 13(6)(c), that the requirement for publication of a notice of the hearings by local advertisement regarding the Issue Specific Hearings, Compulsory Acquisition Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection can be undertaken with less than 21 days' notice.

In respect of the notice to be published in a local newspaper, by undertaking this duty from no later than 10 February 2023, the Applicant will provide at least 18 days' notice before the date fixed for the commencement of the earliest Issue Specific Hearing on 28 February 2023.

In accordance with Rule 13(6)(a) and (b), the site notices and other public notices must be posted 21 days before the date fixed for the hearings.

This Procedural Decision does not affect the Examination timetable in any way.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Hunter

Adrian Hunter
Lead Panel Member for the Examining Authority

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