

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

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH):

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 1	<p>Tuesday 28 February 2023</p> <p>Hearing starts at 10.00am and finishes at 4.00pm</p> <p>Seating available at venue from 9.30am and virtual Arrangements Conference from 9.30am</p>	<p>First Floor, Kingsland Church, 86, London Road, Lexden, Colchester, CO3 9DW</p> <p>and</p> <p>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p>

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 1 (continued)	<p>Wednesday 1 March 2023</p> <p>Hearing starts at 10.00am and finishes at 12.15pm</p> <p>Seating available at venue from 9.30am and virtual Arrangements Conference from 9.30am</p>	<p>First Floor, Kingsland Church, 86, London Road, Lexden, Colchester, CO3 9DW</p> <p>and</p> <p>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p>

Agenda

Tuesday 28 February		
1.	10.00am	Welcome, introductions, arrangements for Hearing
2.	10.15am	Traffic and Transport <i>(should the issues listed in this session be concluded before the break then items from the post break session will be brought forward to ensure efficient use of time.)</i>

		<p><u>General Traffic issues</u> The ExA will ask the Applicant questions in relation to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for the scheme, improvements/benefits that will be delivered/alternatives considered. <p><i>It is proposed to discuss issues starting at the southern end of the Proposed Development, working in a northly direction.</i></p> <p><u>Junction 20a/20b - Boreham/Hatfield Peverel</u> The ExA will ask the Applicant questions in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their approach to junctions 20a and 20b and the impact upon existing junctions and local roads, including Main Rd, Duke of Wellington Roundabout, Plantation Rd and Church Rd. • What alternatives were considered and why they were discounted, including those put forward by IPs. • The proposed mitigation along Main Rd.
	11.15am	Break
	11.30am	<p>Traffic and Transport continued</p> <p><u>Proposed Junction 24 – Messing/Inworth/Tiptree</u> The ExA will ask the Applicant questions in relation to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need and location for this junction. • The impact upon nearby junctions and surrounding local roads and provide clarity on the traffic modelling results. • What alternatives were considered and why they were discounted, including those put forward by IPs. • The proposed mitigation along Inworth Road. <p><u>Other Traffic matters</u> The ExA will ask the Applicant questions in relation to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junction 25 and its impact upon existing junctions and local roads. • Their approach towards the closure of Easthorpe Road and its impact upon surrounding roads. • Their approach towards the de-trunked sections of the existing A12 and their discussions with Essex County Council.
	12.45pm	Lunch Break
3.	1.30pm	<p>Air Quality The ExA will ask the Applicant questions in relation to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The overall approach in relation to air quality assessment. • Operational effects including effects upon both humans and ecological receptors and compliance with standards. • Effects from construction including dust control measures.

	2.30pm	Break
4.	2.45pm	<p>Noise The ExA will ask the Applicant questions in relation to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The overall approach in relation to the assessment of noise. • Measures to mitigate construction noise. • Measures to mitigate operational noise. • Operational effects and overall compliance with National Networks National Policy Statement (NNNPS). <p>Design The ExA will ask the Applicant to explain their approach to design and demonstrate how the Proposed Development represents good design.</p>
	4.00pm	Close

Wednesday 1 March		
5.	10.00am	Welcome, introductions, arrangements for Hearing
6.	10.15am	<p>Cultural Heritage The ExA will ask the Applicant questions in relation to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their approach in relation to heritage matters, including archaeology. • The effects of the Proposed Development upon identified designated heritage assets. • Guidance contained within The Historic Environment section of Chapter 5 of the NNNPS. <p>Climate change The ExA will ask the Applicant to explain their overall approach towards the assessment of emissions. The Applicant may also wish to respond to deadline 2 submissions.</p> <p>Biodiversity The ExA will ask the Applicant questions in relation to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed gas pipeline diversion. • Operational effects and proposed mitigation. <p>Geology and soils The ExA will ask the Applicant questions in relation to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed use of borrow pits, including their need, locations, alternatives considered, benefits of use, proposed mitigation and remediation measures. • To provide on update on the planning application at Coleman quarry and implications for proposed scheme.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To explain its approach towards the use of agricultural land. <p>Land Use The ExA will ask the Applicant questions in relation to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRoWs <p>Socio-Economic The ExA will ask the Applicant questions in relation to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The impact upon local agricultural businesses from severance/continued access/loss of agricultural land. Loss of holdings and impact upon businesses
	12.15pm	Close

Attendees

The ExA would find it helpful if the following parties could attend this Hearing;

- Applicant - including representatives of the Applicant who are in a position to discuss the matters on the agenda;
- Essex County Council;
- Chelmsford City Council;
- Maldon District Council;
- Braintree District Council;
- Colchester City Council;
- Environment Agency;
- Natural England;
- Historic England; and
- Any other Interested Parties (IPs) with an interest in transportation, environmental and/or socio-economic matters.

However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All IPs are invited to attend and make oral representations on the matters set out in the Agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the Hearing.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail to assist the parties to prepare for the Hearing. 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.

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 have been asked and responded to. If there are additional matters to be

dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time, it may be necessary to prioritise matters and defer others to written questions.

Anyone wishing to attend the Hearing in person, who has not already advised the Case Team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

If you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms please do not attend the Hearing in person. Contact the Case Team who will ensure you have access to the Hearing virtually.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the Hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the Hearing can therefore view and listen to the Hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

Documents

The ExA referred to several documents in the preparation of this agenda, and some of the documents that we will be referring to during the Hearing are listed here. These documents can be located using the Examination Library reference number in [] square brackets:

- Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plan [APP-016 and APP-017];
- General Arrangement Plans [APP-020 to APP-024];
- De-Trunking and Stopping Up Plans [APP-025 and APP-026];
- Retained and Removed Vegetation Plans [APP-035 and APP-036];
- draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) [AS-020];
- Consultation Report [APP-045];
- Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 3 – Assessment of Alternatives [APP-070];
- ES Chapter 6 – Air Quality [APP-073];
- ES Chapter 7 – Cultural Heritage [APP-074];
- ES Chapter 9 – Biodiversity [APP-076];
- ES Chapter 10 – Geology and Soils [APP-077];
- ES Chapter 11 – Material Assets and Waste [APP-078];
- ES Chapter 12 – Noise and vibration [APP-079];
- ES Chapter 13 – Population and Health [APP-080];
- ES Chapter 15 – Climate [APP-082];
- ES Chapter 16 – Cumulative Effects [APP-083];
- ES Chapter 17 – Summary of Significant Effects [APP-083];
- ES Appendix 3.2 – Maldon Road and Hatfield Peverel Bypass Technical Report [APP-094];
- ES Appendix 3.3 – Junction 24, Inworth Road and Community Bypass Technical Report [APP-095];
- Transport Assessment [APP-253];
- Borrow Pits Report [APP-278];
- Design Principles [APP-280];
- Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations - Rev 2 [REP1-002].

Arrangements Conference

Parties who have registered to attend (both in person and virtually), and Invitees, will receive an email shortly before the Hearing containing a joining link and telephone number to enable participation virtually as necessary. If attending virtually please join the Arrangements Conference promptly. The Case Team will admit you from the virtual Lobby and register your attendance. The Arrangements Conference allows procedures to be explained and will enable the Hearing to start promptly.

Procedure at ISH

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at Hearings. Questioning at the Hearing will be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of a person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that an IP has had a fair chance to put its case.