

MIAG and Mcl PC written submissions from oral presentation;

Issue Specific Hearings (pm);

1st March, 2023

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Representations made by Andrew Harding;

The primary presentation was to be from MIAG legal representative, Ashfords. Given the time constraints and extremely short presentation allocations, it was not possible to move beyond item one of the agenda. Indeed, this item was only cursorily dealt with.

Prior to addressing item one, Ashfords were asked to clarify the legal challenge concerning 'new' and 'altered' roadways, and whether that constituted a substantial breach of planning regulations. Suffice to say that NH did not accept this.

Our view is that 'they would say that wouldn't they'?

The curtailing of this vital topic with no clear announcement of when, or if, this would be reconvened is most disappointing. MIAG/Mcl PC protests that it went to considerable time, trouble and expense to present for less than 3 minutes in a rushed and hurried atmosphere.

Mcl PC was not called at all.

Statements from NH were left unchallenged and the impression could be gained that the matter was not afforded the time and gravity it should have been given.

NH, less pressurised than they should have been, opined that they 'would happily' enter into 'ping pong' of statements with Ashfords.

This is outrageous and again MIAG/Mcl PC protests most strongly.

It is regrettable that there was no opportunity to speak to these matters, and MIAG/Mcl PC reluctantly must rest solely on the statements from Ashfords on their behalf, without the opportunity to address the ExA.