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To: Registered Interested Parties, the
Applicant, Affected Persons,
Category 3 Persons and IP Statutory
Parties

Our Ref: TR010060

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

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

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 Hearing(s) will be a blend of online and in person.

Hearing	Date	Start time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing (ISH3) on Environmental Matters	Wednesday 26 April 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 (ISH4) on the Draft Development	Thursday 27 April 2023	Arrangements conference start: 9:30am Event start: 10:00am	Blended events at: Kingsland Church, 86 London Road, Lexden,

Consent Order			<p>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 (CAH2)	Thursday 27 April 2023	<p>Arrangements conference start: 13:30pm</p> <p>Event start: 14:00pm</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>

In advance of the publication of the detailed agendas, in particular for ISH3, we appreciate that it is difficult to know whether to attend a hearing or to identify which specific specialists may be required. To help address this, it is our aim to issue an initial list of the environmental topics that we are likely to want to discuss at ISH3 in advance of the date for registration. This will hopefully provide some clarity to Interested Parties in making their decisions on whether and who should attend this Hearing.

If in doubt, we would recommend registering to attend the relevant hearing, along with identifying your likely speakers, which can then be amended once the final detailed agenda is published.

You must register by Wednesday 12 April 2023 if you wish to attend the Hearing(s).

When registering, please provide us with the following details using this Registration Form <https://forms.office.com/e/GxLmhsERBF>:

- 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) or topics on which you wish to speak and a list of the points you wish to make; and
- 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 Wednesday 12 April 2023.

To ensure there is adequate seating capacity at the venue we request that you register your attendance to observe only by Wednesday 12 April 2023 using this [Registration Form](#).

Agenda: The Agendas and any detailed arrangements for the Hearings will be published to 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

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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 can contact the Case Team for further guidance on your personal information.

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 5, Wednesday 10 May 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.

Yours faithfully

Adrian Hunter

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