

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

**Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3):**

<b>Hearing</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Issue Specific Hearing 3</b>	<p><b>Wednesday 26 April 2023</b></p> <p><b>Hearing Starts at 10:00am and finishes at 16:00pm</b></p> <p>Seating available at venue from 09:30am and virtual Registration Process from 09:30</p>	<p><b>First Floor, Kingsland Church, 86 London Road, Lexden, Colchester, CO3 9DW</b></p> <p>and</p> <p>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p>

**Agenda**

1.	<b>Welcome, introductions, arrangements for Hearing</b>
2.	<p><b>Change request</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ExA will ask the Applicant to briefly outline its request for a change to the application; and</li> <li>• The ExA may ask questions on this matter.</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>Traffic and Transport</b></p> <p>Focusing principally on Deadline 4 submissions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boreham – update on provision of average speed cameras requested by ECC, Essex police and other IPs; including the need for inclusion of requirement in DCO. Update on provision of the other traffic calming measures requested by ECC and other IPs.</li> <li>• De-trunking sections of the A12. Response to ECC’s deadline 4 submission [REP4-075], and SoCG with Essex police [REP4-050]; inclusion of a new requirement in Schedule 2 of the DCO as detailed in REP3-035 (page 13). Support of ECC’s proposals for de-trunking in revised draft NPSNN as detailed in REP4-075 (page 18).</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Messing and Inworth. Progress on agreement of provision of additional mitigations to minimise the impacts on local communities as set out in ECC's LIR [REP2-055] and other submissions to the examination.</li> <li>• Progress with a plan for monitoring and management of wider impacts on the local highway network.</li> <li>• Need for Hinds Bridge widening. Response to ECC's deadline 4 submission [REP4-075].</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>Land Use</b> Focusing principally upon the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The position of the Gershwin Boulevard Bridge. An alternative has been suggested and the Applicant responded to this possibility in their reply at paragraph 2.13.2 of REP4-055.</li> <li>• The location of the proposed footpath at the Fisheries at Coleman's Cottages which was visited by the ExA during their Accompanied Site Inspection. The Applicant's latest response was provided at paragraph 2.13.1 of REP4-055.</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>Biodiversity</b> Focusing principally upon the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gas pipeline – update on Applicant's alternative route discussions with Cadent Gas; view of IPs on Applicants approach and position;</li> <li>• Protected Species – update on latest position; clarification of views of ECC in relation to bats and dormice; and</li> <li>• Update on discussions with EA with regards to issues associated with the proposed use of culverts.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Material Assets and Waste</b> The ExA will ask the Applicant to provide a brief overview and justification for the use of borrow pits, focusing on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarification of the total amount of material required across the Proposed Development;</li> <li>• What alternatives have been considered and why they have been discounted; and</li> <li>• The benefits of the use of borrow pits as opposed to off-site sources.</li> </ul> <p>Update the ExA on the current position with regards to Colemans Quarry and how this impacts upon the strategy with regards to borrow pits.</p>

7.	<p><b>Air Quality</b></p> <p>The ExA will ask the Applicant and relevant IPs questions in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The approach towards predicted NO<sub>2</sub> levels at R189, R193 and R225, in particular the potential for future monitoring; and</li> <li>• The approach towards PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>.</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>Cultural Heritage</b></p> <p>Focusing principally upon the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impact on Scheduled Monuments. Historic England [REP4-037] still consider that the proposed development will result in moderate impacts on these monuments as opposed to the “slight adverse” effect assessed by the Applicant.</li> </ul>
9.	<b>Review of issues and actions arising</b>
10.	<b>Any other matters</b>
11.	<b>Close of Hearing</b>

## 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 the items on the Agenda.

However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All Interested Parties (IP) 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.

### **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.