

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

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 5 (ISH5):

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 5	<p>Tuesday 27 June 2023</p> <p>Hearing Starts at 10:00am and finishes at 1pm, although provision has been made for a continuation day on Wed 28 June, if required.</p> <p>Virtual Registration Process from 09:15am</p>	By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Agenda

1.	Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the Hearing
2.	<p>Change Application</p> <p>The Applicant to outline the changes made to the Application following the acceptance of the Change Application.</p>
3.	<p>Draft Development Consent Order</p> <p>The ExA will ask the Applicant to provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on discussions and changes made since ISH4; • Position in relation to the disapplication of Flood Activity Permits; and • Update on the progress on protective provisions, in particular those relating to - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network Rail • Anglian Water • Cadent Gas
4.	<p>Statements of Common Ground</p> <p>The ExA will ask the Applicant to provide an update on their progress and the likely position of each one by the end of the Examination.</p>
5.	<p>Land use</p> <p>Focusing principally upon the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Gershwin Boulevard Bridge; and • Proposed footpath at Coleman's Fisheries.

6.	Gas pipeline diversion The ExA will ask the Applicant to provide an update on discussions with Cadent Gas.
7.	Main river crossings The ExA and EA to provide an update on the position in relation to the Applicant's proposed use of culverts.
8.	Review of issues and actions arising
9.	Any other matters
10.	Closing

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;
- Network Rail;
- Anglian Water;
- Cadent Gas; 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 details set out above are indicative and the ExA may find it necessary to include additional Agenda items or to amend the order in which the items are dealt with.

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.

Registration Process

Parties who have registered to speak will receive a Joining Instruction email shortly before the Hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable the Hearing to start on time at **10:00am** those attending virtually should join promptly at **09:15am** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the Registration Process in good time.

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.