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Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 13 and 16

Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A66 Northern Trans- Pennine Project

Notification of Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection

We write to provide notification of the date, time and place for the next round of Hearings and for the Accompanied Site Inspection.

Notification of Hearings

The following Hearings will be held under Rule 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. The Hearings will be a blend of online and in person.

The ExA will not be holding the Open Floor Hearing (OFH2) on the 28 February 2023 as no Interested Party (IPs) has specifically requested it. However, the ExA would wish to hear from IPs who specifically require one by **Deadline 4, 14 February 2023**.

Hearing	Date	Start time	Location
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH2)	Wednesday 1 March	Arrangements conference start: 9.30 am Event start: 10.00am	Microsoft Teams And North Lakes Hotel & Spa. Ullswater Road, Penrith, CA11 8QT
Issue Specific Hearing (ISH3)	Thursday 2 March	Arrangements conference start: 9.30 am Event start: 10.00am	Microsoft Teams And North Lakes Hotel & Spa. Ullswater Road, Penrith, CA11 8QT
Issue Specific Hearing (ISH3 resumed) (if required)	Friday 3 March (if required)	Arrangements conference start: 9.30 am Event resumes: 10.00am	Microsoft Teams And North Lakes Hotel & Spa. Ullswater Road, Penrith, CA11 8QT

You must register by Deadline 4, 14 February 2023 if you wish to attend the Hearing(s).

Please register using our website, if possible, or email us directly.

- Click on the *Make a submission tab* on the [project webpage](#)
- The 'Submission item' will be DEADLINE 4
- Please name your request appropriately eg 'Register to attend February/March hearing'

Please provide us with:

- The Hearing(s) you will be attending
- Your name and 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
- The agenda item(s) on which you wish to speak and a list of the points you wish to make
- The relevant plot numbers if you would like to speak at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing

Agenda: The Agendas and any detailed arrangements for the Hearing(s) will be published to the [project webpage](#) 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 Hearing(s) and invite participants to speak on the topics they have requested to speak about.

Attendance: If your request to attend and/ or 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.

Contributing: You may speak on issues set out in your Relevant Representation or Written Representation. Speakers will need to introduce themselves, including any 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 my examination of the application. Technical and management considerations may mean we need to limit the number of speakers at any Hearings. 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.

Cancellation: If the Hearing(s) 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.

Livestream: There will be a livestream recording of the event, a link will be posted on the project page before the start of the event.

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, Tuesday 14 March 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.

Notification of Accompanied Site Inspection

We also confirm that an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) will be held under Rule 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 on the following date:

Event	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)	Tuesday 28 February	Meeting time and safety briefing from the Applicant: Time: 8.30am Departure time: Time: 9.00am	North Lakes Hotel & Spa. Ullswater Road, Penrith, CA11 8QT

Please note that the Examining Authority's (ExA) inspection of sites is **not** an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence. It is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from, the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

Joining the ASI: If you wish to attend the ASI [and did not confirm your attendance at Deadline 1] please let the case team know by emailing A66Dualling@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by **Deadline 4 Tuesday 14 February 2023**, providing telephone contact details (preferably mobile telephone) so that we can contact you should the ASI run late or need to be cancelled with minimal notice.

Please also let us know of any mobility needs that may affect transportation.

Participants are asked to assemble promptly as the ExA will not wait for parties who are not present at the start time.

For logistical and safety reasons, capacity on the transport that will be used for the ASI may be limited. Priority will be afforded to the Planning Inspectorate staff, the Applicant, local authorities and relevant Statutory Parties. In the case of a large number of attendees any Interested Parties who express a wish to attend the ASI for its duration may be contacted by the Case Team to discuss the option of meeting the ExA at relevant locations in the itinerary instead.

Clothing: The inspection is likely to include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather and sturdy footwear. At times during the ASI it will be necessary to wear a high visibility vest or coat. Attendees who have their own high visibility vest or jacket should bring it with them. For anyone who does not have either a high visibility vest or coat, the Applicant will provide a vest for use during the course of the ASI.

Sites on private land: Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it; householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances, the ExA will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait outside.

Refreshments: Please note refreshments will not be provided.

Cancellations: Please note that in the unlikely event that the ASI is cancelled we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand, but we ask that you regularly check the [project webpage](#).

Further information about Site Inspections can be found in [Advice note 8.5](#).

The itinerary for the ASI is published on the [project webpage](#) with the final itinerary confirmed approximately one week in advance of the visit.

Queries: If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Case Team A66Dualling@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

Richard Allen

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Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

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