



Preliminary Meeting Note

Application:	M5 Junction 10 Improvement Scheme
Reference:	TR010063
Time and date:	Tuesday 4 June 2024 10:00am
Venue:	Leonardo Hotel Cheltenham

This meeting note is not a full transcript of the Preliminary Meeting. It is a summary of the key points discussed.

1. Welcome and Introduction

Edwin Maund, welcomed those present and introduced himself as the lead member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors, the Examining Authority (ExA) and Luke Regan as panel member to examine the M5 Junction 10 Improvement Scheme application.

EM explained the appointment was made by delegation from the Secretary of State (SoS) for the Department of Transport on 31 January 2024.

EM explained that the ExA would be examining the application made by Gloucestershire County Council ('the Applicant') before making a recommendation to the Secretary of State who will decide whether an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed project, which is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), should be made.

EM explained the purpose of the Preliminary Meeting (PM) and noted that the Examination will commence after the PM closes.

The ExA confirmed that all documents and submissions received and accepted during the Examination will be published on the project-specific page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

2. Audio recording

The video recording of this Preliminary Meeting is available on the National Infrastructure Planning website and can be accessed [here](#)

3. General Data Protection Regulation

The ExA explained the Planning Inspectorate's duties under General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Further info relating to the GDPR can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's [Privacy Note](#).

4. Examination Process

The ExA briefly explained the examination process under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008), further info can be found in the [Advice Note 8.4](#)

5. Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

The ExA explained the purpose of the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (section 88 of the PA2008), which can be found in Annex C of the [Rule 6](#) letter of 7 May 2024 and asked for any observations on them.

The Applicant, Bloor Homes and Persimmon Homes limited and National Highways all confirmed that they support a hearing on scheme funding.

6. Examination Timetable

The ExA noted requests, already received in writing, to amend the draft Examination Timetable contained in Annex C of Rule 6 letter and also welcomed further suggestions from the parties in attendance.

All comments received were duly noted by the ExA and considerations will be reflected in the Rule 8 Letter.

The Examination Timetable can be found in the [Rule 6](#) letter published on 7 May 2024.

7. Hearings and Site Inspections

The ExA clarified the purpose of:

- Issue Specific Hearings
- Compulsory Acquisition Hearings
- Open Floor Hearings
- Accompanied Site Inspections
- Unaccompanied Site Inspections

The ExA sought comments on the arrangements for the above events. These were duly noted and considered by the ExA.

Further information relating to hearings and site inspections can be found in our [Advice Note 8.5](#)

8. Procedural decisions

The ExA clarified the procedural decisions made under section 89(3) of the PA2008 and asked for any observations.

Procedural decisions can be found in Annex F of the Rule 6 Letter.

No comments have been made by any of the parties in attendance