

Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

Application by Gloucestershire County Council for the M5 Junction 10 Improvement Project

Proposed Accompanied Site Inspection itinerary – Friday 16 August 2024

I am writing to advise you that the itinerary for the accompanied site inspection has been finalised and can be found below.

This itinerary has been drafted taking account of suggested locations submitted by Interested Parties by Deadline 1, the Applicant's draft itinerary submitted at Deadline 1, and taking into account the unaccompanied site inspections carried out on the 31 January and 1 February 2024 and on 2 May 2024. Some of those locations suggested have already been visited during these unaccompanied inspections.

Please note that only the locations listed in the itinerary below will be visited during the accompanied site inspection. However, I am very grateful for all of the suggestions and I can confirm that the Examining Authority (ExA) may visit the additional locations on an unaccompanied basis during the course of the Examination.

In the event that a site or part of a site is found to be unsuitable to visit on an unaccompanied basis, time is reserved, if required, for a further accompanied site inspection during the week commencing 14 October 2024.

Please note that the ExA's inspection of sites is **not** an opportunity to provide any oral representations; no discussion on the project or evidence will take place. It is solely 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.

Please note that the Applicant will supply transport for the inspection. Access to the transport to accompany the ExA will be provided on a first-come, first served basis. It is suggested that those who are not able to ride in the transport provided either arrange their own transport, elect a representative to attend on behalf of groups or attend at a specific location rather than the visit in its entirety.

Joining the site visit

Friday 16 August 2024

The site inspection will commence at 08:30 from the Leonardo Hotel Cheltenham. Parking is available at the hotel.

The ExA is not able to wait for parties who are not present at the start time.

If, having seen the itinerary, a person no longer wishes to attend, or only wishes to join the visit at a specific location they should notify the case team at M5Junction10@planninginspectorate.gov.uk as a matter of urgency and by midday Thursday 15 August 2024.

To ensure the smooth running of the ExA's inspection, attendees should provide contact details for the day, notify the Case Team if there are any changes in attendance, and ensure the Planning Inspectorate is made aware of any special access requirements for any participants.

Clothing

It will be necessary for all parties to wear appropriate sturdy footwear and weather-proof clothing. All parties are advised to bring and wear high visibility jackets, if they have them, if walking on the public highway.

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 or lunch will not be provided. A lunch break may be included in the itinerary, if necessary, and attendees will be expected to provide their own.

Cancellations

Please note that in the unlikely event that the accompanied site inspection is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand, but we would ask that you regularly check the Planning Inspectorate's website which can be viewed [here](#).

Yours faithfully

Edwin Maund

Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

Detailed itinerary for accompanied site inspection.

Ref	Time	Stopping Point	Notes
1	08:30-09:00	Meet at Leonards Hotel for safety briefing	
2	09:15-09:30	Sheldon Cottages and nurseries	To view the new M5 Junction 10 (Work No 1e)
3	09:35-09:45	Location of the proposed Environmental Barrier adjacent to the proposed Northbound Slip Road near to Barn Farm.	To view the location of the proposed environmental barrier (Work No 1n)
4	09:50-10:55	A4019 eastbound layby (immediately east of J10)	To view the proposed northern end of the West of Cheltenham Link Road with the junction of the A4019, accesses to the Safeguarded land and to view the proposed environmental barrier (Work No 1o)
5	11:00-11:55	Butlers Court Farm and Withybridge Lane	To view the location of the proposed River Chelt Bridge (Work No 5 and 5d).
6	12:00-12:25	Hayden Fruit Farm Old Gloucester Road	To view southern end of the proposed Link Road and access Site C (West Cheltenham Development) junction (Work No 5, 5j and 6)
7	12:30-12:45	House in the Tree Public House	To view southern end of the proposed Link Road (Work No 5)
8	13:00	Return to the Leonardo Hotel	