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Parties

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010063

Date: 29 October 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 9 and Rule 8(3)

Application by Gloucestershire County Council for an Order Granting Development Consent for the M5 Junction 10 Improvements Project

Notice of variation to the Examination Timetable

I write to provide notification that the Examining Authority (ExA) has made a Procedural Decision to vary the Examination Timetable relating to the need to provide the opportunity to respond to our decision to accept both Change Application Request No.1 [\[PD-014\]](#) and Change Application Request No. 2 [\[PD-017\]](#).

Parties that have made Relevant Representations are requested to provide their Written Representations in respect of Change Application Request No.1 and these should be received no later than 23:59 19 November 2024 **Deadline 9**.

Should any interested party wish to make any response to the Relevant Representations received in respect of Change Application Request No.1 these should also be received by this deadline.

Responses to Written representations and relevant representations received by Deadline 9 should be provided **by Deadline 9a** no later than 23:59 **26 November 2024**.

In addition, any Affected Person or Interested Party who wishes to request either a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) or Open Floor Hearing (OFH) in respect of Change Request No. 1 should do so by 23:59 **11 November 2024 (Deadline 8a)**.

You **MUST** make the request by completing the Event Participation Form by 23:59 11 November 2024 if you wish for either hearing to take place. If you simply wish to observe only the Hearings, then you do not need to register as you will be able to either: 1. watch a livestream of the event - a link to the livestream will be made available on the project

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webpage shortly before the event is scheduled to begin; and/or 2. watch the recording of the event which will be published on the project webpage shortly after the event has finished. Please note that it may not be possible to participate on the day if you have not registered your wish to speak by 23:59 11 November 2024. If you are unable to complete the online Event Participation Form or require any support or assistance to attend the Hearings virtually, please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter.

These variations are set out in **Annex A**.

Procedural Decision

Following the expiry of the Relevant Representation period for Change Application Request No.1 I can confirm that the ExA not consider the changes have resulted in a need to change the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (IAP) originally published within Annex of the Rule 6 letter [\[PD-008\]](#) dated 7 May 2024.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact the Case Team on the details above.

Yours faithfully

Edwin Maund

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Lead Member of the Examining Authority

Original timetable

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| 17 | Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4) • ISH4 - Traffic and Transport, Funding, DCO, Noise, Flooding, and the Water Environment. | Tuesday and Wednesday 15 October 2024 |
| 18 | Publication by the ExA of: • Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) and any associated questions (if required) | Tuesday 22 October 2024 |
| 19 | Deadline 6: For receipt by the ExA of: • Relevant Representations in respect of Change Application No. 1 for Change 8 • Certification compliance for the CA Regulations (Change Application No.1) • Updated Funding Statement | Monday 28 October 2024 |
| 20 | Deadline 7: For receipt by the ExA of: • Written summaries of oral submissions made at Hearings held during the w/c 14 October 2024 | Wednesday 30 October 2024 |
| 21 | Deadline 8: For receipt by the ExA of: • Consultation Statement | Tuesday 5 November 2024 |
| 22 | Publication of: • The ExA's Third Written Questions (ExQ3) (if required) • ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to the dDCO | Thursday 7 November 2024 |
| 23 | Deadline 9: For receipt by the ExA of: • Comments on the RIES and responses to any associated questions (if issued) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 8 • Comments on the ExA's dDCO/Schedule of changes • Responses to WRs, RRs and responses to ExQ3 | Tuesday 19 November 2024 |
| 24 | Date reserved for Hearings: | Wednesday 20 and Thursday |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) (if required) • Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) (if required) • Open Floor Hearing (OFH) (if required) | 21 November 2024 |
| 25 | <p>Deadline 10:</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of oral submissions made at Hearings held on 20 and 21 November 2024 • Closing Submissions (all except Applicant) • Final DCO to be submitted by the Applicant in the SI template with the SI template validation report and also a clean and tracked word version • Final BoR and schedule of changes to BoR • Final SoCGs • Final Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statement • Final Statement of Commonality of SoCG • List of matters not agreed where SoCG could not be finalised • Final Navigation Document/Guide to the application • Final Land Rights Tracker in PDF and excel format • Final NPS Tracker • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 | Thursday 28 November 2024 |
| 26 | <p>Deadline 11:</p> <p>For the receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant's closing submissions • Applicant's responses to oral submissions made at ISH/CAH/OFH w/c 20 November | Tuesday 3 December 2024 |
| 27 | The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months | Wednesday 4 December 2024 |

Varied timetable

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| 18 | <p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) and any associated questions (if required) | Tuesday 22 October 2024 |
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| 21 | <p>Deadline 8:</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation Statement relating to Change Request No.2 | <p>Tuesday 5 November 2024</p> |
| 22 | <p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA's Third Written Questions (ExQ3) (if required) • ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to the dDCO | <p>Thursday 7 November 2024</p> |
| 23 | <p>Deadline 8a:</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <p>Requests to hold CAH or OFH in respect of Change Application Request No. 1</p> | <p>Monday 11 November 2024</p> |
| 24 | <p>Deadline 9:</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the RIES and responses to any associated questions (if issued) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 8 • Comments on the ExA's dDCO/Schedule of changes • Responses to RRs in respect of Change Application No.1 and responses to ExQ3 • Written Representation in respect of Change Application Request No.1 | <p>Tuesday 19 November 2024</p> |
| 25 | <p>Date reserved for Hearings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) (if required) • Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) in respect of Change Application No.1(if required) | <p>Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 November 2024</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Floor Hearing (OFH) in respect of Change Application No.1 (if required) | |
| 26 | <p>Deadline 9a:</p> <p>For the Receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to Written representations in respect of Change Request Application No. 1 | Tuesday 26 November 2024 |
| 27 | <p>Deadline 10:</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of oral submissions made at Hearings held on 20 and 21 November 2024 • Closing Submissions (all except Applicant) • Final DCO to be submitted by the Applicant in the SI template with the SI template validation report and also a clean and tracked word version • Final BoR and schedule of changes to BoR • Final SoCGs • Final Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statement • Final Statement of Commonality of SoCG • List of matters not agreed where SoCG could not be finalised • Final Navigation Document/Guide to the application • Final Land Rights Tracker in PDF and excel format • Final NPS Tracker • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 | Thursday 28 November 2024 |
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