

Hearing Transcript

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Hearing:	Open Floor Hearing 2 (OFH2)
Date:	20 November 2024

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My name is Edwin maund. I'm the Lead member of the panel of examining inspectors who've been appointed to examine report and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport on the application made by Gloucestershire County Council for the m5 junction 10 improvement project. I think everyone who's in attendance is aware that it's a development proposed including three main elements, construction of an all movements, junction at the m5, junction 10, a new West Cheltenham link road east of junction 10, from the A, 4019, to the b4, 634, and the widening of the a 4019 to the east of junction 10, including a bus lane on the A 4019 eastbound carriageway from West Charlton fire station To the Gallagher junction.

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If there are any difficulties in respect of the hearings today, then please do draw that to our attention so that we can resolve any difficulties that arise. Now I'll just ask the other member of the examining authority to introduce himself.

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Thank you. Good morning all. My name is Luke Regan. I'm a chartered transport planner and a planning inspector, and I had been appointed by the Secretary of State as a member of the panel of examining inspectors to examine this application. I will now hand back to Mr. Morne.

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We're assisted at this hearing by Tim Holt of the planning Inspectorate case team, he will be pleased to help you with any procedural or other couriers that arise today. Can everyone in attendance make sure their mobile phones are switched off or turned to silence so that they don't interrupt during this hearing as we set out in the agenda, it's our intention to progress from the open floor hearing to the compulsory acquisition hearing, followed by the issue specific hearing. As I'm sure you'll appreciate, we will need to formally open and close each hearing as we progress through the day, if parties need time to make respective team members available for subsequent hearings, then please let us know at the end of the hearing that is about to close, and we can obviously seek to accommodate that so there's a smooth transition between the hearings. We also may need to take comfort break probably every 90 minutes or so as we progress through the day, to make sure that everyone is comfortable as we progress and so on. Recording, a video recording will be made of today's proceedings, and this will be available on the

national infrastructure planning website as soon as practicable after the event, again, need to remind everyone of the rules regarding the general data protection regulations, because digital recordings are made and are retained and published, they form a public record that can contain Personal Information to which the General Data Protection Regulation applies. Planning inspectors, practice is to retain and publish the recordings for a period of five years after the Secretary of State's decision on the development consent order. Therefore, it's important that you understand that if you participate in the hearing, you will be recorded, and that you consent to the retention and publication of that digital recording. To avoid need to edit the digital recordings, we would ask that speakers try to avoid adding information to public record that you wish to be kept private and confidential if it's genuinely considered there is no alternative to this disclosure of such information, we will agree a process to allow that information to be provided and made available without it forming part of the public record. But when you come to speak, can I ask participate participants, please switch your camera and microphone on, and we'll advise you when we can see and hear you and when you begin, please give your name and the organization, if any that you represent, and speak clearly when making your contribution so it can be recorded accurately. I just pass over to Mr. Regan,

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thank you. So with respect to the open floor hearing, this open floor hearing provides an opportunity for interested parties to make their oral submissions to the panel. It also gives the panel an opportunity to ask speakers questions about the evidence that they have presented. We note that we haven't. Received any requests in advance of this hearing of anyone who wishes to speak, but can we just check please if there is anybody online that wishes to speak at this open floor hearing? Thank you.

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I'm not seeing any hands, okay, so I think that there is nobody who wishes to speak at this open floor hearing Thank you.

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As we've had no indication either in advance or in attendance today that anyone wishes to take the opportunity to speak, it really just takes makes me move on to formally close the open floor hearing i.