



Planning Inspectorate

Planning Act 2008 – Section 91

Application by National Highways for an Order granting Development Consent for the M60/M62/M66 Simister Island Interchange Project

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 2

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 2: Environmental Matters	Wednesday 27 November 2024 Registration and seating available at venue from: 09:30 Virtual Registration Process from: 09:30 Hearing starts: 10:00	Village Hotel (Inspiration Room), next to M66 J2 (Waterfold Business Park, Rochdale Road, Bury BL9 7BQ) and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered

Hearings Guidance: Please see Annex A of this Agenda

Notification of the date, time and attendance instructions for ISH2 was provided in the Examining Authority's (ExA's) Rule 13 letter [\[PD-010\]](#). Interested Parties who wish to speak at this event were required to provide notification by Wednesday 20 November 2024. If you haven't notified us that you wish to speak, you must contact the Case Team (M60SimisterIsland@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) as soon as possible.

Each Interested Party is entitled to make oral representations at hearings. However, this is subject to the power of the Examining Authority (ExA) to control the conduct and management of hearings.

The event will be open 30 minutes prior to the start of the hearing to enable a prompt start. Hearings will finish as soon as the ExA deems that all those present have had their say and that all matters have been covered.

The agenda detailed below is for guidance only. It is not designed to be exclusive or exhaustive. The ExA may add other issues for consideration, may alter the order in which issues are considered and will seek to allocate sufficient time to each issue to allow proper consideration of them. Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a hearing does not preclude further examination of this issue, including the asking of written questions.

Agenda

Title of meeting	M60/M62/M66 Simister Island Interchange Issue Specific Hearing 2
Date	Wednesday 27 November 2024
Time	10.00
Venue	Blended event
Attendees	Invitees

1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the Hearing

2. Need for the Scheme

- 2.1 Applicant to set out its case for why the scheme is required, and what it considers the scheme would provide in relation to benefits beyond the Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) value.
- 2.2 The ExA will ask questions and seek responses including from interested parties.

3. Cumulative and In Combination Effects with Northern Gateway PfE Allocation (JPA 1.1 and JPA 1.2)

- 3.1 Discussion on the Applicant's response to ExQ1 CICE.1.4 as to whether any further assessment is required.

4. Design

Documents that may be referred to and displayed during the discussion of this item: General Arrangement Plans [APP-005], Engineering Section Drawings [APP-011], Consultation Report [APP-021], Consultation Report - Annex L [APP-033], Consultation Report – Annex Q [APP-038], Environmental Statement (ES) – Chapter 2 The Scheme [APP-041], ES Figures – Chapter 2 The Scheme [APP-057], Scheme Design Report [APP-151], ES Figures Chapter 7 [REP3-013] and Case for the Scheme [REP3-018].

- 4.1 General approach to the project design. The Applicant will be firstly asked to briefly outline the approach it has taken to the design which has informed the Proposed Development.
- 4.2 The Role of the Design Review Panel.
- 4.3 Design approach to Pike Fold Viaduct and Pike Fold Bridge.
- 4.4 Securing good design going forward.

5. Population and Human Health

Documents that may be referred to and displayed during the discussion of this item: ES Chapter 12 [APP-051], ES Chapter 2 Figures [APP-057], Environmental Scoping Report [APP-143] and DMRB LA 104 Table 3.8.1 and the IEMA guidelines Table 7.3

- 5.1 Clarification questions regarding Table 12.28 of ES Chapter 12

- 5.2 Location of Construction compounds
- 5.3 Public Rights of Way (PRoW) including the permissive path through the Haweswater Underpass

6. Traffic, Transport and Access

Documents that may be referred to and displayed during the discussion of this item: General Arrangement Plans [APP-005]

- 6.1 How induced traffic has been accounted for in the traffic modelling
- 6.2 Safety considerations including but not limited to Junction 17 of the M60 and the Northern Loop

7. Noise and Vibration

Documents that may be referred to and displayed during the discussion of this item: ES Chapter 11 [APP-050]

- 7.1 The appropriateness of the use of 75% activity time assumption for construction noise.
- 7.2 Noise Important Areas

8. Air Quality

Documents that may be referred to and displayed during the discussion of this item: ES Figures – Chapter 2 The Scheme [APP-057] and ES Figures Chapter 5 ([APP-058], [APP-059], [APP-060], [APP-061])

- 8.1 General understanding of the current position with regard to air quality and the areas where exceedances in Limit Values are being experienced with reference to the latest monitoring results submitted by BMBC in response to the ExA's First Written Questions.
- 8.2 Impacts during construction from construction traffic and dust emissions and suitability of the mitigation measures (if not covered under item 5.2).
- 8.3 Implications of the increases and decreases in predicted NO₂ at individual receptors and the overall impact on the AQMA.
- 8.4 Need for any monitoring or mitigation measures during the operational phase.

9. Climate (GHG Emissions and Climate Resilience) including questions related to Road Drainage and Water Environment (RDWE)

- 9.1 The approach to assessing carbon emissions in the ES, including cumulative impacts, and the suitability of the findings.
- 9.2 The importance and relevance of meeting local carbon budgets / climate emergency declarations

- 9.3 Approach to the proposed measures and whether the scheme design would be sufficiently resilient to any future impacts of climate change, including extreme events.
- 9.4 Clarification question regarding response to ExQ1 question RDWE.1.1

10. Biodiversity

Documents that may be referred to and displayed during the discussion of this item: Works Plans [AS-006] and ES Figures – Chapter 2 The Scheme [APP-057]

- 10.1 The Applicant to explain its approach to the proposed environmental mitigation areas, their proposed sizes and reasons for the locations expanding further upon its responses in [REP1-020] (dependant on issues raised in the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1).
- 10.2 Whether avoiding planting trees on areas of peat is appropriately secured.

11. Landscape and Visual

Documents that may be referred to and displayed during the discussion of this item: General Arrangement Plans [APP-005] and ES Figures Chapter 7 [REP3-013, Viewpoint PM01].

- 11.1 Impacts of construction and operational lighting and securing details.
- 11.2 Netting to Pike Fold Golf Course and the need to secure of any details.

12. Historic Environment

Documents that may be referred to and displayed during the discussion of this item: ES Chapter 6 [APP-045], Cultural Heritage Desk Based Assessment [APP-081], NPS NN Accordance Tables [APP-147] and ES Figures 7.1 and 7.2 (ZTVs) [APP-066].

- 12.1 Assessment of harm to Heaton Park Registered Park and Garden.
- 12.2 Whether harm would arise to the designated heritage asset of Brick Farmhouse during construction.

13. Geology and Soils

Documents that may be referred to and displayed during the discussion of this item: ES Chapter 9 Figures [APP-069]

- 13.1 The determination of the locations of Best and Most Versatile (BMV) Land

14. Material Assets and Waste

- 14.1 The use of longer lasting materials
- 14.2 The management of waste arising from the proposed development
- 14.3 The availability of local material assets

15. Draft Development Consent Order

Documents that may be referred to and displayed during the discussion of this item: draft DCO [REP3-006] and Explanatory Memorandum [REP1-006].

- 15.1 Use of Significant adverse – Further discussion on the practical implications of using this terminology.
- 15.2 Article 6 – Limits of deviation.
- 15.3 Article 38 – Operational Land.
- 15.4 Article 45 – The need for subparagraph (3) modifying the Hedgerow Regulations 1997.
- 15.5 Requirement 3 – Design (if not discussed in agenda item 4)
- 15.6 Requirement 5 – Landscaping.
- 15.7 Requirement 13 – Consultation.
- 15.8 Any other articles or schedules at the request of IPs or following discussions from the topic areas during the hearings.

16. Any other business

17. Close of Hearing

Attendees:

All Interested Parties are welcome to attend the hearing. However, the ExA considers that representatives for the following parties should consider attending because the ExA believes that the material that they have submitted raises issues that may need to be explored at the hearing:

- The Applicant;
- Bury Metropolitan Borough Council in its role as the Local Planning Authority and Local Highways Authority;
- Any other public authority, body or organisation affected by the proposed development.

The Applicant is requested to have people with the following expertise to assist the hearing:

- The case for the Scheme
- Design
- Population and Human Health
- Traffic modelling
- Safety
- Noise and vibration
- Air Quality
- Climate including climate resilience
- Road Drainage and Water Environment

- Biodiversity
- Landscape and Visual
- Historic Environment related to designated heritage assets
- Land Quality
- Material Assets and Waste
- dDCO

This list may also assist Bury Metropolitan Borough Council and other Interested Parties in preparing for the hearing.

Conduct and Management of Hearings

The Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provide that the Examining Authority (ExA) will probe, test and assess the evidence at hearings through direct questioning of persons making oral representations. Questioning at this Hearing will therefore be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of the person giving evidence by another person will **only** be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that a person has had a fair chance to put their case. Parties wishing to make a representation will be invited to do so at the ExA's discretion.

The ExA will begin the Hearing with opening comments and introductions, then will run through housekeeping matters and explain how the Hearing will be conducted. The duration will depend on the progress made on the day and will be subject to the ExA's powers of control over the conduct of the Hearing.

The agenda may be amended by the ExA at the start of the Hearing or throughout its course. Furthermore, the ExA may wish to raise matters arising from oral submissions, Relevant Representations and Written Representations, and pursue lines of inquiry that are not listed on the agenda in the course of the discussion.

The Hearing is being held at the discretion of the ExA to consider matters that it considers to be important and relevant to the effective and robust examination of the application. Consequently, the business of the Hearing will be limited to the matters identified in the agenda or otherwise raised by the ExA.

Active participation is at the invitation and discretion of the ExA. Oral submissions must address the matters and questions identified on the Hearing agenda or raised by the ExA at the hearing. Oral submissions on other subject matters or from persons who have not been invited to speak by the ExA may only be heard at the discretion of the ExA, who may decide that such matters are not heard in the interests of relevance, efficiency or fairness.

A recording and transcript of the Hearing will be published by the Planning Inspectorate on the project page of the national infrastructure website¹ and any Interested Party may make a written submission on the specific matters either included in the agenda or arising at the Hearing by **Deadline 4, 10 December 2024**.

¹ <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/m60-m62-m66-simister-island/>