

Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for A46 Newark Bypass project

Agenda for Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1):

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Open Floor Hearing 1	Tuesday 8 October 2024 Hearing Starts at 2:30pm Registration and seating available at venue from 2:00pm and virtual Registration Process from 2:00pm	The Great Hall Room, The Renaissance at Kelham Hall, Main Street, Newark. NG23 5QX and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Agenda

Item 1	Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the Hearing
Item 2	Purpose of the OFH and ExA’s open remarks
Item 3	Confirmation of those who have notified the ExA of a wish to be heard at the OFH
Item 4	Oral submissions from Interested Parties
Item 5	Applicant’s response – including agreement of action points, if any
Item 6	Closing

Purpose of OFH

The Open Floor Hearing provides an opportunity for Interested Parties (IPs) to make oral submissions about the Application to the Examining Authority (ExA). To ensure fairness and equity, oral submission will be restricted to a maximum of ten minutes per IP. The ExA may ask speakers questions about the evidence that they have presented and the ExA will give the Applicant an opportunity to respond to any matters raised by speakers.

The Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project process is primarily a written process and it is not essential for IPs to make oral submissions; a written submission will be

given the same weight. Deadlines for written representations and for comments on other parties' submissions are set out in the Examination Timetable.

Attendees

Anyone wishing to attend the Hearing in person, who has not already advised the Case Team of this, should contact the Case Team as soon as possible.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website](#) closer to the Hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the Hearing can therefore view and listen to the Hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

Timing

The ExA will keep to the agenda as much as possible. The hearing is not expected to go beyond **17:00**.

Anyone who is not able to provide all their oral submissions by the close of the hearing should follow it up in writing.

Registration Process

Parties who have registered to speak (both in person and virtually) will receive a Joining Instruction email shortly before the Hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable the Hearing to start on time at **14:30**, those attending virtually should join promptly at **14:00** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the Registration Process in good time.

Procedure at OFH

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at Hearings. Questioning at the Hearing will be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of a 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 an IP has had a fair chance to put its case.