



# Preliminary Meeting Note

<b>Application:</b>	A46 Newark Bypass
<b>Reference:</b>	TR010065
<b>Time and date:</b>	10:00am Tuesday 8 October 2024
<b>Venue:</b>	The Renaissance at Kelham Hall, Main Street, Newark, NG23 5QX

*This meeting note is not a full transcript of the Preliminary Meeting. It is a summary of the key points discussed.*

## 1. Welcome and Introduction

Ken Stone welcomed those present and introduced himself as the lead member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors, and David Love and Paul Burley as panel members to examine the A46 Newark Bypass application.

Ken Stone explained the appointment was made by delegation from the Secretary of State (SoS) for the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on 27 June 2024.

Ken Stone explained that the Examining Authority (ExA) would be examining the application made by National Highways ('the Applicant') before making a recommendation to the Secretary of State who will decide whether an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed project, which is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), should be made.

Ken Stone explained the purpose of the Preliminary Meeting (PM) and noted that the Examination would commence after the PM closed.

The ExA confirmed that all documents and submissions accepted during the Examination will be published on the [project-specific page of the National Infrastructure Planning website](#).

## 2. Recordings of the Events

The video recordings of this Preliminary Meeting are available on the National Infrastructure Planning website and can be accessed [here](#). This was also explained under the section 'Conduct of the Preliminary Meeting' in [Annex B](#) of the Rule 6 letter of 9 September 2024.

### **3. General Data Protection Regulation**

The ExA explained the Planning Inspectorate's duties under General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Further information relating to the GDPR can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's [Privacy Note](#).

### **4. Examination Process**

The ExA briefly explained the examination process under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008); further information can be found [here](#).

### **5. Initial Assessment of Principal Issues**

The ExA explained the purpose of the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (section 88 of the PA2008), which can be found in [Annex C](#) of the Rule 6 letter of 9 September 2024 and asked for any observations on the issues set out in Annex C.

No comments were made by any of the parties in attendance.

### **6. Examination Timetable**

The ExA noted suggestions from the parties in attendance to amend the draft Examination Timetable at Annex D of Rule 6 letter.

The Applicant requested that, in addition to its response to the Rule 6 letter at Procedural Deadline A (Examination Library Ref. [PDA-001](#)), the deadline for the submission of the Historic Environment Assessment (requested for Deadline 1, item 7 in [Annex F](#) of the Rule 6 letter), be moved to Deadline 2. Similarly, it also requested that the deadline for the submission of the Visual Impact Assessment, requested for Deadline 1 (item 8 in Annex F of the Rule 6 letter), be moved to Deadline 2.

The ExA confirmed that any decision on revised deadlines would be covered as procedural decisions in the forthcoming Rule 8 letter, which would include a finalised examination timetable. Further to the Applicant's comments in relation to the Book of Reference in [PDA-001](#), it undertook to provide an update at Deadline 1, a full Land Registry refresh at Deadline 3, an update at Deadline 5 (if required) and a further full Land Registry refresh at Deadline 8. The ExA commented that it was not expecting revised versions if no changes were made and that the approach outlined was acceptable to the ExA.

The ExA reminded all stakeholders that any revised versions of documents should be provided in tracked-changes and clean versions.

The Examination Timetable can be found in the Rule 8 letter on the project webpage.

### **7. Hearings and Site Inspections**

The ExA clarified the purpose of:

- Issue Specific Hearings

- Compulsory Acquisition Hearings
- Open Floor Hearings
- Accompanied Site Inspections
- Unaccompanied Site Inspections

The ExA sought comments on the arrangements for the above events. Comments were duly noted by the ExA.

Further information relating to hearings and site inspections can be found [on the Planning Inspectorate webpage](#).

## **8. Procedural decisions**

The ExA clarified the procedural decisions made to date under section 89(3) of the PA2008 and asked for any observations.

Procedural decisions can be found in [Annex F](#) of the Rule 6 Letter.

Any further procedural decisions or changes to the examination timetable will be covered in the Rule 8 letter.