



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

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3): The Water Environment

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 3 on The Water Environment	Wednesday 4 December 2024 Hearing Starts at 2:00pm Registration and seating available at venue and virtual Registration Process from 1.30pm	The Great Hall, 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 ISH3 and Examining Authority's (ExA) opening remarks
	The Water Environment
Item 3	The ExA will seek further clarification and explanation on the following matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The potential for an increase in fluvial flood risk considering the positions of both the Environment Agency (EA) and the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA).b) How the Proposed Development satisfies the Sequential and Exception Tests in the NPPF.c) How the proposal will interact and operate with the EA's flood defences.d) Surface water and groundwater quality monitoring through construction and operation through the life of the development.e) Timing of the delivery and subsequent maintenance of the Flood Compensation Areas (FCAs).f) Flood compensation measures around Tolney Lane as referenced in the Newark and Sherwood District Council's (NSDC) Local Impact Report.



Item 4	Any other matters
Item 5	Close

Attendees

The ExA would find it helpful if the following parties could attend this Hearing.

- Applicant
- Nottinghamshire County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority
- Newark and Sherwood District Council
- The Environment Agency

However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All Interested Parties (IP) are invited to attend and make oral representations on the matters set out in the Agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the Hearing.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail to assist the parties to prepare for the Hearing. The details set out above are indicative and the ExA may find it necessary to include additional Agenda items or to amend the order in which the items are dealt with.

Anyone wishing to attend the Hearing in person, who has not already advised the Case Team of this, should do so 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 5:00pm on Wednesday 5 December 2024.

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 **2:00pm** those attending virtually should join promptly at **1:30pm** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the Registration Process in good time.



Procedure at ISH

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.

The ExA may well refer to the following documents during the Hearing and suggests that parties have copies to hand:

- Environmental Masterplan [AS-026]
- Works Plans [AS-005]
- General arrangement plans [AS-007]
- Drainage Engineering Plans [AS-012]