



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

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4): Environmental Matters

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 4 on Environmental Matters	Thursday 5 December 2024 Hearing Starts at 9:30am Registration and seating available at venue and virtual Registration Process from 9:00am	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 ISH4 and Examining Authority's (ExA) opening remarks
	Biodiversity
Item 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The impact of the proposal on biodiversity including mitigation and compensation.b) Biodiversity Net Gain including appropriateness of the Applicant's approach and delivery mechanism.c) Habitat severance.d) Impact on trees including veteran trees and their root protection areas.
	Landscape and Visual Effects
Item 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Cattle Market junction and views into Newark including impacts on Newark Castle and Church of St Mary Magdalene.b) Impacts on Sandhills Park residential area.c) Effect of lighting.
	Cultural Heritage
Item 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Winthorpe Conservation Area.b) Civil War landscape features.



	c) Extent of archaeological works to date.
	Habitat Regulations Assessment
Item 6	The Applicant is requested to provide an update on their discussions with Natural England with respect to the Habitats Regulations Assessment.
	Noise and Vibration
Item 7	Consideration and potential impacts on the gypsy and traveller site at Bridge House Farm including Public Sector Equality Duty.
Item 8	Any other matters
Item 9	Close

Attendees

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

- Applicant
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Newark and Sherwood District Council
- Natural England

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 12:30pm on Thursday 5 December 2024.



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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 **9:30am** those attending virtually should join promptly at **9:00am** 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]
- General arrangement plans [AS-007]
- Nitrogen sensitive ecological receptors [AS-043]
- Planting for Loss of Local Wildlife Site Habitats [AS-045]
- Supporting Historic Environment and Visual Impact Assessment [REP2-020]