

Issue Specific Hearings cover the environmental statement issues: socio-economics, surface transport and noise. Given that all the local authorities listed as providing Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statements have mentioned air quality and climate change as principal issues, and that Crawley, East Sussex, Horsham, Kent and Tandridge have declared climate emergencies it is hard to see why air quality and climate change are not included within Issue Specific Hearings. Both air quality and greenhouse gas emissions are subject to statutory (namely legal) targets. The National Infrastructure Planning Inspectorate should consider how these will be met. It is accepted that it might have to call on advice from government officials from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero.