

Application by Four Ashes Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the West Midlands Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (Case Ref. TR050005)

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 3: Environmental Matters

Date: Thursday 6 June 2019

Time: 9.30 am

Registration: From 9.00 am

Venue: Premier Suite, 1st Floor, High Green, Cannock

The applicant, all interested parties and affected persons are invited to attend.

Agenda

To ensure the best use of the time available at the hearing I have prepared an Agenda (Annex 1) which sets out the main topic headings that I propose that the hearing should focus on.

As explained at the Preliminary Meeting the examination of an application for a DCO is conducted primarily in writing with hearings held generally only where the Examining Authority considers that these would be of particular assistance in testing parts of the written evidence and confirming the positions of interested persons on that evidence. The agenda for ISH3 has been prepared on this basis and does not seek to cover all or necessarily the most important aspects the potential effects of the proposed development on the environment. I have received a significant volume of written evidence on these matters and will take that written evidence into account in preparing my report and recommendation. Environmental matters will also feature in my Second Written Questions which will be issued after Deadline 4 submissions are received on 14 June 2009.

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Examining Authority

Annex 1

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1. Welcome, introductions and hearing arrangements.
2. Purpose of Issue Specific Hearing.
3. Air Quality including:
 - Effects of traffic generated by proposal and scope for mitigation of significant effects;
 - Monitoring of construction and operational effects.
4. Noise including:
 - Construction and operational effects on residential receptors;
 - Likely duration of construction effects on any single receptor;
 - Operation and effectiveness of Bespoke Noise Insulation Scheme;
 - Effects on users of canal-side moorings.
5. Ecology including:
 - Mitigation/compensation for loss of farmland and semi-natural habitat and noise effects on birds using Calf Heath Reservoir;
 - Veteran and future veteran trees;
 - Details of ecological mitigation measures; phasing/sequencing of these works and the 'worst case' scenario;
 - Future maintenance of GI and control of access to ecologically sensitive areas;
 - Revised Framework Ecological Mitigation and Management Plan (FEMMP) [AS-035 & AS-036 (with changes highlighted)]
6. Landscape and visual effects including:
 - Parameters for design of landscaped mounds;
 - Visual effects of landscaped mounds on nearest receptors;
 - Lighting effects and mitigation;
 - Adequacy of Design and Access Statement to secure appropriate quality of design and mitigation of landscape and visual effects; need for additional Design Briefs/Codes.
7. Leisure and recreation including effects on:
 - Users of canal and canal corridor;
 - Users of Public Rights of Way;
 - Businesses in tourism/ leisure sector;
 - Sailing conditions on Calf Heath Reservoir.

8. Heritage including effect on Canal Conservation Area and previously unknown archaeological assets.
9. In-combination effects on nearest residential receptors.
10. Any other matters arising.
11. Review of issues and actions required.
12. Any other business.