

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 2: Accessibility and Transport

Date:	Wednesday 5 June 2019
Time:	2.00 pm
Registration:	From 1.30 pm
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 Development Consent Order (DCO) is conducted primarily in writing with hearings held generally only where the Examining Authority (ExA) 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 ISH2 has been prepared on this basis and does not seek to cover all or necessarily the most important aspects of the Transport Assessment and the potential effects of the proposed development on highway safety and the highway network. 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.

The hearing will have regard to the revised Site Wide Travel Plan [Document AS-039] and revised Site Wide HGV Management Plan [Document AS-040] which can be found in the Additional Submissions tab of the Examination Library as well as to other relevant information that was submitted with the application and at Deadlines 1,2 &3.

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Annex 1

Agenda

1. Welcome, introductions and hearing arrangements.
2. Purpose of Issue Specific Hearing.
3. Rail connectivity including:
 - quantum of 'rail-linked' and 'rail-served' warehousing;
 - use/ benefits of Tugmaster vehicles;
 - scale of development proposed and the relationship between the scale of warehousing floorspace and the potential for road to rail transfer of freight;
 - likely phasing of rail infrastructure and measures to secure this provision
 - what specific considerations might be applicable in a Green Belt location.
4. Proposed Travel Plan measures including Bus Improvement and Shuttle Bus Proposals and scope of proposed measures to facilitate access by cycle and on foot.
5. Likely traffic effects on the A5 west of Gailey Roundabout.
6. Likely traffic effects on A449 south of Station Drive.
7. Likely traffic effects on local roads passing through nearby villages.
8. Proposed operation and enforcement of proposed HGV ban on A449 north of Gailey Roundabout.
9. Highway mitigation measures identified in paragraph 4.1.1 of Statement of Common Ground between FAL and HE [REP2-008].
10. Measures proposed to avoid increase in off-site HGV parking as a result of the proposed development.
11. Phasing of new access roads, associated infrastructure and highway mitigation works (with reference to Appendix 14 to Applicant's Response to FWQs [REP2-012]).
12. Effect on Public Rights of Way having regard to s136 of the Planning Act 2008.

13. Any other matters arising.
14. Review of issues and actions required.
15. Any other business.