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To all Interested Parties

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR050006

Date: 23 November 2018

Dear Sir/ Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning  
(Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 13 and 16**

**Application by Roxhill (Junction 15) Limited for an Order Granting  
Development Consent for the Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange**

**Notification of Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)**

In accordance with Rule 13(1) and (6) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended), we are required to give a 21 day notice period for hearings. We request that the Applicant publicly notifies and advertises the Hearings and ASI arrangements no later than 21 days before the events.

We write to advise you that the following Hearings will be held on 19 and 20 December 2018 at Hilton Northampton, 100 Watering Lane, Northampton NN4 0XW. Seating will be available 30 minutes before the start of the Hearings.

**Notification of Hearings under Section 91 of the Planning Act 2008**

The second and third Issue Specific Hearings (ISH2 and ISH3) will be held as follows:

Date	Hearing	Starting Time	Venue	Access and Parking
Wednesday 19 December 2018	Issue Specific Hearing on Environmental matters including Transport, Landscape & Visual, Ecology, Air Quality and Other matters (ISH2)	10.00am (seating available from 09:30am)	Hilton Northampton 100 Watering Lane Northampton NN4 0XW	Free parking available at venue

Thursday 20 December 2018	Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (ISH3)	9.30am (seating available from 09:00am)	Hilton Northampton 100 Watring Lane Northampton NN4 0XW	Free parking available at venue
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## Notification of Hearing under Section 92 of the Planning Act 2008

A Compulsory Acquisition Hearing will be held as follows:

Date	Hearing	Starting Time	Venue	Access and Parking
Thursday 20 December 2018	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing	1.15pm (seating available from 12:45pm)	Hilton Northampton 100 Watring Lane Northampton NN4 0XW	Free parking available at venue

As set out in the Examination Timetable annexed to our letter of 17 October 2018, those Interested Parties who wish to speak at the Hearings should notify the Case Manager Kate Mignano at the postal or email address above by **11 December 2018**. We should be grateful if you would inform us if you plan to attend a Hearing even if you do not wish to speak. It would also assist us if you could notify us of any special needs you may have (e.g. disabled access, hearing loop etc). Please ensure that you include your Interested Party reference number in your correspondence.

## Examining Authority's itinerary for an Accompanied Site Inspection

Further to the procedural decision and timetable enclosed with our letter of 17 October 2018, we confirm that we will be undertaking an ASI, the suggested itinerary for which can be found in the attached **Annex A**.

The Accompanied Site Inspection will commence at 10.00am on Tuesday 18 December 2018. Attendees are requested to arrive at the meeting place at 09.30am at the PHP Offices (The Old Rectory, Milton Malsor NN7 3AQ).

In the itinerary references to the sites are not exclusive but indicate what the Examining Authority (ExA) would like to see at this stage.

Please note that the ExA's inspection of sites is not an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence. It is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

## Clothing

It will be necessary for all parties to wear appropriate sturdy footwear and weatherproof clothing. It is recommended that participants bring and wear high visibility jackets when walking on the public highway.

## Joining the site inspection

It is not possible to predict precisely how long each part of the inspection will last. Parties wishing to join the inspection should attend the advertised start point in good time.

The ExA will not wait for parties who are not present at the start point at the notified time. Parties intending to join en route should notify the Planning Inspectorate, giving a contact telephone number.

## Sites on private land

Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it; householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances, the ExA will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection, and may ask those refused access to wait outside.

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## Notifications

To ensure the smooth running of the ExA's inspection, any changes in attendance should be notified to the Case Manager Kate Mignano at the postal or email address above by **11 December 2018**. Please provide contact details for the day and ensure the Planning Inspectorate is made aware of any special access requirements for any participants.

## Cancellations

Please note that in the unlikely event that the ASI has to be cancelled because of unforeseen circumstances, we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand but we would advise that you should regularly check the Planning Inspectorate's website which can be viewed here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/northampton-gateway-rail-freight-interchange/?ipcsection=overview>

An agenda for each of the hearings, and the full ASI itinerary, will be published on our website as soon as possible and in any event in the week before the events.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

*Philip Asquith*

**Philip Asquith**  
**Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors**

## Annex A: Suggested draft ASI Itinerary

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## Annex A

### Key

- 8 Walking Route
- 5 Driving Route

### Itinerary

- Meet at PHP offices (The Old Rectory, Milton Malsor, NN7 3AQ)
- ① Drive south along Barn Lane and return, then travel east on Collingtree Rd
- ② Stop at playing fields (if open) before driving east across M1 to and through Collingtree
- ③ Optional stop on High Street and walk over M1 footbridge
- ④ Optional stop on Watering Lane
- ⑤ Continue drive to Junction 15 via A45
- ⑥ Drive on to site and stop at Rectory Farm
- ⑦ Walk northwards and westwards to western site boundary and footbridge over rail line (view Rail Central site)
- ⑧ Proceed northwards to view northern part of site
- ⑨ Walk to the southern end of Highgate Wood and return to Rectory Farm
- ⑩ Optional stop at Courteenhall House (subject to agreeing access)
- ⑪ Head south on A508 to Roade
- ⑫ Travel along Hyde Rd/ Blisworth Rd and
- ⑬ return Optional walk and return
- ⑭ Continue south along A508 to southern end of bypass options
- ⑮ Return north along A508 through Road and then travel west along Courteenhall Rd (option to stop at PROW crossing)
- ⑯ Stop at Blisworth Playing Fields and walk/ return along public footpath (best view across Rail Central)
- ⑰ Return to PHP offices along Northampton Rd

