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To Interested Parties and Statutory
Parties invited to the Preliminary
Meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR050006

Date: 29 March 2019

Dear Sir/ Madam

The Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8(3) and Rule 17

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

Notification of a change to the Examination Timetable and request for further information

The Examination Timetable

The Examination Timetable provided at **Annex A** to the Examining Authority's (ExA) Rule 8 letter¹ is hereby superseded by the updated Examination Timetable provided at **Annex A to this letter**.

All documentation associated with this project can be found on the National Infrastructure Planning website here:

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

Examining Authority's Request for Further Information

The Examining Authority wishes to ask the Applicant for further information.

The questions set out below are directed to the Applicant under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. However, this does not prevent an answer being provided to a question by a person to whom it is not directed, should the question be relevant to their interests:

¹ Available here: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR050006/TR050006-000738-181009_NG_Rule%208%20Letter%20DRAFT.pdf

1. In its Deadline 7 *Review of Northampton Gateway Document 8.22: Climate Change Summary* [REP7-012], Rail Central maintains that Doc 8.22 is procedurally and substantively flawed and that the Environmental Statement which accompanied the Northampton Gateway application does not comply with the requirements of the relevant Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2017. Can the Applicant please respond to these assertions?
2. In its Deadline 7 response, Stop Roxhill Northampton Gateway suggests that, having regards to climate change, and whilst acknowledging the Applicant's 2019 *Climate Change Summary* (Doc 8.22 [REP6-015]), there is no additional content to provide insight or confidence of the total impact of the Proposed Development in lifecycle terms relating to carbon lifecycle calculations. Can the Applicant please comment?
3. In its *Guide to the Application* (Doc 1.3A [AS-039]) the Applicant has listed other consents and permissions that would be required should consent for the Proposed Development be granted. However, no separate Consents and Agreements Position Statement has been provided. In light of this, can the Applicant please review whether the list included within the *Guide to the Application* is, in its view, fully comprehensive?
4. A draft Statement of Common Ground with Historic England (Doc 7.14 [REP1-017]) was submitted to the Examination at Deadline 1. *The Statement of Commonality* (Doc 8.4B [REP5-17B]) submitted at Deadline 5 provides a status update "Letter provided with draft SoCG". Can the Applicant please confirm the current status of this Statement of Common Ground?
5. At Appendix 4 of the Applicant's document Post-hearing submission for ISH4, ISH5, CAH2 and OFH2 (Doc 8.20 [REP6-012]) paragraphs 15 and 16 the Applicant indicates that sufficient capacity is available for the relevant wastes, cross-referring to para 14.4.10 of the ES and to its reply to ExQ1.15.16. However, the reply to ExQ1.15.16 states that capacity for non-inert waste is only 0.11 mtpa and the ES states that some non-inert waste may have to be transported out of the local area. Please will the Applicant explain what is the expected annual amount of non-inert wastes arising from the development and how it is concluded the effect will not be significant, or negligible?

Responses to the above requests for information should be received no later than **12 noon Wednesday 3 April 2019**. Any comments on responses should be received no later than **12 noon Friday 5 April 2019**.

Yours faithfully

Philip Asquith

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

Annex A

Examination Timetable

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Examination Timetable

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty to **complete** the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

| Item | Matters | Due Dates |
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| 1 | Preliminary Meeting (PM) | Tuesday 9 October 2018 (9.30am) |
| 2 | Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) ISH1 on the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) | Tuesday 9 October 2018 (1.15pm) |
| 3 | Open Floor Hearing | Wednesday 10 October 2018 (6.30pm) |
| 4 | Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination Timetable • The ExA's Written Questions | As soon as practicable following the PM |
| 5 | Deadline 1 Deadline for receipt of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Impact Reports from any local authorities • Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requested by the ExA (except those requested for submission by Deadline 3) • Draft s.106 Agreements and any similar Agreements and allied documents • Responses to the ExA's Written Questions • Written Representations (WRs) • Summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words • Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs) • Summaries of all RR's exceeding 1500 words | Tuesday 6 November 2018 (12 noon) |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on updated application documents submitted by the Applicant before the PM – See Annex E • Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline • Nominations of suggested locations and justifications for site inspections for consideration by the ExA • Notification of wish to attend an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) • Draft Itinerary to be provided by the Applicant for an ASI • Notification from any Affected Person of wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing • Notification of wish to speak at any subsequent Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) • Notification of wish to speak at a subsequent Open Floor Hearing (OFH) • Notification by Statutory Parties of their wish to be considered as an Interested Party (IP) by the ExA • Notification of wish to have future correspondence received electronically | |
| 6 | <p>Deadline 2</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised dDCO from Applicant • Comments on Local Impact Reports • Comments on any SoCG submitted at Deadline 1 • Comments on WRs • Responses to comments on RRs • Comments on responses to the ExA’s Written Questions | <p>Tuesday 20 November 2018</p> <p>(12 noon)</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 1 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline | |
| 7 | <p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of ASI (if required) | <p>Friday 23 November 2018</p> |
| 8 | <p>Deadline 3</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applicant and Ashfield Land and Gazeley GLP ○ Applicant, Ashfield Land and Gazeley GLP and Network Rail – see Procedural Decision (1) Annex B • Comments on the Applicant’s revised dDCO • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 2 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline | <p>Friday 30 November 2018 (12 noon)</p> |
| 9 | <p>Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)</p> <p>Date reserved to hold an ASI (if required)</p> | <p>Tuesday 18 December 2018</p> |
| 10 | <p>Issue Specific Hearing (ISH2)</p> <p>ISH2 on Environmental matters including Transport, Landscape & Visual, Ecology, Air Quality and Other matters</p> | <p>Wednesday 19 December 2018 (10.00am)</p> |
| 11 | <p>Issue Specific Hearing (ISH3)</p> <p>ISH3 on the dDCO</p> | <p>Thursday 20 December 2018 (9.30 am)</p> |
| 12 | <p>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH)</p> | <p>Thursday 20 December 2018</p> |

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| 13 | <p>Deadline 4</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on SoCG submitted for D3 • Any revised dDCO from the Applicant • Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 3 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline | <p>Tuesday 8 January 2019</p> <p>(12 noon)</p> |
| 14 | <p>Publication by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA's Further Written Questions (if required) • The ExA's preferred dDCO or dDCO commentary (if required) • Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required) | <p>Tuesday 5 February 2019</p> |
| 15 | <p>Deadline 5</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to Further Written Questions (if issued) • Comments on the ExA's preferred dDCO or dDCO commentary (if issued) • Comments on the RIES (if issued) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 4 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline | <p>Tuesday 26 February 2019</p> <p>(12 noon)</p> |
| 16 | <p>Issue Specific Hearing (ISH4)</p> <p>Date reserved to hold ISH4 on Cumulative Impact and interaction Issues</p> | <p>Tuesday 12 March 2019</p> |

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| 17 | <p>Issue Specific Hearing (ISH5)</p> <p>Date reserved to hold ISH5 on the dDCO (if required)</p> | <p>Wednesday 13 March 2019</p> <p>(morning)</p> |
| 18 | <p>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2</p> <p>Date reserved to hold CAH2 (if required)</p> | <p>Wednesday 13 March 2019</p> <p>(afternoon)</p> |
| 19 | <p>Open floor Hearing 2 (OFH2)</p> <p>Date reserved to hold OFH2</p> | <p>Thursday 14 March 2019</p> |
| 20 | <p>Deadline 6</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final draft DCO to be submitted by the Applicant in the SI template with the SI template validation report • Final s.106 Agreements and any similar Agreements and allied documents • Final SoCG • Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases • Comments on responses to the ExA's Further Written Questions (if required) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 5 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline | <p>Tuesday 19 March 2019</p> <p>(12 noon)</p> |

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| 21 | <p>Deadline 7</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the Applicant’s final dDCO • Comments on final s.106 Agreements and any similar Agreements and allied documents • Comments on final SoCG • Comments on any additional information/ submissions received by Deadline 6 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline | <p>Tuesday 26 March 2019</p> <p>(12 noon)</p> |
| 22 | <p>Deadline 8</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline | <p>Wednesday 3 April 2019</p> <p>(12 noon)</p> |
| 23 | <p>Deadline 9</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses to any further information requested by the ExA for Deadline 8 | <p>Friday 5 April 2019</p> <p>(12 noon)</p> |
| 24 | <p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.</p> <p>However, the ExA may close the Examination before the end of the six-month period if it is satisfied that all relevant matters have been addressed and discussed.</p> | <p>Tuesday 9 April 2019</p> |