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Our Ref: TR050007

Date: 26 January 2024

Dear Sirs

**The Planning Act 2008 (as amended), Section 89 and the Infrastructure
Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rules 8(3) and 9**

**Application by Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Limited for an Order Granting
Development Consent for the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange**

Procedural Decision relating to Change of Examination Timetable

We are writing to inform you of a Procedural Decision made by the Examining Authority (ExA) relating to the Examination Timetable.

Change to Examination Timetable

At the end of the Issue Specific Hearing 6 (ISH6) held on 24 January 2024 the ExA canvassed Interested Parties present as to whether they thought it would be beneficial for them to submit, at the end of the Examination, a summation of their cases – essentially a summary and signposting document. It would be particularly beneficial if emphasis was given to areas which remain in dispute.

This has been done in some Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project examinations and Examining Authorities have found it useful in preparing their report for the relevant Secretary of State.

The highway authorities, that is National Highways, Leicestershire County Council and Warwickshire County Council, all indicated that they considered that this would be beneficial as did the two local planning authorities present, Blaby District Council

and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council. The Applicant also indicated that that it was content to provide such a document.

The ExA considers that it would be beneficial both to it and to the Secretary of State to have such a document from the above Interested Parties. There would be no obligation on providing such a document, however, for the reasons set out above the ExA would encourage such submissions.

Other Interested Parties are also welcome to make similar submissions. The ExA would emphasise that is not the opportunity to re-state cases made, but rather a short summary and to signpost, using Examination Library references, where the substantive point(s) can be found.

The ExA consequently has made the Procedural Decision to amend the Examination Timetable to include this at the last Deadline, Deadline 8, Friday 8 March 2024. This is set out in Annex A below.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Case Team at HinckleySRFI@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

Robert Jackson

Robert Jackson
Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

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Annex A

Amended Examination Timetable, specifically item 23.

Item	Matters	Date
1.	Procedural Decision Deadline A Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responses to the Rule 6 letter• Submission of additional or updated drawings as requested in Annex D• Requests to be heard orally at the Preliminary Meeting and under which part of the agenda set out in Annex A• Notification of intention to attend the Issue Specific Hearing 1.• Requests by Affected Persons to be heard orally at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1	Tuesday 5 September 2023
2.	Preliminary Meeting	Tuesday 12 September 2023 (10.00am)
3.	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1) on the Project Definition and draft Development Consent Order	Wednesday 13 September 2023 (10.00am)
4.	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH1) on the Applicant's general case	Thursday 14 September (10.00am)
5.	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Examination Timetable	As soon as practicable after the Preliminary Meeting
6.	Deadline 1 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comments on any updates to application documents submitted by the Applicant before or at the PM• Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs)• Summaries of all RR's exceeding 1500 words• Written Representations (WRs)	Tuesday 10 October 2023

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words • Local Impact Reports (LIRs) • Notification by Statutory Parties of their wish to be considered as an IP by the ExA • Notification of wish to be heard at any subsequent Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) (see below for details) • Requests to be heard at any subsequent Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH). Requests by Affected Persons (defined in section 59(4) of the Planning Act 2008) to be heard at a CAH • Request to be heard at an Open Floor Hearing (OFH) • Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases • Notification of wish to have future correspondence received electronically • Suggestions for locations for the ASI (if any) together with reasoning • Updated Funding Statement from Applicant • Any further information requested by the ExA • Comments on any additional submissions accepted by the ExA 	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Deadline 2</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on WR • Comments on the LIRs • The Applicant's revised dDCO • Status of Negotiations / Compulsory Acquisition Schedule • Draft Statements of Common Ground – see Annex D • Statement of Commonality on Statements of Common Ground • Any further information requested by the ExA • Comments on any additional submissions received by Deadline 1 	<p>Tuesday 24 October 2023</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Open Floor Hearing (OFH1)</p>	<p>Monday 30 October 2023 (6.00pm)</p>

9.	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH2) on Traffic and Transport	Tuesday 31 October 2023 (10.00am)
10.	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH3) on Environmental Matters	Wednesday 1 November 2023 (10.00am)
11.	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH4) on Need and Socio-Economic Matters	Wednesday 1 November 2023 (2.00pm)
12.	Open Floor Hearing (OFH2)	Thursday 2 November 2023 (10.00am)
13.	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH2)	Thursday 2 November 2023 (2.00pm)
14.	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH5) dDCO	Friday 3 November 2023 (10.00am)
15.	<p>Deadline 3</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Statements of Common Ground • Updated Statements of Commonality on Statements of Common Ground • Receipt of Written Statements of Oral Cases at ISH2, ISH3, ISH4, CAH2, OFH1 and OFH2 • Comments on the Applicant's revised dDCO • Comments on any additional submissions received by Deadline 2 <p>Any further information requested by the ExA.</p>	Tuesday 14 November 2023
16.	Access Required Site Inspections	Thursday 16 November 2023
17.	Publication by the ExA of: Written Questions	Tuesday 28 November 2023
18.	<p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Floor Hearings (if required) 	Week commencing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue Specific Hearings (if required) • Compulsory Acquisition Hearings (if required) 	11 December 2023
19.	<p>Deadline 4</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases (if held) • Responses to the ExA's Written Questions • The Applicant's revised dDCO • Status of Negotiations / CA Schedule • Updated Statements of Common Ground • Updated Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground • Draft Planning Obligations under Section 106, Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended) • Comments on any additional submissions received by Deadline 3 • Comments/ submissions on the ARSI for those who attended • Comments/ submissions on either of the Late Submissions submitted in November 2023 and accepted into the Examination at the discretion of the ExA • Any further information requested by the ExA. 	Tuesday 9 January 2024
20.	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Written Questions (if required) • Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required) • ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the dDCO (if required) 	Friday 19 January 2024
20A	<p>Hearings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue Specific Hearing 6 (ISH6) on Traffic and Transport, and Noise 	Wednesday 24 January 2024 (10.00 am)
21.	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to ExA's Further Written Questions (if required) 	Friday 9 February 2024

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the Applicant's revised dDCO (if required) • Comments on any additional submissions received by Deadline 4 • Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases • Any further information requested by the ExA. 	
22.	<p>Deadline 6</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the RIES (if required) • Comments on ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the dDCO (if required) • Comments on any additional submissions received by Deadline 5 • Any further information requested by the ExA. 	Tuesday 20 February 2024
23.	<p>Deadline 7</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final dDCO to be submitted by the Applicant in the SI template with the SI template validation report • Final Book of Reference (BoR) and schedule of changes to BoR • Final Status of Negotiations / Compulsory Acquisition Schedule • Final Funding Statement • Final Statements of Common Ground • Final Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground • Final Guide to the Application • Final text Planning Obligations under Section 106, Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended) • Comments on any additional submissions received by Deadline 6 • Any further information requested by the ExA. 	Tuesday 27 February 2024
24.	<p>Deadline 8</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Planning Obligations under Section 106, Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended) 	Friday 8 March 2024

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final draft SoCGs between IPs where agreement has not been reached setting out where agreement/ disagreement remains outstanding and status of negotiation. • Comments on any additional submissions received by Deadline 7 • Final summary and signposting documents from the Applicant and Interested Parties. • Any further information requested by the ExA. 	
25.	The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months	Tuesday 12 March 2024

