



Notification of Hearings under Rule 13(6) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

A46 COVENTRY JUNCTIONS (WALSGRAVE)

SECTIONS 91 and 93 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

RULE 13(6) OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010

NOTICE OF HEARINGS RELATING TO THE A46 COVENTRY JUNCTIONS (WALSGRAVE) SCHEME

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: TR010066

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at the dates, times and locations set out below, an Open Floor hearing and an Issue Specific Hearing will be held by the Examining Authority (appointed by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government) for the examination of the application made by National Highways (the "Applicant") for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the A46 Coventry Junctions (Walsgrave) Scheme (the "Application").

The Application was made to the Secretary of State for Transport (via the Planning Inspectorate) under Section 14(1)(h), as well as Sections 22(1)(b), 22(3) and 22(4)(b) of the Planning Act 2008 on 14 November 2024 and was accepted by the Planning Inspectorate for examination on 12 December 2024. The Application has been given the Planning Inspectorate reference number TR010066.

SUMMARY OF THE SCHEME

The Application seeks development consent for the A46 Coventry Junctions (Walsgrave) Scheme (the "Scheme") in the Midlands region, located within the administrative areas of Coventry City Council, Rugby Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council.

The main aspects of the Scheme comprise:

- Realignment of the existing A46 dual carriageway through the existing at grade roundabout (which will be removed), for approximately 880m to improve the road geometry and allow for a 50mph speed limit.
- Earthworks on the eastern side of the A46 mainline to facilitate the realignment through the existing at grade roundabout.
- A new grade separated junction over the A46 mainline, approximately 800m north of the existing Walsgrave Junction to connect the B4082 with the A46.
- A new overbridge structure across the existing A46, between the dumbbell roundabouts forming the grade separated junction.
- New merge and diverge slip roads at the grade separated junction for both northbound and southbound movements.

- Realignment of the B4082 to form a single carriageway link road, for approximately 900m, to connect the local road network to the new A46 grade separated junction with a proposed 40mph speed limit.
- Road assets and street furniture such as traffic signs and lines, variable message sign (VMS), street lighting columns, vehicle restraint systems (VRS), fences, retaining walls and kerbs.
- Drainage systems including a dry detention basin and two ponds that will be designed to be permanently wet.
- Proposed new maintenance accesses to the drainage features and VMS.
- Retention of the Hungerley Hall Farm accommodation bridge (the existing bridge that provides farm vehicle access over the A46 mainline).
- Farm access track to the north of Hungerley Hall Farm to provide gated access to the B4082 link road.
- Improvements to facilities for walkers, cyclists and horse-riders (WCH) through provision of a signalised pedestrian crossing on the B4082; and providing enabling works, including the retention of Hungerley Hall Farm accommodation overbridge, for a potential future WCH route to be provided by others.
- Replacement and installation of new highway boundary fencing.
- Replacement vegetation planting to compensate for the vegetation that needs to be removed to facilitate the Scheme.

If the DCO is made by the Secretary of State for Transport, it would allow the Applicant, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining the Scheme, to compulsorily acquire interests in and rights over land, including the power to create and acquire new rights over land, and to take possession of and to use land temporarily.

The DCO would also make provision for development, which would constitute associated development together with other ancillary matters, including those related to the alteration of a section of the A46 and B4082.

HEARINGS

The Examining Authority's letter dated 9 April 2025 (Rule 6 letter) contains a programme for the examination of the Application, including a number of hearings. Those hearings taking place in May 2025 will be held at the dates, times and locations set out in the table below.

Date	Hearing Type	Time	Place
7 May 2025	Preliminary Meeting	10am start (Registration from 9.30am)	MTC Sopwith Building, Airfield Drive, Coventry, CV7 9BF and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams
7 May 2025	Open Floor Hearing	2.30pm start (Registration from 2pm)	MTC Sopwith Building, Airfield Drive, Coventry, CV7 9BF and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams
8 May 2025	Issue Specific Hearing	10am start (Registration from 9.30am)	MTC Sopwith Building, Airfield Drive, Coventry, CV7 9BF and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams

The venues will be open to the public half an hour before the start of the hearings.

Any hearings further to those listed above will be advertised by one or more further notices. In accordance with Rule 13(3) of Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, as amended, the Planning Inspectorate will also notify interested parties of the date, time and place fixed for each hearing.

For more information on these hearings, the examination of the Application and full timetable (and any amendments to it), including how and when to register to speak at the hearings and how and when to make written submissions, please contact the Planning Inspectorate using the details below, or visit its website where procedural decisions and notices of hearings are available to download:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/TR010066>

COPIES OF THE APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Copies of the Application documents, including the draft Development Consent Order, the compulsory acquisition information (including the Land Plans, Book of Reference, Funding Statement and Statement of Reasons) and the Environmental Statement can be viewed and downloaded online at the Planning Inspectorate's project website:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/TR010066/documents>

The Application documents can also be viewed online at libraries with internet facilities, using the web address above:

Location	Opening Times
Caludon Castle Library Axholme Road Coventry CV2 5BD	Monday 2pm - 6 pm Tuesday 2pm - 6 pm Wednesday Closed Thursday 2pm - 6 pm Friday 2pm - 6 pm Saturday 10am - 4 pm Sunday Closed
Willenhall Library Hagard Community Space Remembrance Road Coventry CV3 3DG	Monday 10am - 7pm Tuesday 10am - 7pm Wednesday Closed Thursday 10am - 7pm Friday 10am - 7pm Saturday 9am - 4pm Sunday Closed
Wolston Library Manor Estate Wolston Coventry CV8 3GX	Monday 2.30pm - 5pm Tuesday 2.30pm - 5pm Wednesday 2.30pm - 5pm Thursday 10.30am - 1pm Friday 10.30am - 1pm Saturday 10.30am - 1pm Sunday Closed

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about the Application, the hearings, how to take part in the Examination and any other matters covered in this notice may be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate or the Applicant using the following contact details:

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