



## Preliminary meeting note

**Application:** A46 Coventry Junctions (Walsgrave)  
**Reference:** TR010066  
**Time and date:** Tuesday 7 May 2025  
**Venue:** MTC Sopwith Building and virtually via Microsoft Teams

*This meeting note is not a full transcript of the preliminary meeting. It is a summary of the key points discussed.*

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

Neil Humphrey (NH) welcomed those present and introduced himself as the lead member of the panel of Examining Inspectors, the Examining Authority (ExA) and John McEvoy (JM) as panel members to examine the A46 Coventry Junctions (Walsgrave) application.

NH explained the appointment was made by delegation from the Secretary of State (SoS) for the Department of Housing, Communities and Local Government on 30 January 2025.

NH explained that the ExA would be examining the application made by National Highways ('the applicant') before making a recommendation to the Secretary of State who will decide whether an order granting development consent for the proposed project, which is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), should be made.

NH explained the purpose of the preliminary meeting (PM) and noted that the Examination will commence after the PM closes.

The ExA confirmed that all documents and submissions received and accepted during the Examination will be published on the project-specific page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

### 2. Audio recording

The video recording of this PM is available on the National Infrastructure Planning website and can be accessed [here](#)

### 3. General Data Protection Regulation

The ExA explained The Planning Inspectorate's duties under General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Further info relating to the GDPR can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's ['Privacy Note'](#).

#### **4. Examination process**

The ExA briefly explained the examination process under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008), further info can be found:

- ['Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: What to expect at a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project event'](#)
- ['Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Registering to speak at, or attend, an event'](#)

#### **5. Examination Timetable**

The ExA noted requests, already received in writing, to amend the draft examination timetable contained in [annex D](#) of Rule 6 letter and also welcomed further suggestions from the parties in attendance.

All comments received were duly noted by the ExA and considerations will be reflected in the rule 8 Letter.

The examination timetable can be found in the [rule 8](#) letter published on 14 May 2025.

#### **6. Hearings and site inspections**

The ExA clarified the purpose of:

- Issue specific hearings
- Compulsory acquisition hearings
- Open floor hearings
- Accompanied site inspections
- Unaccompanied site inspections

The ExA sought comments on the arrangements for the above events. These were duly noted and considered by the ExA.

Further information relating to hearings and site inspections can be found:

- ['Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: What to expect at a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project event'](#)
- ['Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Registering to speak at, or attend, an event'](#)

#### **7. Procedural decisions**

The ExA clarified the procedural decisions made under section 89(3) of the PA2008 and asked for any observations.

Procedural decisions can be found in [annex G](#) of the Rule 6 Letter.

No comments have been made by any of the parties in attendance.