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Our Ref: TR010066

Date: 01 September 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 9 and Rule 8(3)

Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Coventry Junctions (Walsgrave) Project.

Notice of variation to the examination timetable

Further to our Rule 17 letter [\[PD-009\]](#), we write to provide notification that the Examining Authority (ExA) has made a procedural decision relating to reducing the length of the examination period. The ExA have taken into account all of the submissions before us to date and consider that there are relatively few matters where we still need further information during the examination and consequently the length of the examination period can be reduced.

The original timetable and the variation are set out in **Annex A**.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact the Case Team using the details above.

Yours faithfully

Neil Humphrey

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Lead Member of the Examining Authority

Original timetable

Item	Matters	Date
1.	Procedural deadline A (PDA) Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written submissions on examination procedure, including any submissions about the draft examination timetable. Requests to be heard orally at the preliminary meeting (PM), including which agenda items you wish to speak on, and why your points need to be made orally rather than in writing. Notification of wish to have future correspondence delivered electronically, including confirmation of email address. Requests by interested parties (IP) to participate in the open floor hearing on 7 May 2025. Requests by IPs to participate in the issue specific hearing on 8 May 2025. Applicant's submission of the land rights tracker. Suggested locations for site inspections, including the reason for nomination, issues to be observed there, and whether the location(s) can be accessed using public highways. 	Friday 25 April 2025
2.	Preliminary meeting (PM)	Wednesday 7 May 2025 10:00am
3.	Open floor hearing 1 (OFH1).	Wednesday 7 May 2025 2.30pm
4.	Issue specific hearing 1 (ISH1) on initial issues arising from application submission documents.	Thursday 8 May 2025 10.00am
5.	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The examination timetable. 	As soon as practicable following the preliminary meeting
6.	Deadline 1 (D1) For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-hearing submissions, including written summaries of oral submissions to the hearings held between 7 and 8 May 2025. Comments on relevant representations. Written representations (WR). 	Tuesday 27 May 2025

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summaries of WRs exceeding 1500 words. • Local impact reports (LIR) from any local authorities. • Comments on any responses to section 51 advice or pre-examination procedural decisions submitted by the applicant before or at the PM. • Comments on any additional submissions accepted at the discretion of the ExA. • Comments on the applicant's land rights tracker. • Requests by affected persons to participate in a compulsory acquisition hearing. • Notification by statutory parties of their wish to be considered as an IP. • Applicant's updates. • Applicant's draft itinerary for ASI (if required). • Any other information submitted by the applicant. • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. 	
7.	Publication by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA's written questions (ExQ1). 	Tuesday 10th June 2025
8.	Deadline 2 (D2) For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the applicant's draft itinerary for an accompanied site inspection (if held). • Any other information submitted by the applicant. • Comments on any further information/ submissions received by D1. • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. 	Tuesday 17 June 2025
9.	Deadline 3 (D3) For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to ExQ1. • Comments on WRs. • Comments on LIRs. • Applicant's updates. • Any other information submitted by the applicant. • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. 	Tuesday 24 June 2025

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on any further information/ submissions received by D2. 	
10.	Hearings Dates reserved for any: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue specific hearing(s) (if required). Open floor hearing(s) (if required). Compulsory acquisition hearing(s) (if required). Accompanied site inspection (if required). 	Week commencing Monday 8 July 2025
11.	Deadline 4 (D4) For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-hearing submissions, including written summaries of oral submissions to the hearings held during w/c 8 July 2025 (if held). Any other information submitted by the applicant. Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. Comments on any further information/ submissions received by D3. 	Tuesday 22 July 2025
12.	Publication by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ExA's further written questions (ExQ2). (if required) 	Friday 8 August 2025
13.	Deadline 5 (D5) For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responses to ExQ2 (if issued). Applicant's updates. Any other information submitted by the applicant. Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. Comments on any further information/ submissions received by D4. 	Friday 22 August 2025
14.	Hearings Dates reserved for any: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue specific hearing(s) (if required). Open floor hearing(s) (if required). Compulsory acquisition hearing(s) (if required). 	w/c 15 September 2025

15.	Publication by the ExA of: The report on the implications for European sites (RIES) and any associated questions (if required).	Tuesday 23 September 2025
16.	Deadline 6 (D6) For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-hearing submissions, including written summaries of oral submissions to the hearings held during w/c 15 September 2025 (if held). • Applicant's updates. • Any other information submitted by the applicant. • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. • Comments on any further information/ submissions received by D5. 	Tuesday 14 October 2025
17.	Publication by the ExA of: The ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO (if required).	Tuesday 21 October 2025
18.	Deadline 7 (D7) For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the RIES (if issued). • Responses to the ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO (if issued). • Any other information submitted by the applicant. • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. • Comments on any further information/ submissions received by D6. 	Tuesday 28 October 2025
19.	Deadline 8 (D8) For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant's final updates. • Applicant's closing summary statement. • Any other information submitted by the applicant. • Summary statements from parties regarding matters that they have previously raised during the examination and that have not been resolved to their satisfaction. • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. 	Tuesday 4 November 2025

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on any further information/ submissions received by D7. 	
20.	<p>Deadline 9 (D9)</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. 	Thursday 6 November 2025
21.	The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months	Friday 7 November 2025

Varied timetable

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10.	Deadline 4 (D4) For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-hearing submissions, including written summaries of oral submissions to the hearings held during w/c 8 July 2025 (if held). • Any other information submitted by the applicant. • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. • Comments on any further information/ submissions received by D3. 	Tuesday 22 July 2025
11.	Deadline 5 (D5) For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant's updates. • Any other information submitted by the applicant. • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. • Comments on any further information/ submissions received by D4. 	Friday 22 August 2025
12.	Deadline 6 (D6) For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant's final updates. (see Annex B) • Applicant's closing summary statement. • Summary statements from parties regarding matters that they have previously raised during the examination and that have not been resolved to their satisfaction. • Any other information submitted by the applicant. • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (if requested). 	Tuesday 9 September 2025
13.	Deadline 7 (D7) For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (if requested). 	Thursday 11 September 2025
14.	Close of the examination	Friday 12 September 2025

Annex B

Applicant's final updates

The details required in the applicant's updates are set out in Annex F of our Rule 6 letter [\[PD-006\]](#). From that annex the following changes should be noted:

- Statements of common ground (SoCG) – final versions to be submitted by D6 unless signed versions already submitted into the examination at an earlier deadline.
- Statement of commonality of SoCG – final version submitted at D6.
- Navigation document – final version to be submitted by D6.
- Final updates to the draft development consent order (dDCO) and explanatory memorandum, to include:
 - The latest, fully up-to-date versions of the dDCO and Explanatory Memorandum.
 - Clean copies and copies showing tracked changes from the penultimate versions.
 - A clean (all tracking removed) standalone MS Word version of the dDCO, with no header or cover page. (*This will not be published, it is for our internal use*) **(at D6 only)**.
 - The email notification from <https://publishing.legislation.gov.uk/> confirming the dDCO has successfully passed validation. (This will be redacted and published) **(at D6 only)**.
 - The statutory instrument (SI) validation report – the PDF version available through the link in the email notification. (This will not be published) **(At D6 only)**
 - A table showing the amendments made to the dDCO in each update and the reasons for the changes made.

All other elements of the applicant's final updates to be as set out in Annex F of the Rule 6 letter, with the proviso that all final submissions are made by D6.

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