Planning Inspectorate

Application by Oxfordshire Railfreight Limited for an order granting development consent for the Oxfordshire Strategic Rail Freight Interchange

Agenda for compulsory acquisition hearing 2 (CAH2):

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Compulsory acquisition hearing 2 (CAH2)	**Tuesday 10 November 2026** **Hearing starts at 10.00am** Registration and seating available at venue from 9.30am and virtual Registration Process from 9.30am	Bicester Hotel Golf and Spa, Green Lane, Chesterton, Bicester, Oxfordshire OX26 1TH and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Agenda items

1.	**Welcome and arrangements for the hearing**
2.	**Purpose of the hearing and introductions**
3.	**Consideration of the applicant's change request:** • Engagement of the Compulsory Acquisition (CA) Regulations, particularly in respect of affected persons written consent regarding the proposed Change 1 – Ecological Mitigation • The need for a proposed timetable from the applicant
4.	**To hear affected persons in respect of their individual interests (original application without the proposed changes)**
5.	**Land and rights tracker update**
6.	**Update on protective provisions**
7.	**Any other business**
8.	**Review of actions**
9.	**Close of hearing**

Purpose of CAH2

This hearing is to enable the Examining Authority (ExA) to hear objections to compulsory acquisition (CA) and/ or temporary possession (TP) from affected persons in respect of their individual interests, including submissions as to whether the applicant has complied with the legal tests, policy and guidance in respect of those individual plots of land.

There will also be a brief update on certain other related matters.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail to assist the parties to prepare for the hearing. The details set out above are indicative and the ExA may find it necessary to include additional agenda items or to amend the order in which the items are dealt with.

Anyone wishing to attend the hearing in person, who has not already advised the case team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the hearing date. Interested parties and members of the public who wish to observe the hearing can therefore view and listen to the hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

Timing

The ExA will keep to the agenda as far as possible. The hearing is not expected to run beyond 1:00pm.

Anyone who is not able to provide all their oral submissions by the close of the hearing should put any outstanding matters in writing.

Registration process

Parties who have registered to speak (both in person and virtually) will receive a joining instruction email shortly before the hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable the hearing to start on time at **10.00am** those attending virtually should join promptly at **9.30am** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the registration process in good time.

Procedure at a CAH

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at hearings. Questioning at the hearing will be led by the ExA. Cross -questioning of a person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that persons have had a fair chance to put their case.