

Transport and Works Act 1992
Transport and Works (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 2004

Proposed Croxley Rail Link Order

Note of the Pre-Inquiry Meeting

- 1 The pre-inquiry meeting (PIM) was held on 11 July 2012 at Watford Football Club, Vicarage Road, Watford WD18 0ER.
- 2 The Inspector introduced himself and the Programme Officer – Yvonne Parker – and referred to the promoters (Hertfordshire County Council and London Underground Limited) and to the scheme. The promoters were represented by Natalie Lieven QC and by Hazel Anderson of Winckworth Sherwood LLP. Others attending the PIM comprised the promoters’ intended witnesses; objectors to the scheme; and those who had made representations.
- 3 The Inspector explained the purpose of the PIM and its limitations and sought information from the promoters concerning their witnesses. It is currently intended that the following will be witnesses for the promoters:

Roxanne Glaud	<i>Hertfordshire CC</i>	Scheme background
Steve Hunter	<i>Steer Davis Gleave</i>	Transport Case
Keith Foley	<i>LUL</i>	Operational Matters
Martin Morris	<i>SKM</i>	Engineering
Paul Reid	<i>Mouchel</i>	Environment
Rob Snell	<i>Lambert Smith Hampton</i>	Property and Compensation
Mike Adams	<i>Adams Hendry</i>	Town Planning
- 4 It is not currently intended that any other party will be legally represented at the inquiry. The Inspector recorded his intention to hear the case for the promoters first. They considered it would be possible to present the case in the first week of the inquiry (9-12 October). The Inspector will then hear the cases of those objectors who have made statements of case – starting on 16 October. Others who have an interest in the scheme may appear at the Inspector’s discretion. Those attending the PIM indicated the range of matters which they intended to raise. The Inspector reminded participants of their opportunities to ask questions of the promoters’ witnesses during the presentation of their case. A more detailed timetable will be prepared by the Programme Officer closer to the inquiry, but the Inspector indicated his recognition of the need for flexibility to accommodate those who wish to be heard at times convenient to them. The promoters’ representative indicated her recognition also of the need for flexibility.
- 5 It was confirmed on behalf of the promoters that discussions are continuing with objectors, but it was anticipated that not all the outstanding matters will be capable of resolution. It is not

currently anticipated that any Statements of Common Ground will be prepared, although these may be appropriate in relation to the objections made on behalf of Laurance Haines School and the Environment Agency.

- 6 The Inspector reported the contents of the Secretary of State's Statement of Matters and of their significance to the inquiry. The promoters' representative noted that its case would address all the matters raised. The promoters would, of course, also respond to the individual objections made.
- 7 **Inquiry dates and duration**
The inquiry will open at 10:00 on Tuesday 9 October 2012. The inquiry has been allocated 12 sitting days (9-12, 16-19, and 23-26 October) to include time for accompanied site visits as necessary. The inquiry will not sit on Mondays. The inquiry will sit each day until about 17:00 with breaks as appropriate during the proceedings and at lunch time.
- 8 **Inquiry venue**
The inquiry will be held in the Elton Suite, Watford Football Club, Vicarage Road, Watford WD18 0ER. The room will be laid out with the agreement of the Programme Officer. A retiring room will be made available for the Inspector. The Programme Officer will maintain the inquiry library in a separate room. A photocopier will be provided to the programme officer and limited copies can be made at a convenient time. A room will also be made available for the promoters' use and for the participants. Arrangements will be made to leave material securely overnight and over the weekends (including Mondays). Plans indicating the scheme may be displayed with the agreement of the Programme Officer.
- 9 Proofs of Evidence should be exchanged by 5pm on 11 September 2012. An electronic version should also be sent to the Programme Officer at posltd@virginmedia.com on the same day. The Promoters' will serve their proofs of evidence on the relevant parties and the Objectors' should send their proofs of evidence to: Yvonne Parker, Programme Officer, 2 Priory Court, Burnley, Lancashire, BB11 3RH. Any Statements of Common Ground will be subject to the same time limit. Proofs substantially over 1500 words in length must be accompanied by a summary. Proofs and appendices should be bound separately and paginated in accordance with the Programme Officer's guidance which she will send to the participants at the Inquiry and it will be placed on the website.

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