

Public Local Inquiry - Critical Events and Dates

If you have indicated to the Reporter that you wish to present evidence at the forthcoming PLI then you should have received a letter from the Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals setting out the key dates up to the PLI. This short note simply restates these dates and explains their significance. For those that did not attend the pre-inquiry meeting they should be reminded that their initial objection(s) still stand and so will be carried forward for the Reporter to consider.

Critical dates up to the PLI

Submission of Statement of Case - 24th June

All 'Relevant Persons' and Statutory Objectors (i.e. those having land interests directly affected by the proposed road) are required to submit a Statement of Case prior to the PLI setting out in broad terms the grounds of its case.

RoadSense is a 'Relevant Person' and so will be preparing and submitting a Statement of Case for that date.

If you are a private individual that is not deemed to be a 'statutory objector' then you are not required to submit a 'Statement of Case'.

Submission of Documents (Productions) - 22nd July

All parties - whether a private individual, a 'relevant person' or a Statutory Objector - are required to submit 14 copies of any document not listed as a 'core document' to the Reporter. This sounds like a horrendous burden but do not be too worried by this. The list of 'core documents' will be listed on the AWPR web site shortly after 24th June. These will include all relevant statutes, regulations, national planning and policy guidelines, local policy statements, local land use plans and so on. In practice the types of 'non-core' documents that individuals might want to produce are likely to be letters of correspondence, newspaper articles and the like.

Note that to avoid huge levels of copying e-copies can be sent, subject to prior agreement, to the other relevant parties. Nevertheless, the Reporter will still require 3 hard copies of all material.

Submission of Witness Statements (Precognitions) - 19th August

All persons wishing to present evidence will need to present a 'precognition'. This should commence with your name, address, relevant qualifications and a brief summary of your grounds for objection. The statement can be as short or long as you wish - but any precognition over 2,000 words should be accompanied by a summary of less than 2,000 words. Again, 14 copies of each document should be submitted to the Reporter (but see above for scope to use e-copies).