

**DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR LAND NORTH OF POSSINGHAM FARMHOUSE,
ASHFORD ROAD, GREAT CHART, KENT
APP/E2205/W/24/3345454**

Notes

Below is a draft programme for the Inquiry which is based on the time estimates provided by the advocates. I have reduced the length of cross-examination for the Appellant's highway witness, as over 5 hours of cross examination of any witnesses is unlikely to be helpful.

The Inquiry venue is Ashford Borough Council's Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL. The sitting hours will be 09.30 to approx. 16.30 each day with suitable breaks mid-morning and afternoon.

Interested persons will be heard separately at the start of the Inquiry after opening statements have been given.

The Inspector considers that any outstanding matters in relation to ecology and nutrient neutrality can be covered in the round-table sessions.

Each witness will present their evidence in the following sequence:

- *Examination-in-chief, led by the advocate for the party calling the witness;*
- *Cross examination by the advocate for the opposing main parties;*
- *Any other questions to the witness (from others wishing to speak at the inquiry who are opposed to the party calling the witness);*
- *Re-examination by the advocate for the party calling the witness.*

Day 1 Tuesday 8 October

Morning

Opening Remarks by Inspector

Opening Statements (Appellant, Rule 6 followed by Council and Rule 6 - please provide written transcripts)

Mid-morning break

Third party comments (speakers will generally be expected to answer questions from the opposing advocate/s)

Lunch

Afternoon

Faye Tomlinson (ABC) EiC & XE 3-3.5hrs approx.

Day 2 Wednesday 9 October

Morning

David Adams (KCC) EiC & XE 1.45 hrs approx.

Mid-morning break

Matthew Hogben (KCC) EiC 1.30 hrs approx.

Lunch

Afternoon

Matthew Hogben (KCC) XE 3hrs approx.

Day 3 Thursday 10 October

Morning

Ian Dix (Appellant) EiC 1.5 hrs approx.

Mid-morning break

Ian Dix XE 4 hrs approx.

Lunch

Afternoon

Ian Dix XE cont.

Mid-afternoon break

Ben Hunter (Appellant) EiC

Day 4 Friday 11 October

Morning

Ben Hunter (Appellant) XE 1.45 hrs approx.

Mid-morning break

Neil Tully (Appellant) EiC & XE 2 hrs approx.

Lunch

Afternoon

Neil Tully (Appellant) Cont.

John Collins (Appellant) EIC & XE 3 hrs approx.

Day 5 Tuesday 15 October

Morning

Conditions and Planning Obligations Round Table

Lunch

Afternoon

Closing Statements (Council followed by Rule 6 and Appellant - *please provide written transcripts*)

Day 6 Wednesday 16 October

Morning

Accompanied Site Visit, if necessary