

TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT 1992

ROTHER VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED PROPOSED ROTHER VALLEY RAILWAY (BODIAM TO ROBERTSBRIDGE JUNCTION) ORDER

INSPECTOR'S NOTE FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT

5 August 2021

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Inquiry was adjourned on 4 August 2021 to allow objectors to the draft Order time to prepare to deal with new evidence submitted by RVR on flood plain storage compensation. That matter is expected to be the sole focus of the first session of the Inquiry when it resumes at 09.30 am on Thursday 2 September 2021, followed by closing submissions and remaining procedural matters.

2. Actions during the adjournment

2.1. *Flood plain storage compensation*

- 2.1.1. RVR to review the notes it has submitted on this matter and, if necessary to clarify or consolidate that evidence, provide a comprehensive note, based on the notes already submitted, by 13 August 2021.
- 2.1.2. Those objectors who wish to respond to the RVR note(s) should provide their written response by 20 August 2021.
- 2.1.3. The RVR note and any associated responses will form the basis of the evidential session when the Inquiry resumes. At present, it is expected that the session will be conducted as a round-table discussion, open to those with relevant views on the matter.

2.2. *OBJ/1002's costs application*

- 2.2.1. The landowners' costs application against RVR was lodged on 30 July (INQ/128) and clarified, at my request, on 4 August 2021 (INQ/140).
- 2.2.2. RVR's written response to be submitted by 13 August 2021.
- 2.2.3. OBJ/1002's final comments, if any are necessary, to be submitted by 20 August 2021.

2.3. *Remaining site visits*

- 2.3.1. Accompanied site visits have been requested to the following locations: KESR; The Abbey and Summertree Stud; Robertsbridge Cricket Club; and, INQ/074 areas 1, 2 and 3.
- 2.3.2. Before the resumption of the Inquiry, the Programme Officer will contact the relevant parties to make arrangements for those site visits during week commencing 27 September 2021.

- 2.3.3. In the event any party considers that I should visit any other locations, the details should be submitted for consideration to the Programme Officer before the resumption of the Inquiry.
- 2.3.4. I will complete any outstanding unaccompanied site visits during the same week.

2.4. ***Submissions***

- 2.4.1. The contact details for the Programme Officer are:

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