**CASE REF: APP/PCU/CPOP/L3815/3321240**

**Chichester District Council (Tangmere) (No. 2)**

**Compulsory Purchase Order 2023**

**Pre-Inquiry Note**

1. This note has been prepared in response to the proposed submission of rebuttal evidence in the above matter. There was not provision for rebuttal evidence in the timetable agreed at the pre-inquiry meeting held on 17 October 2023, however the Acquiring Authority has already submitted its rebuttals.
2. Bosham and Shopwycke have not submitted proofs of evidence and will rely on their objection as evidence in chief. They also wish to submit rebuttal evidence by 5 December. This will be helpful to myself and the other parties and aid in the efficient use of inquiry time. However, this rebuttal evidence must only be in response to the evidence as submitted by the AA and should not include new evidence or material. All parties may submit written evidence in rebuttal if they so wish.
3. In order to ensure that the inquiry runs smoothly it is important that appropriate timescales are met. Any opening statements must be kept to a maximum of 15 minutes. Evidence, including the objections being taken as evidence in chief, will be taken as read with a maximum of around an hour allowed for each witness to highlight any key points or issues – for the avoidance of doubt new evidence which has not already been submitted will not be permitted to be introduced through evidence on chief. Closing submissions will be limited to 1 hour and should be provided in writing to the inquiry.
4. It is important that full use of the inquiry time is made and that I able to properly understand the positions of the respective parties. It is therefore imperative that the timings and provisions as set out above are met.

Zoë Franks, Inspector, 5 December 2023