



## Project update

Our Development Consent Order (DCO) application was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in August and accepted for examination in September. We then entered the 'Pre-Examination' period of the project. This is when the public could make Relevant Representations to the Inspectorate. These are written summaries of people's views on the project proposals.

In January 2023, we will enter the six-month Examination Stage during which the Planning Inspector will examine the planning documents we submitted. Anyone who made Relevant Representations will be invited to provide further detail to the Examining Authority during this time. You can follow the progress of the DCO examination on the [Planning Inspectorate's scheme page](#).

Following the examination, the Planning Inspector will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will decide whether to grant the DCO so that the project can move forward into construction. If the DCO is granted, construction is due to begin in 2024.

## Work in December

The latest round of ground investigation surveys was completed in November and our survey team is now evaluating the results. The ecology surveys are on-going, and our ecologists are engaging with local wildlife groups to share information. The last of our drainage condition surveys will finish in mid-December. And our roadworks will be removed during the holiday period.

**Be prepared...  
pack a winter kit**

**Ice scraper**

**De-icer**

**Food and water**

**Warm clothes**

**Blankets**

**Boots**

**Snow shovel**

**Fully charged mobile phone (and car charger)**

**Torch**

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## Travelling in winter

To ensure your travel plans go without a hitch, it's important to plan your journey in advance, particularly if you're travelling on routes you're not familiar with. It's worth carrying essential winter supplies just in case you need them, especially if severe weather is forecast.

- Plan your route
- Check the availability of service areas along your route
- Make sure you know how to operate your headlights and fog lights
- Check your vehicle
- Pack a winter kit
- Check the weather forecast. If snow or ice is expected, consider delaying your journey until it clears.
- Check traffic conditions on our website and look for updates on our social media sites [@HighwaysEast](#)

More information can be found on our website: [www.nationalhighways.co.uk/road-safety/travelling-in-severe-weather/](http://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/road-safety/travelling-in-severe-weather/)

## Get in contact

We will continue to put information and activity on our project website, and you can also sign-up for email updates.

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