

## **PROPOSED UPGRADE OF VICTORIA UNDERGROUND STATION**

### **FURTHER NOTE FOLLOWING PRE-INQUIRY MEETING**

1. A new Inspector, Mr Ken D Barton, has been appointed to take the Inquiry, scheduled to open on the 28 October 2008, and to report to the Secretaries of State on the Order and related listed building consent applications.
2. The arrangements set out in the Note of the Pre-Inquiry Meeting held on 9 July 2008 will remain unchanged with one exception. The Inspector would normally expect to sit until 15:00 on a Friday, rather than 13:30 as set out in the Note, unless any party has a good reason for not doing so.
3. Whilst it is appreciated that the parties will be dealing with matters outside the Inquiry, the Inspector is also prepared to sit from 09:30 in the mornings following the opening day to make the best use of time and to ensure that proceedings can be kept on programme.
4. The Inquiry is scheduled for 24 days but preliminary time estimates submitted to the Programme Officer indicate that it could last for a week or so longer. The Inspector is available up to, and including, Christmas Eve should the Inquiry need to sit for additional days. A draft programme will be issued and all parties should liaise with the Programme Officer when Proofs of Evidence are available to update their time estimates. Following receipt of the updated estimates, and prior to the Inquiry opening, a programme will be issued.

*K D Barton*

INSPECTOR