

PRESS RELEASE

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Sandbanks Public Inquiry rescheduled for January 2025

A Public Inquiry to consider the proposed price increases of the Sandbanks Ferry has been rescheduled, by order of an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport.

The Inquiry, originally due to take place on Tuesday 10th December 2024 at Studland Village Hall, will now commence at 10am on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at the Poole Harbour Commissioners Terminal North Lounge.

This change has been necessitated by the extent of interest in the proposal and the numbers of interested parties wishing to attend the Inquiry.

The new venue, located on New Harbour Road South in Poole, was chosen by the Ferry Company to host the Inquiry, which will see the Planning Inspector hear evidence from the company and other interested parties, including local councils. The facility was chosen after an extensive search across Poole and the Isle of Purbeck, based upon availability, size, accessibility and suitability for the purposes of the Inquiry.

There will also be an evening session held on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 commencing at 6.30pm in the Springfield Country Hotel in Wareham.

The Public Inquiry and evening session will be live streamed via YouTube and made available for subsequent viewing.

Further information about the Inquiry can be found at <https://www.hwa.uk.com/projects/bournemouth-swanage-toll-public-inquiry/>.

For all enquiries relating to this statement, please contact the ferry company directly at: customercare@sandbanksferry.co.uk.

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