



24th January 2020

Dear Mr Smith,

Further to our letter of 10th January we felt it would be helpful to set out activities and workstreams in support of the proposition that you hold a Preliminary Meeting being held in June / July. As you will be aware, we have committed to a fully mobilised DCO team with full resource and uninterrupted workstreams – this is essential to meet the timescale as previously outlined.

In the first instance we will share 'Relevant Representation' Responses by the end of February. Much of the granular assessment of comments received has been undertaken, it is imperative that these are collated and shared in a timely fashion to allow for further meaningful engagement.

We propose to circulate our revised EIA documents to stakeholders by 15th April, allowing them the statutory period to respond to our updated documents. In tandem we commit to the re-issue and provision of regular updates the DCO Document Update Schedule and Stakeholder Engagement tracker.

Following a period of further review of comments from consultees, we propose to share our updated DCO documents with the Planning Inspectorate on or around 16th June. It is our hope that you will agree to this timetable which in turn should allow for a Preliminary Meeting to take place in mid-July.

The applicant is wholly mindful that administration, coordination and costs are to be borne by the applicant and such arrangements would need to be put in place within the next few weeks to ensure sufficient confidence that the timetable was going to be met.

In parallel with the process in relation to DCO documentation we will work towards Statements of Common Ground as proscribed by the process. It is our contention that these will be in place by mid-June, though recognise that some may require further time up to the start of the Preliminary Meeting.

As outlined in our previous correspondence, we regret the delays that have plagued the project. We believe we share your desire to bring this application to a sound Examination as expediently as possible.

Your sincerely

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Chief Executive