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Good morning and welcome to this preliminary meeting, which is being held in connection with an application made by NNB Generation company SSC Limited for an order for development consent for the construction operation and maintenance of the Sizewell C project, which comprises the proposed Sizewell C nuclear power station and associated development at the main development site and at other locations. Now, before I go further, can I confirm with the case team that the livestream of this event has begun? And can I also confirm that everyone can hear me clearly?

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Yes, I can confirm that is correct.

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Thank you. Now for those people watching the live stream. I should advise that if we at any point adjourn proceedings this morning, we'll have to stop the live stream in order to give us clear recording files. As a result, at the point of which we recommence the meeting. And we restart the live stream need to refresh your browser page to view the restarted live stream

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I'll remind you of this again, should we need to adjourn.

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Now my name is Wendy McKay I've a Bachelor of law I'm a nonpracticing solicitor and have been appointed as lead member of the panel of examining inspectors that is to examine the application. The other members of the panel, Mr. Maund, Mr. Brock, Mr. Humphrey, and Mrs. Cassini will now introduce themselves. Firstly, Mr. Maund.

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Good morning, everybody. My name is Edwin Maund. I'm a chartered town planner, and I am a member of the panel. I'll pass over now to Mr. Brock.

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Good morning, everybody. My name is Dave Brock. I am a retired solicitor I too have a law degree and I have been appointed by the Secretary of State as a member of the examining authority. I will now pass it over to Mr. Humphrey.

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Good morning, everyone. My name is Neil Humphrey. I'm a chartered civil engineer and I've been appointed to be a member of this panel. I will now pass to Mrs. Cassini.

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Good morning, everybody. My name is Helen Cassini. I'm a charter town planner, and I've been appointed as a member of the panel. I'll hand back to Mrs. McKay.

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Thank you. Now together we are the examining authority. And we've been appointed by the Secretary of State for housing Communities and Local Government to examine, report and make recommendation on this application to the Secretary of State for business, energy and industrial strategy. We're assisted today by the planning Inspectorate case manager, Michelle Gregory and her deputy Sian Evans. The other colleagues from the planning Inspectorate who will assist us are Georgiana Hannigan, Jake Stephens, and Lily Robins. If you have any questions or queries about the examination, or the technology we're using for virtual events, they should be your first point of contact. their contact details can be found at the top of any letter you've received premise, or on the project page of the national infrastructure website.

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Now, before I get onto the main agenda items for this meeting, I will ask my colleague, Mrs. Cassini to highlight a few housekeeping and background matters tonight for today.

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Thank you. Due to special circumstances, Miss Rosie Norton and Deputy Chief Constable Miss Rachel Curtain will be making comments towards the end of agenda item two.

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As far as I'm aware, no of the requests have been made for any special measures or arrangements to enable participation in the preliminary meeting. Can I just check that this is correct, please.

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Yes, that's correct, I think. Thank you.

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As explained in the Rule six letter dated 23rd of February 2021. inviting people to this preliminary meeting, a digital recording will be made. The meeting is also being live streamed. To assist viewers and listeners. Anyone speaking should introduce themselves each time they speak. Those who are not participating today will still be able to access live stream and the recording of the permit.

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Meeting part one, and then made a written submission by procedural deadline be on Wednesday the seventh of April.

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As the recordings are retained and published, they form a public record that can contain personal information to which the general data protection regulation applies. The implications of this are explained further in the rule six letter or annex B. And the planning inspectorate's privacy policy is as annex H of the same letter.

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As annex B of the real six letter explains, if there is a need to refer to information that participants would otherwise wish to be kept private and confidential. It should be in written form. If you prefer not to have your image recorded, you can switch your camera off

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or repeat your request making the arrangements conference that in order to minimise background noise. Please ensure that your microphone is muted and that you stay muted unless you are speaking. Given the large numbers of active participants today, it is particularly important that you do to this throughout the meeting.

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We've already been provided with confirmation if your attendance and the agenda items on which you have requested to speak. If you do not manage to ask your question or raise your point at the relevant stage. There will be an opportunity at the end of the meeting for you to raise this Under Item eight any other matters if the same point has not already been made by others. Alternatively, you can submit your question or information in writing by procedural deadline be on the seventh of April 2021. I also like to remind people that the chat function on Microsoft Teams will not work so please do not try to use this task any questions or post comments.

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You can find further information about the application including a detailed description of the proposed development being sought the documents produced for this examination on the relevant project page of the national infrastructure planning website, which also provides other general information about the examination procedure. please do visit the website is a project pages will be used to communicate and provide access to documents throughout the examination.

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There is an explanation of how to access the project page and the link provided in the Rule six letter. Please contact the case team if you need further advice on how to do that.

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examination documents can also be viewed at the locations listed in annex g of the rule six letter over please make sure that you contact the location before attending to check what current COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

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I also draw your attention to a point made in the rules six letter concerning the provision of an electronic portal, which parties will be able to use during the examination to make written submissions at relevant deadlines and strongly encourage the use of this function.

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Sorry, I Miss Cassini. Could I just Welcome to the meeting Bridget Chadwick. Because Please, could I ask you to turn your camera microphone off?

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Thank you.

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Thank you.

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During a physical meeting, we would normally have breaks to avoid fatigue. And we'll do the same in this virtual meeting. Our intention is to take a 15 minute break every 90 minutes or so depending on the progress of the meeting. A longer lunch break will be taken at approximately 1pm.

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We'll also be holding a minute's silence at midday to remember those who sadly died from COVID-19 or have been left unwell. If you are speaking at this time, you will be asked to pause and you will be able to resume following the silence.

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Are there any queries on the housekeeping issues covered so far?

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Nope. Well, thank you and I will hand back to Miss McKay.

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I just checked with the case team that my cameras working.

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Sorry, I missed okay. It's not working at the moment.

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We happy now. All right. Thank you very much for that check.

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So this has been some time since the application was originally accepted by the Planning Inspectorate. I will ask my colleague Mr. Brock just to highlight some of the examining authority's procedural decisions which have been taken through the examination.

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Thank you Miss Mckay.

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So this application

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was originally accepted by the planning Inspectorate on the 24th of June 2020.

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Relevant representations were received between the eighth of July and the 30th of September 2020.

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And the applicants letter of the fourth of October indicated that it wish to propose some changes to the application and requested the advice of the examining authority on the procedural implications of the proposed changes and on the need scale and nature of the consultation that the applicant might need to undertake as a result of this notification.

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Our response letter on the 23rd of October referred to the planning inspectors advice note 16, how to request a change which may be material and it explains the information that will need to be provided with the formal change request and proportionate non statutory consultation should also be carried out before the change request was submitted.

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It also draws attention to the timing implications of proposed change request. And the examining authority's subsequent letter and procedural decision of the 24th of November 2020 indicates that the applicants public consultation will be carried out between the 18th of November 2020 and the 18th of December 2020.

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We reminded interested parties that all responses to the consultation should be sent to the applicant and contact details were provided.

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It also explains the implications for the timing of this preliminary meeting, and that after the preliminary meeting, the examining authority would send a letter setting out our decisions about the requested changes.

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The applicant submitted its formal change request by a letter dated the levels of January 2021. With accompanying input information and 15 changes to the original application are proposed. These will be discussed or this will be discussed further under agenda item five.

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Our letter and procedural decision of the 22nd of January 2021 explains that careful consideration had been given to the timing of the start of the application in the light of additional submissions from the applicants, the Environment Agency natural England, Suffolk County Council, Together Against Sizewell C, and others. In particular, we had regard to the need to allow all parties a fair and reasonable period of time prior to the start examination to assess both the change request and the further information submitted by the applicant.

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The examining authority also noted the impacts of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, on staff resources, both of statutory and non statutory consultees. And if it was for those reasons, that the examining authority decided that the preliminary meeting should not be held until March April 2021, which is where we are now.

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During the pre examination period, the examining authority has also made a number of other procedural decisions and requests for information, the details of those procedures in decisions and the information submission in response is available on the project page of the national infrastructure website. Thank you I will now hand back to miss MCI.

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Thank you, Mr. Brock. Now I've been provided by case team with a list of those interested persons who have expressed the wish to be heard today. I would normally now ask those of you who are participating in today's meeting to introduce yourself to the examining authority and the people who are watching the livestream of this event. However, in the light of the numbers involved today, I shall not invite introductions from everyone at this stage. But I will ask you to introduce yourself and if you are representing someone else, the name of the person or organisation you are representing at the point you speak. I would ask for your assistance on this as it is important to introduce yourself each time you speak to wait those viewing the live stream or subsequently on the recording. Ms McKay, I'm sorry to interrupt but you're

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camera image just frozen. So I was just wondering if you might be able to adjust.

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Sorry.

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And your voice is very echoey. Maybe you get closer to the mic.

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I will try that. Thank you very much.

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Alright, so as I was saying, In the light of written submissions to procedural deadline, a, I would point out that we will not be hearing comments on the merits of the application under this or any other agenda item. Comments in relation to issues to be considered during the examination will be heard under agenda item four, and site visits under the relevant part of agenda item six.

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Now, the initial examination proposals were sent out in our rule six letter dated 23rd of February 2021. Inviting you to this meeting, we will be following the agenda is built upon by the detailed agenda, and referring to the other annexes attached to that letter. This meeting provides you with an opportunity to influence the way in which the examination will proceed. Our aim is to keep this virtual preliminary meeting as efficient and focused as possible. In that respect. We anticipate that you will have read through all six letters and annexes prior to this meeting, including the national infrastructure planning, privacy, notice and advice note 8.6 virtual examination events to which links were provided at the end of Annex A further information on the content of agenda items has also been provided in the detailed agenda.

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For agenda items, we do not therefore propose to repeat what has already been said in the rule six letter, and in particular annexes A and B, but simply to highlight a few key points in the meeting today. Likewise, we read the procedural deadline a written submissions on examination procedure and timetable, and requests to be heard only at this meeting, or report summarising those submissions has been compiled and published on websites. In the rule six last inviting you to this meeting. We strongly encourage groups of individuals with similar views on the examination procedure to choose one representative to speak for the group and explain that there was no need for the same point to be repeated by others. However, we note that some of the points made in those deadlines a written submissions are repeated by other people if requested to speak. To avoid any unnecessary repetition during this meeting, we would stress that there is no need for the same point to be made by a number of different people. If therefore, an earlier speaker makes the point that you intended to make, then we can reassure you that it will be taken into account and you do not need to repeat it.

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Now on agenda item two, the examining authorities remarks about the preliminary meeting. I will now ask Mr. Maund to outline the scope of this item and the reason why this event is being held virtually.

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Thank you.

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The detailed agenda explains that the scope of this item will be limited to ensuring that participants are familiar with the preliminary meeting arrangements. The arrangements for this virtual preliminary meeting have been explained in the rule six letter Annex A and in the arrangements conference this morning, including the reason for this event being held virtually and hence the need for the preliminary meeting to be split into two parts. And the provision made for written submissions at procedural

deadline be to hopefully ensure a fair opportunity for people to make their views known on the various procedural matters under consideration.

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As you're aware, this procedure is being adopted for the preliminary meeting in response to Covid 19 pandemic

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written Ministerial statement made on the 13th of May last year by the Secretary of State for housing Communities and Local Government strongly support the planning inspectors programme for moving to digital events. Inspector is now actively delivering casework using these means, including other national infrastructure examinations, which have already commenced or concluded using virtual events.

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We note the number of people have raised concerns about the holding of this meeting, and later events virtually

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while still there's past that the ability to participate virtually be maintained through

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Hold examination period, and others oppose hybrid or blended events. That is to say a combination of physical hearings and virtual access,

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draft timetable scheduled hearings for later in the year, we will make decisions about how those events should be held closer to the proposed dates. We will certainly be considering the holding of blended events if that can be done in a safe way. That is fair to everyone.

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It would greatly assist us in reaching those decisions if interested parties who feel that they will be digitally excluded and significantly disadvantaged should later events proceed by purely virtual means, would make written submissions to us by procedural deadline be explaining why they consider that to be the case.

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Like law. Likewise, we would like written submissions from those who would welcome the ability to participate virtually in such events.

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And those who oppose the holding of blended events, we will then be able to consider carefully those written submissions. And if necessary, revisit the topic of how later events should be held at the preliminary meeting part two.

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We're not therefore be hearing oral submissions on that topic during this part of the meeting.

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I'll now hand over to my colleague Mrs. Cassini will say a few words about the order of the agenda items, which is a matter that's been raised by many of you. She will also explain why separate sessions of this meeting may be held, if necessary.

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Thank you.

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We know that under this agenda item, a number of people have raised the question of the order of agenda items four and five, and a number of the written submissions proposed reversal of the order of these agenda items to achieve clarity on whether the changes will be accepted before principle issues are considered.

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I'd like to point out that this preliminary meeting does not operate like a council meeting with which some of you may be more familiar. Decisions are not made on each agenda item in turn before moving on to the next. The detailed agenda explains that no decision on the acceptance of change request will be made at this meeting. That decision will be made as soon as possible after part two of the preliminary meeting has closed. Therefore, there will be no benefit in terms of today's discussion in reverse in the order of those agenda items.

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If you feel that there are new topics that would merit consideration is principal issues. The examination should the change request be accepted. Then though, then those should be raised in your agenda item for the initial assessment principle issues without weakening or prejudice in your position on the change acceptance decision.

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Annex A of the real six letter explains that if there are large numbers of requests to speak at the meeting, then more than one session may need to be held. There are a large number of requests to be heard today. And as I've already explained, will inevitably have to take short breaks from time to time.

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As numbers will remain within the technical capacity of Microsoft Teams. Our intention is to proceed with all participants present in each session. However, we do have the option of a journeying and resuming smaller groups for sessions on the same topic. If that proves to be necessary, then we'll explain the procedure to be adopted to achieve that.

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I mentioned earlier as an exception at this point, I would just like to ask Miss Rosie Norton, if she has any comments to make on this agenda item and any other agenda items.

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Miss Norton, do you have anything you wish to say?

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I'm not hearing anything for you, Miss Norton. If you do wish to participate, please do let me know and I can come back to you.

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I'm sorry miss casino could see that. She has her microphone on. It's just that we're not able to hear at the moment. I wonder if Miss Norton could perhaps turn the volume up.

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Miss Norton, unfortunately not hearing you at the moment.

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What I will do is, I'm Ms Norton

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is now exiting.

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Okay, Miss Gregory I'll leave that with you maybe to see if Miss Norton can come back into the

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is Deputy Chief Constable Miss Rachel Curtain available to speak at this moment?

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Yes, I am. Hello, I understand you have a prior commitment and you need to speak between 1030 and 11. So if you'd like to make your comments now. Thank you. Thank you very much. That's much appreciated.

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I'm Rachel kitten, and I am the Deputy Chief Constable of Suffolk Constabulary. Suffolk Constabulary is the territorial police force responsible for the county of Suffolk. Our mission is to make Suffolk a safer place to live, work, travel and invest. The Constabulary just deploys its resources to protect

communities and prevent crime happening in first place, with a particular focus on preventing harm and protecting the most vulnerable.

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Thank you for the opportunity to address the preliminary hearing of the Sizewell C DCO examination, as you will be aware from the constabularies DCO relevant representation. The Constabulary has engaged with the scheme promoter, EDF throughout all pre application and pre examination stages and continues to do so. Including ongoing work to prepare a statement of common ground with EDF and a DCO written representation. Throughout the process. The Constabulary has been consistent in highlighting the community safety issues associated with the scheme and the need for corresponding appropriate mitigation.

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policing is a complex activity which plays a key role in responding to and managing a wide variety of community safety risks that are often hidden from view and which extend far beyond what may be perceived as recording and investigating traditional crime types. The proposed development presents significant challenges to effective policing, Crime Prevention and community safety across Suffolk particularly within the Halesworth local policing command area where the proposed Sizewell C site and adjacent village of Leiston are located.

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Suffolk Constabulary is taking the project extremely seriously. Whilst holding no view on the planning merits of the proposed development. The Constabulary is concerned with ensuring all likely impacts on community safety, including those affecting the project workforce and existing communities are fully identified, assessed and adequately mitigated.

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Given the scale of anticipated demographic and transport changes during construction, policing would act as an important form of mitigation, but sufficient resourcing capacity needs to be in place to manage this effectively.

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The Constabulary therefore felt compelled to address the preliminary hearing to highlight the need for adequate Community Safety mitigation to be secured through the examination and in accordance with rule the rule six letter to request specific hearings under the identified socio economic and transport and transport principle issues. In its DCO submissions. EDF has acknowledged the potential for Community Safety impacts and the need for such impacts to be managed and has proposed some related mitigation measures, which suffer Constabulary would broadly support however, the Constabulary remains concerned with the assessment and acceptability of likely impacts, and the need for adequate medication in respect of both community and roads policing.

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Without Prejudice to a statement of common ground and DCO written representation, which will be submitted in May. The Constabulary would respectfully suggest there is likely to be a need for the

assessment and mitigation of community safety impacts to be examined further, through issues specific hearings. matters which could usefully be addressed through a hearing as part of the socio economic principle issue in relation to law. And order law and order considerations include the range of likely impacts on the workforce and local communities.

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And the role of the emergency services in addressing these impacts. Similarly, an issue specific hearing as part of the traffic and transport principle issue. Sorry, forgive me.

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I'll go back matters which could usefully be addressed through a hearing as part of the socio economic principle in relation to law and order to considerations include the range of likely impacts on the workforce and local communities, Naughton

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and the role of the emergency service in addressing these impacts. Similarly, an issue specific hearing as part of the traffic and transport principle issue should address issues associated with the movement of substantial volumes of abnormal in divisible loads on suffix road network.

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It is also expected the examination will need to dedicate time to address related mitigation and monitoring matters through the section 106 agreement and requirements as part of draft development consent order principle issue, which the Constabulary anticipates a need for second significant involvement within.

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In conclusion, Suffolk Constabulary welcomes the opportunity to participate in this examination, and looks forward to working with all parties to secure adequate mitigation for likely Community Safety impacts from the size we'll see project. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. I understand your colleagues will remain in the meeting. That's great.

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Thank you. Thank you very much for your time.

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I believe that Miss Rosemary Norton may have been able to rejoin the meeting now. Yes. Hello, can you hear me? I can, indeed. Thank you for rejoining. Would you like to make the comments at this moment that you have? I would, I have very short comments, because I know that you have a lot of people. That's fine. Please go ahead. Yeah. By the way, I do have a computer but no microphone. So that's why I'm using the telephone. That's fine. I can hear you perfectly. Okay, agenda item four, principle issues.

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There is a phrase community impacts the additional actions after the 30th of September included night trains, which are going to affect hundreds of people's daily lives, and the ability of them to be able to sell their houses, possibly not for 10 years. I'd like to really know whether these night trains are principal issues.

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And community transport will be included within community impacts,

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and will not be included the night trains which were an additional change to the DCO. As you may have heard, no decision has been made on the change request yet. But should, should the change request be accepted. All aspects of the change request will be included within our examination. Well, I, I do think that because it affects so many people's lives, there should be some further consultations about this because people will not know what's happening necessarily. If they're not following the actual application, they will be unaware of what is happening. So that's all I wish to say on agenda item four. That's fine. Thank you very much. Do you have any other comments on any agenda items? Or is that your only thing today? No agenda about agenda item five.

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I have looked at the changes after the 30th of September as well as before. And I don't really feel that the applicant has got to grips with the transport strategy. And I do feel that they need to go away and really rethink the transport strategy because it isn't satisfactory. And it needs more work done on it, and it needs further consultations. And that's all I want to say on agenda item five. Thank you. I've noted those comments. And do you have on any other agenda items? Are those the two that you wish to comment? Only item six. And this is the last one, the timetable. I believe there's many of us that feel that it should not happen this summer examination. But in truth and I speak personally just from I'm not representing anyone except myself. I do feel that the whole thing has become a little bit of a mess with all these changes. And I feel that the applicant should go away over the summer and produce an

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Some more consultations in the autumn, and submit a new DCO with all these changes in and which have been open to public consultation. And that's all I wish to say I think we should actually take a leaf out of Scotland, the Parliament of Scotland and defer everything for a year and make sure that everybody has a chance to talk about all these changes and consultations are held.

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Thank you very much. Thank you very much for your comments today. That's it. Thank you very much. Thank you. Goodbye, goodbye.

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And I noticed that Councillor fellows have got hurt as raise her hand. Do you want? Would you like to speak?

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Yes, thank you, madam ladies and gentlemen.

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Marianne Fellowes Councillor, representing over town council. So with your guidance, I would like to address a couple of matters. You raised in item two, if that's okay, at this point. And I am I am actually going

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back to miss MCI is it? Is it about question of local election?

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Well, I can no, I can tell you roughly what it is. So first of all, you've said and we do understand that you wish to run an effective and inclusive process. You said that you don't wish to hear us echo comments that have been made by colleagues or others before us. However, I would say that I think you'd agree it's very important that you're able to gauge the weight and strength of feeling on a particular matter. And if one person just raises it to begin with, then it would not be sufficient for others not to say they agree with that. They don't have to go into detail. But I think they should be afforded the opportunity to speak and say that they do agree with that in a similar way. Otherwise, the strength of feeling will not be made to the examining authority. No, not our intention. Anybody speaking if people do wish to speak on matters that have been already discussed, that is fine. However, on the other side of that cancer pillows pit, some people may not wish to repeat their issues. But thank you, I understand that quote from any case, it was just in writing. And verbally, we were told today, we could not mention the same thing a second time. So thank you for clarifying that. My second point is

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I would like to address the timing of the part two preliminary meeting.

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Appropriate now, I do believe that if this matter is going to be dealt with moving on, could I ask you to do to bring that matter to our attention at the appropriate time? And which agenda item would be that?

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it because I read it as item two, it will be as item six about examination timetable.

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No, that's the timetable for the examination. I'm talking about the timetable for the preliminary. Please make your point now, if you if you wish to thank you. And I do apologise, you must bear with us. We are amateurs, although I've taken part in the Scottish power renewables DCO sometimes we don't know exactly when to speak or the right words to use. So please bear with us on this fact that by doing fantastic job. Okay, so with regard to the timing of part two, the preliminary meeting, I know that you've had feedback from many people that this should be delayed. And I would like to just go through basically the reasons why I believe we believe this, although it is a year today, and I do thank you for observing the silence at 12 noon. We are still struggling to come to terms with the COVID-19 restrictions. Many parish and town Council's resources are extremely

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exasperated by work we've continued to do in the community and individuals to our touched at this time by additional pressure.

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We also think that it's unwise to start the examination period, which is the day after preliminary meeting Part Two on the 15th of April, because Purder is now going to begin that day. So the Purder period for the UK is 15th of April. So it would mean the first few weeks of the examination, and DCOs are supposed to be front loaded with information and decisions as soon as possible. Moving forward with the applicant in a positive way would mean that several weeks would not be able to be fully utilised in the sense that many, many people within the county council but also others

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organisations are not allowed to participate. So I have received today a letter confirming that the nuclear decommissioning authority, and potentially the Office of nuclear regulation, and definitely Magnox representatives, which are all connected to size lay and the nuclear industry would not be able to take part fully

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contentious decisions around planning and land use land sale land lease, it's not a good time to be talking about those when people are campaigning for elections. So we would request the plot to the jury meeting should not take place until after the elections in May. So then, in effect, the examination period of six months begins then, so that everyone could be participating. And they would not be this undertone of sensitivity, that would affect proceedings.

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The other reason is that many of us still involved in the Scottish power renewables DCO until early April. So even in preparing for today's meeting, I was conflicted, because I really need to be preparing for deadline eight of SPR, which is in two days time. So it is a very difficult time for us here in this part of Suffolk. And we would request that you give serious consideration to the requests not just by myself, but others that have made you in writing that preliminary meeting Part two is delayed. The last reason for that is you said yourself, you don't want to change the agenda items five and four round the other way.

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I would suggest that item four, in terms of the issues specific matters, may actually have to be put off until part two, because if you have not decided on whether to accept the very significant changes, for example, with regarding to the beach Landing Facility, then we really don't know what are the specific items we should be discussing as matters under item four. So again, delaying the preliminary meeting for another few weeks into May, will give you the opportunity to make your determination on the changes. And it would also enable new interested parties to register and become relevant representatives. Because actually, I believe part one today should have included people that are affected by the changes, they should be able to participate right from the beginning. And at the moment

they are disadvantaged because the changes are unknown. They are significant. They do involve new people. We have very little detail about them. And we're not in a position I think to move forward today. Thank you. Thank you.

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Thank you. Could I ask it. You lowered your hand? Thank you. I believe that Mr.

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Jones

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wishes to speak.

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Hello, madam. Am I hoping I'm at the right time. Just to introduce myself. I'm acting on behalf of a number of landowners who collectively go by MTL Middleton Thibelton Landowners and stop me if I'm not at the right time.

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I do think Mr. Jones I think there is a more appropriate time for you to speak if that if that's going to be okay. We're going to do with is on the topics on this point on the councilor Fellowes

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spoke on but if there's a later time to deal we'll deal with them. I can deal with them principle issues. Yeah to do the mode very well. I just want to

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let me know when the right time you will.

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You haven't been forgotten. Thank you very much.

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Your right to switch off your camera.

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Thank you. I think

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Mr. Nigel Haile Healy

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has also raised his hand.

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Yes. Good morning, madam. I'm speaking as a sax. I'm speaking as a sax resident, also Saxmundham town Councillor. And I would like to echo all the comments of the first two speakers. And I would additionally like to point out that during the last round of consultations, despite the fact that Saxmundham is very heavily impacted by

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The potential of night trains running through the middle of the town that

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the ADF did not see fit to actually run a consultation session in the town.

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And so many local residents would not be aware of the changes to their submission,

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which I believe is

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is not right.

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Okay, thank you. Thank you for making that point.

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And I think Mr. Alex Johnston has also raised his head, his hand raised for a few minutes. Yeah, it was just a thought.

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My name is Alex Johnson. I'm a property owner between Sachs, London and Leiston.

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Just a thought based on Councillor fellows, excellent comments, particularly with regard to how everyone can contribute their endorsement of them, which is obviously not appropriate on a call. But perhaps,

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if we get if this thing is going to be published, there'll be opportunities for people to put their endorsement behind some of the points that are raised and therefore get a sense of that there is significant weight and endorsement amongst the caller's for some of the points that have been suggested.

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Thank you for your point. Mr. Johnston.

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Right. Um, I don't think anybody else has raised their hand. So I will now hand back to miss MCI. Mr. Johnson. Just before I do. So could I ask you to lower your hand please?

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Thank you, I will now hand back to miss MCI.

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Thank you, Mrs. Cassini, perhaps just a couple of points of clarification of the hearing counsellor Marian fellows are the first was that the decision on the change request will be made after the preliminary meeting Part Two as soon as possible after that meeting, not after today. So that was just a point of clarification, in case anyone misunderstood our information on that.

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And secondly, by way of clarification, you have invited persons that might potentially be affected by the change to this meeting as other persons and there is scope

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under the compulsory acquisition recommendations to hold another meeting, after after that, if necessary. And just Thirdly, to say that in terms of weight of feeling, and in respect of agenda points, just say, we've certainly got the drift and the strength of feeling for some points. And that's from the written submissions are just to remind everybody that we do attribute equal weight to written submissions, as we do to those making all submissions.

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So just just those few points of clarification, I just wanted also to check whether the ready outstanding queries that anyone wish to raise in respect of the arrangements for the preliminary meeting, as outlined in Annex A of the rule six letter before we move on.

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Can't see anything. In that case on agenda item three, the example. I want someone to want to have Mr. Collett has raised his hand. Oh, sorry. I missed that. Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Collins. That's right. Thank you for just inviting me it is really just made the observation, Madam, that the echo behind your voice is making it quite difficult to hear just at times. And I think over the course of the day, we'll play havoc with a number of people's headaches. I suspect, just wondering if you could attend to that, please. Thank you.

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Miss McCarthy, you need to turn your microphone back on now, if you can.

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Thank you. It was just to say thank you for pointing that out. I'll do what I can. Apologies for that. And I'll

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Ask the case team for any suggestions. I am having feedback from others that they're not getting the echo. So apologies if some people are experiencing that. We'll see what can be done.

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Is there anyone else?

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Before I move on to agenda item three?

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Yes, thank you.

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I have my hand up.

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We have

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we have three people. Someone called John is the first person to raise their hand perhaps we can invite him in.

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Mr. Guest.

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Sorry, John. Hello, John, Suverall, I'm a resident of the Yoxford

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having just listened to that discussion so far. And that and I, I recognise that we're, we are amateurs, all this. But listening to the points that were made, and then the fact that, in a sense, you almost ruled out the fact that

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part two can't be slipped.

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I do wonder that the logic of what's being discussed is I questioned slightly.

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That is all I mean, I would very much endorse what Councillor Fellowes said very eloquently.

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But the response that the decision on item five won't be taken until after the end of Part Two, when the whole process will be then going forward like a dog in the world. Seems questionable. I'm sorry. Thank you.

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And who do we have next to speak?

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Councillor Fellowes was the next on the list. And if John Sverall can lower his hand, please.

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Yes, thank you very much. Marianne Fellowes Councillor on behalf of Aldeburgh town council, ladies and gentlemen. It is a just a brief clarification really. I understood as part of the nationally significant infrastructure projects DCO process legally, that the examination six months has to start the day after the preliminary meeting. Now, if you split the preliminary meeting, as you've done into two parts, that would mean the examination starts the day after or immediately actually on the finish of the preliminary meetings that preliminary meetings five o'clock One day, the examination starts the next day.

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Madam if, as you've said, the decision on the changes is not going to be until after part two. That means during the examination phase, I understand that any changes to the DCO would have to be either accepted or rejected prior to the examination phase starting. So we would request if you were unwilling to let part to be revised or delayed until a later period of time that we have part three of the preliminary meeting then after you have made your decisions on the changes after interested parties have been formally invited after New relevant representations, perhaps after New consultation periods. If the changes are unknown, or don't have enough detail.

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I would be very hesitant to leave today with the feeling that the examination was going to start the day after part two, and the changes are not going to be agreed or not agreed until later into the examination period. I would really request that this point is given serious consideration. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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I just point out that the reason for the preliminary meeting being split as it is is explained in Annex A of the rule six and also the reason for not reaching decisions and not issue the rule eight that is because we need to until up until then. The process enables people to make written submissions the procedural deadline being an event

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Be that we have to revisit certain topics in the light of that. So it would, I believe be unfair to make, as it were a premature change decision before the preliminary meeting part two, so that we can take everybody's views into account. And the other point is that no, the change request doesn't have to be made before the examination starts. In fact, many change requests are made during the examination.

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So the next Is there anyone else? Mr. Jones? Mr. Jones, do you wish to speak on that? Yes, yeah.

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Yes, if I may, since he's been his record, I just, I won't repeat,

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indoors, what Councillor fellows has said, and just in terms of this, the issue of holding off a determination of the amendments? Could I ask the examining panel, bear in mind two things. In terms of

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objectives, and those who I represent the proposed amendments have implications on all sorts of issues we've heard about some of them already. Not just land take but transportation and in terms of costs, and preparation, whilst

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the proposed amendments have not been decided upon for objectives, one is having to prepare and perhaps instruct experts on a variety of scenarios. And that leads to additional cost and uncertainty. And I would just ask the examination path when being asked to reflect on the procedure they're taking by Councillor fellows which we endorse, we endorse to take that into account as well please. And also in timetabling this may mean that when a decision is made,

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there is adequate time for third parties to prepare their case.

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Thank you, Mr. Jones. Yes, we are aware of those points which have been made. And certainly those will be borne in mind. And there may be more to say on that under agenda item six, which does relate to timetabling.

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Right. So if we move on now, oh, I

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think Allison down,

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counsellor, I had counsellor Saunders. Councillor Saunders.

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Hello, good morning. I wish to raise another issue somewhat linked to this. And that's with regard to the fact that when the permit is held an examination period starts. We have another issue with regard to any parish council town council, district council meetings, because on the seventh of May, the emergency legislation learning as to hold meetings virtually disappears. And we are already looking at going into emergency powers for clocks run the council's until at least June 21. That means that during that period, and if changes aren't notified to us before that time, even then we aren't able to meet as a council under commenting to consider issues that are pertinent to this examination. And as far as I understand that, there is at the current time, no intention to extend the legislation to allow us to meet after the seventh of May as a parish town or district councils. Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Saunders. counsel as long as that points that that points noted. Do we have anybody else to speak before we move on?

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Yes, please. Miss Mackay. Yes. And could you introduce yourself?

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Alison Downes, Stop Sizewell C. I'm also speaking on behalf of William Kendall, Stephen Beaumont, Henri Cowen's, Sue Osborne, Nigel Smith, Marilyn Hans Neil Poole, John Walton, Gwen Urscan Hill, Charles McDowell, Nick Burfield, Claire Itso, Ivan morale, and Sheila Galpin. And my point was similar to Councillor Fellowes, but given that you're, you're not able to delay or postpone the decision or bring forward the time when you make a decision about accepting the applicants revised proposals. I would really strongly urge you to consider the suggestion she made to hold a part three of the preliminary meeting because once the examination starts, the clock is running

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It's somewhat inconceivable that that will be the case without us knowing which proposals that were responding to. And I appreciate that splitting the preliminary meeting into three parts is exceptional. But these are exceptional circumstances. And this is an exceptional proposal, a DCO process, the scale of this processes is going to be so major and so significant and people already feeling very disadvantaged. This is yet one more example where people are feeling considerable anxiety and consternation in not knowing until about a week after the examination process has officially started and cannot be stopped, which proposals they will be responding to. So please consider holding a part three. Thank you.

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So my name is Charles Croydon. I have a point to make if that's all right.

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Yes, that's fine. So the point I made in response to the rule six, and I live in Ipswich. So I was concerned about air quality in Ipswich, that in the submission, I felt that the air quality issues affect a wider geographic area. And what I submitted was about the air quality during the lifecycle of the project, and I'm not at all clear from the lifecycle analysis. What units are being used for the end points in measuring environmental damage? I you?

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Thank you for that comment. That's noted. Is there anyone else that has cancer? Saunders? Yeah.

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Yes, Paul Collins.

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Hello, yes, I'm

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not sure what's going on.

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Please proceed. Please proceed. Apologies. Sorry. Yeah, apologies for not realising my picture is down at the bottom of the screen.

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I'd like to go back to this business about the decision when you're going to accept or not the changes from

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the applicant. And on the final the stage, the second preliminary meeting, meeting on when that is held. One of the issues that we have for Minsmere level stakeholder group is we are faced with a situation where we're being asked to look at changes to

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coastal frontage and hard coastal defence, in in this second submission, when we haven't even seen what the first submission is. And we've been waiting for pretty much 10 years for any plans to be submitted. So we're being asked to figure out whether this is actually material or not, what the change is, we have no idea. So we are in a position where we cannot assess any of this, because there simply has not been sufficient information provided you have in your own words or in your own requests, asked for extra information based on these changes, but nothing about the hard coastal defence, which is completely unspecified at this point. So just check

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with Stan what it is we're being asked to do, and have time to do it. And we do not have that at this point in time. We have neither what we what is being changed, or what it is being changed to. So it is there is no, you are asking us to come to this meeting and this part of the decision

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within the examination period when we don't even know what it is we're being asked to look at. And that is completely unacceptable.

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Thank you.

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Thank you for that. And I was only going to say that those points we've read people that have made those points. And that's very helpful. we've noted those but that those points are more appropriately set out and given under the change request item. That's a general tip. I'll do Sure. I'm sure I'm sure we will be revisiting with visiting that point. later on. And then I'll be asking information and no doubt numerous other people will be so thank you very much.

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Good. Good morning, madam. I'm Nigel Hiley speaking on behalf of Saxmundham Town Council. The town council registered

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I'm interested in

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the inquiry and have not received any information back from you on joining instructions for the session. Now, I'm I am aware that there is a separate session set aside for parish and town councils during the inquiry. But I wonder whether that actually precludes town and parish councils from also sitting in on this event and on the inquiry itself?

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Just so I'll just get the case team to check on that. As far as we were concerned, we had invited all interested parties, but I will get them to look into that. Who are you particularly concerned with? So this was six months ago town council

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represent on the council.

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All right, thank you. Thank you that we noted that and we'll check what's been happening.

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Right. Anybody else with their hand up?

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We just have an Anthony Ingram. Nice. Mr. Ingram.

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Hello. Yes, I'm a resident of Wesselton, which is no doubt you know, is about two miles from the proposed campus, about three miles from the power station site itself.

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I just like to follow up on the question of postponement.

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I'd like to say that consultation by EDF has been haphazard, at the best in fact, for some months Wesselton turn was muddled up with Winston which is actually eight miles away, not two miles away.

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We only had one visit from EDF and many people made representations didn't even read written representations fine that we didn't even receive receipts, notices of receipt.

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There's been a failure to engage in dialogue. And I think EDF have been dismissive of our very real concerns. And that's all compounded by COVID-19. And these significant changes with serious for impact on our area of outstanding natural beauty.

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Despite EDF undertaking, if you look at first 4.3 of EDF notification of proposed product changes, there's been no material consultation on these and postponement has to take place until due consultation is carried out, please. Thank you very much.

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Thank you, Mr. Ingram.

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Right, that seems to bring us to the end of that agenda item. I think it's probably time for a short break now. Because I know some of you have been in the arrangements conference as well. So that's all taken some time. And apologies for our delayed start, but I'm sure that the case team did their best on that. So if we adjourn now and we will resume at resume at 20 to 12.