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Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 88 and the Infrastructure  
Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rules 4 and 6**

**Application by Capture Power Limited for and Order Granting Development  
Consent for the White Rose Carbon Capture and Storage Project**

**Notice of Preliminary Meeting, availability of relevant representations and  
appointment of the Examining Authority**

The Secretary of State has appointed me to act as the Examining Authority (ExA) to carry out an examination of the above application by Capture Power Limited (**see Annex F**)

This letter is an invitation to the Preliminary Meeting to discuss the examination procedure and contains a number of supporting annexes. I would like to thank those of you who submitted relevant representations. These representations have assisted me when preparing my proposals for how to examine this application.

**Date of meeting:                      Wednesday 22 April 2015**

**Seating available from:            9.30am**

**Meeting begins:                      10.00am**

**Venue:                                    The Lowther Hotel, Aire Street, Goole, East  
Yorkshire. DN14 5QW**

The purpose of the Preliminary Meeting is to enable views to be put to me about the way in which the application is to be examined. It is important to appreciate that this meeting deals only with procedure, and not the merits of the application. The merits of the application will only be considered once the examination starts after the Preliminary Meeting has closed.

The Planning Inspectorate will send you a copy of my procedural decision<sup>1</sup> as to how the application is to be examined as soon as practicable after the meeting.

I wish to run a fair, efficient and effective meeting so that all relevant views can be heard. As such, I strongly encourage groups of individuals who have similar views on the procedure to choose one representative to speak for the group.

The agenda for the meeting is in **Annex B**. This has been set following my initial assessment of the principal issues arising on the application. That assessment is set out in **Annex C**. As a result of this assessment I wish to hear at the meeting from the applicant, interested parties, statutory parties and local authorities where they consider changes may be needed from the proposed draft examination table set out in **Annex D**.

Further information about Preliminary Meetings is given in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.4 which is available on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Advice-note-8-4v3.pdf>

### **Attending the Preliminary Meeting**

If you wish to attend the Preliminary Meeting please write, email or telephone the Planning Inspectorate, using the address and contact details set out at the front of this letter marking correspondence for the attention of Emré Williams, Case Manager. We need to receive your confirmation **by noon, Wednesday 15 April**. Please also refer to Annex A for administrative arrangements for this meeting.

It will help the management of the meeting and benefit everyone if you also:

- Tell us whether you wish to speak at the meeting and on which agenda items, listing points you wish to make; and
- Notify us of any special needs you may have (eg disabled access, hearing loop etc)

Please note that you are **not** required to attend the Preliminary Meeting in order to participate in the examination. If you are an interested party you will still be able to make written representations and participate in any hearings that are arranged.

Should you no longer wish to be an interested party and do not wish to be involved in the examination process, you can notify us of this in writing.

### **After the Preliminary Meeting**

Shortly after the Preliminary Meeting you will be sent a letter setting out the timetable for the examination. The audio recording of the meeting will also be published on our website.

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<sup>1</sup> Rule 8 Letter under the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Interested parties have the right to request an Open Floor Hearing. Any other Issue Specific Hearings are at the discretion of the ExA and will be arranged if I feel that consideration of oral representations would ensure an issue is adequately considered. My examination will comprise a consideration of written representations about the application and any oral representations made at the hearings, in addition to consideration of the application documents, policy and legal positions, site inspections and any other matters I consider to be relevant and important.

All relevant and important matters will be taken into account when I make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, who will take the final decision in this case.

There is a home page for this application on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website at:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/Yorkshire%20and%20the%20Humber/White-Rose-Carbon-Capture-and-Storage-Project/>

You can use this home page to track progress of the examination and access all relevant documents and correspondence from the links it contains. As the examination process makes substantial use of electronic documents, it will be useful to become familiar with this resource.

### **Procedural decisions made by the ExA under ss.89(3) and 93(1) of the Planning Act 2008**

I hereby notify all interested parties that I have made a procedural decision requesting Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) between the parties set out in Annex G. I have also set out the need in that annex for completed matrices to be submitted, in accordance with the processes under the Habitats Regulations 2010, as amended.

### **Your status in the examination**

This letter has been sent to you because you (or the body you represent) fall within one of the categories in s88(3) of the Planning Act 2008.

If you have made a "relevant representation"<sup>2</sup>, have a legal interest in the land affected by the application or are a relevant local authority, you have a formal status as an interested party in the examination process.

Interested parties will receive notifications from the Planning Inspectorate about the examination throughout the process and may make written and oral submissions regarding the application.

If you are a prescribed consultee (i.e. a body specified in the relevant regulations supporting the Planning Act 2008) but have not made a relevant representation you will not automatically be an interested party. However, following the Preliminary Meeting, you will have a further opportunity to notify the Planning Inspectorate that you wish to be treated as an interested party.

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<sup>2</sup> i.e. a representation in the form required by Regulation 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (Interested Parties) Regulations 2010 (SI2010/102)

If you are not sure whether you are an interested party, please contact us using the details at the top of this letter. Information regarding the formal status of interested parties and how you can get involved in the process is set out in Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 8 – 'How to get involved in the Planning Process'.<sup>3</sup>

## **Availability of relevant representations**

Thank you to those parties who have submitted relevant representations. The submission of relevant representations has assisted me in preparing my proposal for how to examine this application. All relevant representations submitted have been published. They can be found on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website.<sup>4</sup>

## **Award of costs**

I also draw your attention to the possibility of the award of costs against interested parties who behave unreasonably. You should be aware of the relevant cost guidance that applies to National Infrastructure projects. The "Awards of costs; examinations of applications for development consent orders" is available on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/guidance/>

I look forward to working with all parties in the examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

*Elizabeth Hill*

**Elizabeth Hill**  
**Examining Authority**

## **Annexes**

- A** Administrative arrangements for the Preliminary Meeting
- B** Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting
- C** Initial assessment of principal issues
- D** Draft timetable for examination of the application
- E** Availability of relevant representations and application documents
- F** Notice of appointment of Examining Authority
- G** Procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority
- H** Infrastructure Correspondence FAQ

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the Planning Inspectorate website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.

<sup>3</sup> <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

<sup>4</sup> <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/Yorkshire%20and%20the%20Humber/White-Rose-Carbon-Capture-and-Storage-Project/>

## **Administrative arrangements for the Preliminary Meeting**

On arrival at the venue you will be asked by a member of the Planning Inspectorate staff if you wish to speak during the meeting. If you do wish to speak you will be asked which agenda items you wish to speak about. Priority will be given to the interested parties, statutory parties, local authorities and invited persons before seating is allocated to other members of the public. The Examining Authority may exercise its discretion to permit any person, in addition to those who are entitled to take part, to participate in the meeting.

**If you wish to make any submissions on matters not set out in the agenda**, please write to Emré Williams, Case Manager, setting out the submissions that you wish to make **by noon, Wednesday 15 April**. I will attempt to accommodate reasonable requests and will alter the agenda on opening the Preliminary Meeting if I consider this will assist the discussion of the procedure for the examination.

A note will be taken of the Preliminary Meeting. Please note that an audio recording of the meeting will also be taken and made available on the website as soon as practicable after the meeting.

The Planning Inspectorate will send you a copy of the procedural decision as to how the application is to be examined as soon as practicable after the meeting.

## Agenda for the preliminary meeting

**Date:** 22 April 2015

**Commences:** 10:00am (Registration starts at 09:30am)

**Venue:** The Lowther Hotel, Aire Street, Goole, East Yorkshire DN14 5QW

<b>09:30</b>	Registration Opens
<b>10:00 - Item 1</b>	Welcome and Introductions
<b>Item 2</b>	Examining Authority's remarks about the examination process
<b>Item 3</b>	Any submissions regarding procedural matters not set out in the agenda that have been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by <b>noon</b> on <b>15 April 2015</b>
<b>Item 4</b>	Principal Issues – see <b>Annex C</b>
<b>Item 5</b>	Draft timetable for the examination – see <b>Annex D</b>
<b>Item 6</b>	<b>Any other matters</b>
<b>Item 7</b>	<b>Close of the Preliminary Meeting</b>

**Please note:** The agenda is subject to change at the discretion of the ExA. The ExA will conclude the meeting as soon as all relevant contributions have been made. If there are any additional matters to be dealt with or submissions take a considerable amount of time, the meeting may run for longer and the order of items may change.

## **Initial assessment of principal issues**

This is the initial assessment of the principal issues arising from consideration by the Examining Authority of the application documents and relevant representations received.

It is not a comprehensive or exclusive list of all relevant matters. The Examining Authority will have regard to all important and relevant matters when it makes its recommendation to the Secretary of State after the examination has concluded.

The policy and consenting requirements and documents associated with the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) are an integral part of the examination and are therefore not necessarily set out as separate principal issues. In addition, it should be noted that a number of these principal issues set out below have an interrelationship and overlap and these will be reflected in the examination.

Air quality, including issues relating to:

- the impact on air quality from both the construction and operational phases.

Biodiversity and habitats, including issues related to:

- the impact on habitats and biodiversity, including fisheries;
- mitigation and enhancement measures.

Compulsory acquisition, including issues related to:

- the requirement for the powers sought and the need to establish a compelling case in the public interest;
- protective provisions;
- temporary use of agricultural land; and,
- financial arrangements.

Design, landscape and visual impact, including issues related to:

- the design concept and process;
- landscape and visual impact; and
- landscaping and screening.

Economic and social impacts, including issues related to:

- the impact on the local economy; and
- the impact on local regeneration.

Flood risk, including issues related to:

- the impact of the proposed development on flood risk; and
- the flood resilience of the proposed buildings and infrastructure.

Noise, dust and vibration, including issues relating to:

- the impact during construction and operation.

Operational matters, including issues related to:

- implications of differing operational scenarios;
- carbon capture storage (CCS) and carbon capture readiness (CCR); and
- potential use of combined heat and power (CHP).

Soils and geology, including issues related to:

- contaminated land;

Traffic and transport issues, including issues related to:

- traffic movement and routing;
- use of rail; and,
- potential use of the River Ouse.

Water quality and resources, including issues relating to:

- the impact of construction on water quality; and
- the impact of operation on water resources and water quality.



## Draft timetable for examination of the application

The Examining Authority's (ExA) is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the preliminary meeting.

My examination of the application takes the form of the application takes the form of consideration of written representations made at the hearings. The ExA will also consider any oral representations made at the hearings.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Matters</b>	<b>Proposed Dates</b>
1	Preliminary Meeting	<b>Wednesday 22 April</b>
2	Issue by ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination timetable</li> <li>• ExA first written questions</li> </ul>	<b>Wednesday 29 April</b>
3	<p><b>Deadline I</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on relevant representations (RRs)</li> <li>• Summaries of all RRs exceeding 1500 words</li> <li>• Written representations (WRs) by all interested parties</li> <li>• Summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words</li> <li>• Local Impact Report from any local authorities</li> <li>• Statements of Common Ground requested by ExA – see Annex G</li> <li>• Responses to ExA's first written questions</li> <li>• Comments on any additional submissions</li> <li>• Comments on, and suggested changes to, the draft Development Consent Order</li> </ul> <p>Notifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification by Statutory Parties to inform the ExA of a wish to be considered an Interested Party</li> <li>• Notification of wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition hearing</li> <li>• Notification of wish to speak at the issue specific hearing on the draft Development Consent Order (DCO)</li> <li>• Notification of wish to speak at issue specific hearing on environmental issues</li> <li>• Notification of wish to speak at an open floor hearing</li> <li>• Notification of wish to attend Accompanied Site Visit</li> </ul>	<b>Wednesday 20 May</b>
4	Issue by the ExA of:	<b>Wednesday 3 June</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation by the ExA of date, time and place for a accompanied site inspection (ASI)</li> <li>• Confirmation by ExA of date, time and place for an Issue Specific Hearing</li> <li>• Confirmation by ExA of date, time and place for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing</li> <li>• Confirmation by ExA of date, time and place for an Open Floor Hearing, if required</li> <li>• Any further request for information if required</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>Deadline II</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on WRs and responses to comments on RRs</li> <li>• Comments on Local Impact Reports</li> <li>• Comments on responses to ExA's first written questions</li> <li>• Comments on SoCGs</li> <li>• Revised draft DCO from applicant</li> <li>• Response to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline</li> </ul>	<b>Wednesday 10 June</b>
6	Day reserved for Issue Specific Hearing on Environmental Issues	<b>Wednesday 1 July</b>
7	Evening reserved for an Open Floor Hearing (if required)	<b>Wednesday 1 July</b>
8	Morning reserved for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing	<b>Thursday 2 July</b>
9	Afternoon reserved for Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)	<b>Thursday 2 July</b>
10	Day reserved for Accompanied Site Inspection	<b>Friday 3 July</b>
11	<p><b>DEADLINE III</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-Hearing documents including any written summary of an oral case put at any Hearing</li> <li>• Comments on any further information received by the ExA for Deadline II</li> </ul>	<b>Wednesday 8 July</b>
12	<p>Issue by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second written questions (if required)</li> <li>• Confirmation by the ExA of date, time and place for a further accompanied site inspection (ASI), if required</li> <li>• Confirmation by the ExA of date, time and place for further Issue Specific Hearings, if any are required</li> </ul>	<b>Wednesday 22 July</b>
13	<p><b>Deadline IV</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p>	<b>Wednesday 5 August</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to ExA's second written questions (if required)</li> <li>• Applicants Revised dDCO taking account of issues raised and comments to date</li> </ul> <p>Notifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification of wish to make oral representation at Issue Specific Hearings between 1 and 3 September 2015, if any are required</li> <li>• Notification of wish to attend the ExA's inspection of a site to which the application/specific matters relate in the company of Interested Parties (ASI), if required</li> </ul>	
14	<p><b>Deadlines V</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on applicant's revised draft DCO</li> <li>• Comments on responses to ExA's second written questions (if required)</li> <li>• Response to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline</li> </ul>	<b>Friday 21 August</b>
15	Time period reserved for an ASI, if required and/or further Issue Specific Hearings if any are required	<b>Wednesday 2 – Thursday 3 September</b>
16	<p><b>Deadline VI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-Hearing documents including any written summary of an oral case put at any Hearing and any documents/amendments requested by the ExA</li> <li>• Comments on any further information received by the ExA for Deadline V</li> </ul>	<b>Wednesday 9 September</b>
17	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ExA's revised dDCO (if required) taking issues raised and comments into account</li> <li>• ExA's Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) for consultation</li> <li>• Any further request for information, if required</li> </ul>	<b>On/before Friday 25 September</b>
18	<p><b>DEADLINE VII</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any updated SoCGs,</li> <li>• Any written comments on the ExA's revised dDCO</li> <li>• Any written comments on the ExA's RIES</li> <li>• Response to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Wednesday 14 October</b>

19	<p><b>DEADLINE VIII</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on any further information received by the ExA for Deadline VII (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Wednesday 21 October</b>
20	The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.	<b>Thursday 22 October</b>

### Hearing Agendas

Please note that we will aim to publish a detailed draft agenda for each hearing on the project website at least 5 working days in advance of the hearing date; but the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subjected to change at the discretion of the ExA.

### Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

Where the project needs to be assessed under the Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) process, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake their HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's Recommendation to the relevant Secretary of State.

### Availability of relevant representation and application documents

Anyone wishing to view documents in relation to the examination of the project, which are regularly updated, can do so via the internet on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/Yorkshire%20and%20the%20Humber/White-Rose-Carbon-Capture-and-Storage-Project/>

Documents can be viewed electronically at the following locations for inspection and printing:

<b>Locations</b>	<b>Opening Times</b>	<b>Charges</b>
Goole Library, Carlisle Street, Goole, DN14 5DS	Mon, Weds: 0930 -1900; Tues, Thurs, Fri: 0930 - 1700; Sat: 0900 - 1600; Sun: Closed	A4 Printing: Black & White 10p Colour 50p
Selby Library, 52 Micklegate, Selby, North Yorkshire, YO8 4EQ	Mon: 0930 - 1930; Tues, Weds, Fri: 0930 - 1730; Thurs: 0930 - 1230; Sat: 0930 - 1230 ; Sun: Closed	A4 Printing: Black & White 10p
Howden Library, 13 Market Place, Howden, DN14 7BJ	Mon: 1600 - 1900; Weds, 1400 - 1900; Fri: 1000 - 1400; Sat: 1000 - 1300; Tues, Thurs, Sun: closed	A4 Printing: Black & White 10p Colour 50p
Snaith Library, 27 Market Place, Goole, Snaith, DN14 9HE	Tues: 1400 - 1900; Thursday: 1000 - 1700; Sat 1000 - 1400; Mon, Weds, Fri, Sun: Closed	A4 Printing: Black & White 10p Colour 50p

Libraries have been supplied with a poster explaining how you can access and view the documents online.

**Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended)  
– Rule 4**

**Notice of appointment of Examining Authority**

**Application by Capture Power Limited for and Order Granting Development  
Consent for the White Rose Carbon Capture and Storage Project**

**Notice of appointment of Examining Authority under Rule 4, Infrastructure  
Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**

On 3 March 2015 a single Examining Inspector was appointed to conduct the examination of the application under s61 and s78 of the PA 2008 as amended by the Localism Act 2011.

The Examining Inspector (“the Examining Authority”) appointed is

- Elizabeth Hill

*Pauleen Lane*

**Dr Pauleen Lane CBE FICE MBA**

**Group Manager, National Infrastructure  
on behalf of the Secretary of State**

## Procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority (ExA)

The ExA has made the following procedural decisions under Section 89(3) of the Planning Act 2008:

### 1. Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)

In relation to some of the principal issues identified in Annex C, the ExA would be assisted by the preparation of SoCGs between the applicant and certain interested parties. The draft timetable for the examination therefore provides a deadline for submission of SoCGs.

The aim of a SoCG is to agree factual information and to inform the ExA and all other parties by identifying where there is agreement and where the differences lie at an early stage in the examination process. It should provide a focus and save time by identifying matters which are not in dispute or need not be the subject of further evidence. It can also usefully state where and why there may be disagreement about the interpretation and relevance of the information. The reasons for the differences and interpretation of the implications of a difference can then be expanded in the evidence. Unless otherwise stated or agreed, the SoCG should be agreed between the applicant and the other relevant interested party or parties, and submitted by the applicant.

SoCGs are requested to be prepared by:

- A. **The applicant and Selby DC**, to include:
  - planning policy
  - regeneration
  - air quality
  - landscape and visual impact
  - noise and disturbance
  - heritage
  
- B. **The applicant and North Yorkshire CC**, to include:
  - planning policy
  - highways and transport
  - waste
  
- C. **The applicant and the Environment Agency**, to include:
  - environmental permit
  - air quality
  - water abstraction and discharge
  - water quality
  - flood risk
  - nature conservation
  - combined heat and power
  - carbon capture
  
- D. **The applicant and Natural England**, to include:

- impacts on European sites and SSSIs
  - impacts on protected species
- E. **The applicant and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust**, to include:
- impacts on locally managed wildlife sites
  - opportunities for wildlife in the proposal
  - biodiversity offsetting
- F. **The applicant and Canal and River Trust**, to include:
- Use of the R Ouse for construction and operation of the project

The ExA's advice is that the SoCGs should cover the following topics where relevant:

- Methodology for environmental impact assessment including assessment of cumulative effects
- Data collection methods
- Baseline data
- Data/statistical analysis, approach to modelling and presentation of results (including forecast methodologies)
- Full expression of expert judgements and assumptions
- Identification and sensitivity of relevant features and quantification of potential impact
- Likely effects (direct and indirect) on special interest features of sites designated or notified for any nature conservation purpose
- Feasible and deliverable mitigation and method for securing such mitigation within the DCO

## **2. Habitats Regulations 2010 (as amended)**

The examination must include a process that provides sufficient information to enable the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change to meet his statutory duties as the competent authority under the Habitats Regulations 2010 (as amended) relating to European protected sites. In order to inform the ExA's report and recommendation to the Secretary of State on this application and to provide stand-alone information for the Secretary of State, the applicant is requested to complete two matrices, to:

- Summarise the screening likely significant effects for each European protected site assessed, and
- Summarise the implications for the integrity of each European protected site assessed, where a likely significant effect either alone or in combination with other plans and projects has been identified

These two matrices are available to download from the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Advice-note-10-HRA.pdf>

The date by which the completed matrices must be received from the applicant will be discussed at the Preliminary Meeting.



### **3. In support of the draft Development Consent Order**

The applicant is requested to provide an Annex bringing together all mitigation needs (from the Environmental Statement and all application and supporting documentation) and where and how these are to be secured in requirements or through other binding and enforceable mechanisms. This should be fully cross-referenced and should be in a form that is capable of tracking and updating throughout the examination. **The deadline for the initial provision of the Annex is Wednesday 20 May 2015.**

### **4. S127 and 138 PA 2008**

The applicant is requested to provide schedules of statutory undertakers' interests (s127) and apparatus interest (s138) PA 2008 identifying in each case which undertaker or body is involved. Each interest should be referenced by plot numbers. In addition, the applicant should set out against each plot and interest what steps have been taken to obtain the appropriate undertaker consent or agreement in principle or otherwise and how the applicant intends to satisfy s127 and s138 PA 2008. **The deadline for the provision of the Annex is Wednesday 20 May 2015.**

## Infrastructure Correspondence FAQ

### **What is this correspondence about?**

The accompanying letter contains information regarding a proposed Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, often abbreviated as an NSIP, within your area. This type of development follows its own planning process with the Examining Authority, appointed to examine the application, being made up of between one and five Examining Inspectors rather than the local planning authority. Further information on the specifics of the particular application described in the letter's header can be found on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website and hard copy documents available at local document deposit locations.

### **Why am I receiving correspondence from the Planning Inspectorate?**

When NSIP applications are accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate, correspondence is sent out to individuals and organisations classed as 'interested parties' together with statutory parties, and relevant local authorities. If you have not registered with the Planning Inspectorate by completing a relevant representation form and are unsure why you are receiving our letters, you or your organisation may be automatically an interested party, for example by virtue of having an interest in land directly affected by the scheme, and having been notified of acceptance of the application by the developer.

### **Do I have to do anything further in connection with this letter?**

While we encourage engagement with the examination process, especially from those with an interest in land it directly affects, all participation is entirely optional.

### **Can I be removed from your mailing list?**

Any interested party is able to notify the Examining Authority in writing that they no longer wish to be an interested party, although please consider carefully whether you want to have your interested party status removed. Please also note that anyone with an interest in land directly affected by an application whose interest the developer is seeking to compulsorily acquire will still retain their status as an affected person, and hence, amongst other things, will be able to call for a compulsory acquisition hearing to be held.

### **What if I have further questions?**

The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8 series, which can be found on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website, contains a useful overview of the NSIP process and how to get more fully involved. You can also contact us as shown on your letter via the project's email address or by telephone on the Customer Services number.

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/>