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Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning  
(Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 8(3) and 13**

**Application by Meaford Energy Limited for an Order Granting Development  
Consent for the Meaford Energy Centre**

**Notification of revised examination timetable**

As set out in the examination timetable annexed to my Rule 8 letter of 27 August 2015, hearings are scheduled to take place week commencing 9 November 2015. Following the submissions made at deadline 2 which have now been published on our website, I have decided to reduce the length of those hearings and these are set out below as well as in the revised examination timetable which can be found at Annex A.

**Notification of hearings**

I hereby write to all interested parties to advise of hearings below, those interested parties who wish to speak at the hearing should notify the case manager, Kay Sully at the postal or email address above by Tuesday 27 October 2015.

I should be grateful if you would inform us if you plan to attend the hearing even if you do not wish to speak. It would also assist us if you could notify us of any special needs you may have (eg disabled access, hearing loop etc). Please ensure that you include your interested party reference number in your correspondence.

As 22 October 2015 is also identified within the examination timetable as deadline 3 for various submissions it would greatly assist the organisation of the hearing if you could provide the above details separately to any other submission you might make.

The hearing details are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Hearing type</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>
Wednesday 11 November 2015	Issue Specific Hearing on Environmental matters	Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre Yarnfield Lane Yarnfields Staffordshire ST15 0NL	1:00pm (seating available from 12:30pm)
Thursday 12 November 2015	Issue Specific Hearing on the Draft Development Consent Order	Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre Yarnfield Lane Yarnfields Staffordshire ST15 0NL	9.00am (seating available from 8.30am)
Thursday 12 November 2015	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing	Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre Yarnfield Lane Yarnfields Staffordshire ST15 0NL	2:00pm (seating available from 1:30pm)

If you have any queries regarding this notification or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Inspectorate's case team.

Yours faithfully

*David Richards*

**David Richards**  
**Examining Authority**

Annex A: Revised timetable for examination of the application

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 National Infrastructure Planning 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.

## Revised Timetable for examination of the application

The Examining Authority's (ExA) examination of the application takes the form of consideration of written representations about the application. The ExA will also consider any oral representations made at the hearings. 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.

Item	Matters	Due Dates
1.	Preliminary Meeting	<b>Thursday 20 August 2015</b>
2.	<p><b>Deadline 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification of wish to speak at an open floor hearing</li> <li>• Nominations of locations to be inspected during accompanied site inspections, the features to be observed there, with reasons for each nomination</li> </ul>	<b>Thursday 20 August 2015</b>
3.	<p>Issue by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination timetable</li> <li>• ExA first written questions (publication)</li> <li>• Notification of date for accompanied site visit</li> </ul>	<p><b>As soon as practicable</b></p> <p><b>No later than Thursday 27 August 2015</b></p>
4.	Date reserved for an accompanied site visit	<b>Tuesday 22 September 2015</b>

5.	<p><b>Deadline 2</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification from statutory parties, or a local authority without direct responsibility in the proposed development area, of a wish to be considered an interested party</li> <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>• Notification of wish to speak at an issue specific hearing</li> <li>• Notification of wish to speak at a compulsory Acquisition hearing</li> <li>• Any other information requested by the ExA</li> </ul>	<b>Monday 28 September 2015</b>
6.	<p>Issue by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification of dates for hearings and accompanied site visit in relation to compulsory acquisition (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Thursday 1 October 2015</b>
7.	<p><b>Deadline 3</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>• Any other information requested by the ExA</li> </ul>	<b>Thursday 22 October 2015</b>

8.	Issue specific hearing on environmental matters	<b>Wednesday 11 November 2015</b>  Commencing at 1:00 pm
9.	Issue specific hearing on the Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)	<b>Thursday 12 November 2015</b>  Commencing at 9:00 am
10.	Compulsory acquisition hearing	<b>Thursday 12 November 2015</b>  Commencing at 2:00 pm
11.	<b>Deadline 4</b>  Deadline for receipt of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>• Post-hearing documents including written summaries of oral cases, of any evidence or documents presented, or amendments requested by the ExA;</li> <li>• Revised draft DCO from the applicant taking into account all issues raised at hearings and in RRs/WRs (including both clean and track-change versions)</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline</li> </ul>	<b>Thursday 19 November 2015</b>
12.	Publication of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ExA's second written questions (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Thursday 26 November 2015</b>
13.	<b>Deadline 5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to ExA's second written questions (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Thursday 10 December 2015</b>
14.	Date reserved for issue specific hearing on the DCO (if required)	<b>Wednesday 16 December 2015</b>
15.	Date reserved for issue specific hearing on environmental matters or compulsorily acquisition hearing (if required)	<b>Thursday 17 December 2015</b>

16.	<p><b>Deadline 6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>• Post hearing documents arising from hearings including written summaries of oral cases put, of evidence and of any documents or amendments requested by the ExA;</li> <li>• Revised draft DCO taking account of issues raised and comments into account (clean and track-change)</li> <li>• Revised Book of Reference taking into account all issues raised at hearings and in RRs/WRs (including both clean and track-change versions)</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA for this Deadline</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 22 December 2015</b>
17.	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ExA's Draft DCO</li> </ul> <p><i>A banner on the Meaford Energy Centre project pages of our website will be updated on this day to reflect which document has been published.</i></p>	<b>Thursday 7 January 2016</b>
18.	<p><b>Deadline 7</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on responses to ExA's second written questions (if applicable)</li> <li>• Responses to ExA's draft DCO</li> <li>• Responses to revised Book of Reference</li> <li>• Any other information requested by the ExA</li> </ul>	<b>Thursday 21 January 2016</b>
19.	Reserved for any R17 request for further information (if required)	<b>Thursday 28 January 2016</b>

20.	<p><b>Deadline 8</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on responses to ExA's draft DCO</li> <li>• Comments on responses to revised Book of Reference</li> <li>• Responses to any R17 requests for further information</li> <li>• Any other information requested by the ExA for this deadline</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday 4 February 2016</b></p>
21.	<p><b>Deadline 9</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on any responses to R17 request</li> <li>• Any other comments requested by the ExA for this deadline</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday 11 February 2016</b></p>
22.	<p>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.</p>	<p><b>Saturday 20 February 2016</b></p>