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To interested parties, statutory parties
and other persons invited to the
Preliminary Meeting

Our Ref: EN010071

Date: 2 March 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 89 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8 (as amended)

Application by North London Waste Authority for an Order Granting Development Consent for the North London Heat and Power Project

Examination timetable and procedure

I write to tell you about the procedural decisions following the Preliminary Meeting held on 24 February 2016 at the Artzone (Edmonton Green Shopping Centre). This letter also provides you with the examination timetable, a link to the initial questions that I am asking in the examination and other matters.

Annex A sets out arrangements for the availability of representations and application documents. All documentation associated with this project, including a note of the Preliminary Meeting and the audio recording taken at that meeting can be found using this link:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/London/North-London-Heat-and-Power-Project/>

Procedural decisions

I have made my procedural decisions about the way in which the application is to be examined. The examination timetable is attached as **Annex B** and includes the deadlines by which certain information should be submitted. In finalising the examination timetable I have sought to accommodate requests made at the Preliminary Meeting.

If I consider it necessary to vary the timetable as set out in Annex B, I will notify interested parties (numerical reference numbers starting with 100319, or reference numbers beginning with NLHP-AFP or NLHP-S57) and any other persons invited to the Preliminary Meeting and publish the changes on the National Infrastructure Planning

website.

Deadlines for receipt of submissions

It is important to note that if you do not submit the information by the dates specified in the timetable, I may disregard them.

Any submissions that exceed 1500 words should also be accompanied by a summary which should not exceed 10% of the original text. The summary should set out the key facts of the written representation and must be representative of the submission made.

All deadlines are 11.59pm on the date stated. I request that interested parties send, where practicable, electronic copies of their submissions as email attachments, to NLHPP@pins.gsi.gov.uk on or before the applicable deadline. Electronic attachments should be clearly labelled with subject title and not exceed 12MB for each email. Should electronic submissions include documents of 300 pages or more, interested parties are advised to send to the Planning Inspectorate two additional full paper copies of their submission by post. Providing links to websites where your submissions can be viewed is not acceptable. All documents, once accepted into the examination by myself as the ExA, must be able to be viewed in full on our website. Timely submissions in advance of the deadlines set in the timetable are encouraged. If interested parties prefer to issue submissions in hard copy by post, please ensure they arrive by the deadline.

If no written requests are received for open floor hearings or compulsory acquisition hearings by the deadline of 9 March 2016 as specified in Annex B, I am not required to hold any such hearings. I may nevertheless choose to do so.

The time, date and place of any confirmed hearing will be notified in writing to all interested parties, providing at least 21 days' notice.

I explain below some of the submissions requested in the timetable in greater detail for your information; however, please refer to Annex B for all submission deadlines for this application.

Examining Authority's First Round of Written Questions

I have decided to ask a number of written questions. These questions are now published on the National Infrastructure Planning website and can be accessed through the following link:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/document/3706771>

The deadline for responses to these questions is 6 April 2016 as listed in the examination timetable in Annex B.

Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) and Local Impact Reports (LIRs)

In my Rule 6 letter dated 27 January 2016, I requested the submission of several SoCGs as part of the procedural decisions I have already taken. I now formally invite the submission of completed SoCGs by the same deadline of 6 April 2016.

Local authorities defined in s56A of the PA 2008 are also invited to submit LIRs by the deadline of 6 April 2016.

Written representations

I also invite all interested parties, and particularly the applicant, to submit comments on relevant representations already submitted by the deadline of 9 March 2016.

Written representations from all interested parties are invited by the deadline of 23 March 2016. There is no prescribed form for written representations. Written representations can deal with any relevant matter. They are not restricted to the matters set out in my initial assessment of issues which was discussed at the Preliminary Meeting, nor restricted to the questions I have asked. Please note that under Rule 10(4) of the Examination Procedure Rules, any person other than the applicant who submits a written representation must identify in their written representation those parts of the proposal with which they agree and those parts with which they do not agree, and must state the reasons for such disagreement.

Furthermore, in accordance with DCLG [‘Planning Act 2008 \(PA 2008\): Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent for nationally significant infrastructure projects \(April 2013\)’](#), participants should provide ‘the data, methodology and assumptions used to support their submissions’ with their written statements.

Notification of a wish to attend a hearing

I now request notifications by 9 March 2016 from:

- (a) any interested party who wishes to be heard at an **open floor hearing**;
- (b) any affected person who wishes to make oral representations at a **compulsory acquisition hearing**;
- (c) any interested party who wishes to make oral representations at the **issue specific hearing** on the draft Development Consent Order to be held on 18 March 2016.

If an interested party wishes to make an oral representation at an open floor or issue specific hearing they should indicate which topics they wish to address at the hearing. Similarly, any affected person wishing to make an oral representation at a compulsory acquisition hearing should identify clearly the plots of land about which they wish to speak.

Procedure at hearings and notification of wish to speak at hearings

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in Rule 14 of the [Examination Procedure Rules](#). Any oral representations must be based on either the relevant or written representations made by the person by whom or on whose behalf the oral representations are made. I am responsible for the oral questioning of a person giving evidence, but your attention is drawn to Rule 14(5) of the Rules and the circumstances that apply to cross-questioning between parties.

My examination will be principally undertaken through a written process, and I will decide whether a hearing on a particular issue or topic is necessary. This decision is not connected to how relevant or important I consider an issue or topic to be.

Site inspections

I have undertaken (and will continue to undertake) unaccompanied site inspections at times convenient to me.

An accompanied site inspection has been fixed for 17 March 2016 and any requests from interested parties for me to inspect particular locations or items must be received by 9 March 2016.

Please note that the site inspection is not an opportunity to make any oral representations on the proposal. However, I may invite participants to indicate specific features or sites of interest.

Award of costs

You should be aware of the possibility of the award of costs against parties who behave unreasonably.

To assist understanding of what 'unreasonable behaviour' means in the context of an examination under the PA 2008 you may find it helpful to read the Government guidance: '[Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders \(July 2013\)](#)' which can be found on the National Infrastructure Planning website.

Future notifications

If you are an interested party (numerical reference numbers starting with 10031, or reference numbers beginning with NLHP-AFP or NLHP-S57) you will continue to receive correspondence from the Planning Inspectorate about the examination throughout the process.

If you have received this letter because you were invited to attend the Preliminary Meeting, but you are not an interested party, you will **not** receive any further communication from us relating to this application. You can, however, visit the relevant project page on the National Infrastructure Planning website to stay informed of the progress of the examination.

If you are a statutory consultee, or a local authority without direct responsibility in the proposed development area, and have not made a relevant representation (reference number beginning with NLHP-SP), then you should inform the Case Manager if you wish to become a registered interested party by **9 March 2016**. **Statutory consultees who have not made a relevant representation and do not notify the Case Manager of their wish to become an interested party will not receive any further correspondence.**

If I require further information or written comments (a Rule 17 request) on the dates specified within Annex B, this will be sent to only those persons I consider it is

applicable to; however it will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning Website.

Management of Information

The Planning Inspectorate has a commitment to information transparency. Therefore, all information submitted for this project (if accepted) and a record of advice which the Planning Inspectorate have given can be found 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 has been protected in accordance with our Information Charter.

Yours faithfully

Paul Hudson

Paul Hudson, Examining Inspector

Annexes:

- A. Availability of representations and application documents
- B. Timetable for examination of the application

Availability of relevant representations and application documents

All application documents including relevant representations and application documents are available both separately and in the Examination Library on our website:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/london/north-london-heat-and-power-project/>

The Examination Library will be added to as documents are received and accepted during the course of the examination.

Documents can be viewed electronically at the following locations. Please note that you may need to bring a form of ID to use the computer at these locations.

Electronic Deposit Locations:

Location	Opening times	Copying charges per page (A4)
Edmonton Green Library 36-44 South Mall London N9 0TN	Mon - Thurs: 9am- 7pm Fri: 9am- 5.30pm Sat: 9am- 5pm Sun: closed	10p - black and white 25p - colour
South Chingford Community Library 265 Chingford Mt Rd London E4 8LP	Mon: 10am - 6pm Tues - Thurs: 10am – 4pm Sat: 10am – 4pm Fri and Sun closed	10p - black and white 20p - colour
Coombes Croft Library High Rd White Hart Lane Greater London N17 8AG	Mon – Fri: 9am – 7pm Sat: 9am – 5pm Sun: closed	10p - black and white 50p - colour

Timetable for examination of the application

The Examining Authority (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	Wednesday 24 February 2016
2	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination timetable • ExA's first written questions 	Wednesday 2 March 2016
3	<p>Deadline 1</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summaries of all relevant representations (RR) submitted by 23 December 2015 exceeding 1500 words • Comments on RRs • Notification by statutory parties of wish to be considered as an interested party • Notification by persons within certain categories of interests on the land of wish to become an interested party • Notification by interested parties of wish to make oral representations at the issue specific hearing on the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) to be held on 18 March 2016 • Notification by affected persons of wish to speak at a compulsory acquisition hearing • Notification by interested parties of wish to speak at an open floor hearing • Submissions from interested parties recommending locations or items for the itinerary for the accompanied site inspection on 	Wednesday 11.59pm 9 March 2016

	<p>17 March 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	
4	Accompanied site inspection	Thursday 17 March 2016
5	<p>Issue specific hearing dealing with matters relating to the draft DCO</p> <p><i>Agendas for each hearing will be published on the project page of our website seven calendar days before the hearing is due to take place but will not otherwise be published or circulated. The actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.</i></p>	Friday 18 March 2016
6	<p>Deadline 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written representations (WRs) by all interested parties <p><i>All parties should submit their full written case and supporting evidence at this stage, as any representations to be heard at a hearing should be based on RR or WR.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words 	11.59pm Wednesday 23 March 2016
7	<p>Deadline 3</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written summaries of oral submissions put at the issue specific hearing dealing with matters relating to the draft DCO held on 18 March 2016 Responses to the ExA's first written questions Local Impact Reports (LIR) from local authorities Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requested by the ExA Updated draft DCO from the applicant Any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	11.59pm Wednesday 6 April 2016
8	Deadline 4	11.59pm

	<p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on WRs and any responses to comments on RRs • Comments on LIR • Comments on responses to the ExA's first written questions • Any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	<p>Wednesday 27 April 2016</p>
9	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second written questions <p><i>A banner on the North London Heat and Power Project webpage will be updated on this day to detail the documents containing the list of questions.</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 11 May 2016</p>
10	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the ExA's second written questions • Any further information requested from the ExA for this deadline 	<p>11.59pm Sunday 5 June 2016</p>
11	<p>Deadline 6</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses to the ExA's second written questions • Any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	<p>11.59pm Sunday 19 June 2016</p>

12	<p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second issue specific hearing dealing with matters relating to the draft DCO • Any issue specific hearing(s) on other matters that may be required • Any open floor hearing(s) (if required, from any requests received by Deadline 1) • Any compulsory acquisition hearing(s) that may be requested or required • A second accompanied site inspection (if required) <p><i>Agendas for each hearing will be published on the project page of our website seven calendar days before the hearing is due to take place but will not otherwise be published or circulated. The actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.</i></p>	Period between 30 June and 8 July 2016
13	<p>Deadline 7</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of oral submissions put at any hearings held between 27 June and 8 July • Any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	11.59pm Monday 18 July 2016
14	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on Implications for European Sites (RIES) if required <p><i>A banner on the North London Heat and Power Project webpage will be updated on this day to detail the documents published.</i></p>	Tuesday 26 July 2016
15	<p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any further hearings including third issue specific hearing dealing with matters relating to the draft DCO (if required) 	Wednesday and Thursday 17 and 18 August 2016
16	Deadline 8	11.59pm Monday

	<p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of oral submissions put at any hearings held on 17 and 18 August • Applicant's final draft DCO and Explanatory Memorandum • Comments on the ExA's RIES (if required) • Any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	<p>22 August 2016</p>
<p>17</p>	<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>Wednesday 24 August 2016</p>