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Apologies ladies and gentlemen. Good morning. And welcome everybody to today's preliminary meetings for East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO.

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Make sure your microphone is switched on . My microphone is switched on.

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I can confirmed Mr. Smith, I can hear you now.

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Thank you very much.

Unknown Speaker 0:30

Once again Good morning everybody and welcome to today's preliminary meetings for East Anglia, one North and East Anglia TWO offshore wind farms. Let me introduce ourselves, I will deal with a few preliminary matters . Can I confirm those in case team in charge that the livestreams and the recording are on record .

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I can confirm that the live stream it has started on Duncan, I can confirm the internal recordings as also started.

Unknown Speaker 0:59

Actually Thank you very much, Mr. Williams. Now, given Today's Special Circumstances and the format of this meeting regretfully, I don't need to tell you any fire evacuation arrangements or where the toilet staff are. But it's important that we do acknowledge that many of us are attending today from environments that may result in some unplanned interventions. I'm speaking to you today for my living room. So if you hear barking; the dog, who normally slipped under my desk in the morning will be protesting against the fact she has been removed to the kitchen. You will be maybe working around relatives, children, etc. And if there are interruptions or as a result, then we all need to be thoughtful and careful about the circumstances. I'll speak briefly about the weather. People are attending from various locations across the United Kingdom today. And I gather that in algebra, it's likely to be cloudy and warm, but in some places, the weather forecast is very hot indeed and your comfort is far more important than formality. So if you are wearing a jacket, Please feel free to remove it if the temperature rises. And if you aren't wearing a jacket, don't worry, we're not standing on formality here. I'll tell you about the brakes. Virtual events cause fatigue. And so

we're ensuring that the sessions of these meetings don't last any longer than approximately 90 minutes. We will take breaks when we sensibly can at a natural breakpoint at around the 90 minute mark, but noting that some of you have been in the arrangements conference for these meetings for as long as 40 minutes already. This means that we will select our first natural break in business at approximately 10:50am will resume again at 11:20am. And if you leave the meetings during that break, you'll be able to re-join using the same joining link that you use to join this session. If necessary, we will break again it's approximately 12:50pm to hold lunch and resume at 1:30 for a third session. And, if at all necessary at 3:30pm again for fourth session, but bear in mind that these latest sessions will only be held if there are substantial matters to discuss that mean they're needed. We're aiming to finish the business of today's meetings as soon as we reasonably can. We did have time reserved for additional sessions tomorrow, but at this stage, I'll foreshadow that we'll only be using that time if absolutely necessary. For example, if there are technical failures that mean that we can't easily proceed today. So now's the introductions. My name is Rynd Smith. I was appointed on the 13th of December 2019 as the lead member of a panel, which is the examining authority for the East Anglia ONE North offshore wind farm application examination and of another panel, which is the examining authority for the East Anglia TWO offshore wind farm examination, both reporting to the sector. State on the applications setting out on findings and conclusions in respect to them and making recommendations on the decision to be taken at the Secretary of State. I'm going to draw your attention to annex B of our rule six letter dated the 16th of July 2020. You will find that a brief biography for myself and my colleagues, and I trust the those who have been read. I will very briefly make a declaration of interests in accordance with the planning Inspectorate policy on that matter and confirmed that I have no interest that affect my ability to serve as a member of these examining authorities. I am a member of the National Trust for purely recreational purposes and play no part in the management or policymaking trust. My fellow panel members will shortly introduce themselves. And again, I'll remind you ; you can see their biographies and NXP remembers of the panels were all appointed on the same basis and on the same date as I and I'll ask them to introduce themselves short . But I'll start by introducing Mr. Jonathan Hockley, who is our new panel member because he was appointed to us on the 26th of June 2020, following the resignation of Mr. Mike Harris and inspector and former panel member who left the planning inspector to take up alternative employment. So can I now introduce Mr. Jonathan Hockley.

Unknown Speaker 5:22

Thank you, Mr. Smith. Good morning, everybody. I am John Hockley. I will not be making a major speaking contribution to these VMs as I will be leading some of the early open floor hearings. However, I will be listening carefully and taking notes for out will normally keep my camera switched off when I do. I have made a declaration of interest in accordance with the planning Inspectorate policy on that matter, and confirm that I have no interests that affect my ability to serve as a member of these essays. I'm a member of both the National Trust and English Heritage but I've never played any active role in the direction or management of either body. Thank you, Miss Jones.

Unknown Speaker 5:57

Good morning, everyone. My name is Caroline Jones. And I will be leading today on agenda items seven and eight, which include all matters relating to the timetable and events. I have made a declaration of interest in accordance with the planning inspectorates policy on that matter, and can

confirm that I have no interests that affect my ability to serve as a member of these examining authorities. I'm also a member of both the National Trust and English Heritage, but I've never played any active role in the direction management or policymaking of either body. I'll now hand it over to my colleague, Mrs. Powis.

Unknown Speaker 6:32

Good morning everyone. My name is Jessica Powis. I'll be leading today on agenda item five relating to habitats regulation assessment considerations. I've also made a declaration of interest in accordance with the planning inspectorates' conflict of interest policy, and confirm that I have no interests that affect my ability to serve as a member of these examining authorities. I'm also a member of the National Trust but have no never played an active role in the direction management or policymaking of the trust. Thank you.

Unknown Speaker 7:02

Good morning everyone. My name is Guy Rigby. I'll be leading today on agenda item four, which is the initial assessment of principle issues. I'm a member of English Heritage but only use my membership to visit English Heritage properties and sites. I've never played any active role in the direction or management of the charity, and in accordance with the planning inspectorates' conflict of interest policy. I have no other declarable interests. I'll hand you back now to Mr. Smith.

Unknown Speaker 7:35

Thank you very much, Mr. Rigby. So you've now seen an introduction from all the members of the two examining authorities. I will also mention Mr. Michael Hayes. He's not with us today. He's an inspector colleague who has been appointed to assist and advise the examining authorities because he's not a member of the examining authorities. He has no role in deciding procedure for these examinations in conducting hearings, or in deciding our findings and recommendations to the Secretary of State. All of that work is done collectively by the five individuals who have been introduced to you this morning. However, Mr. Hayes may for example, undertake research draft documents, or accompany us on site inspections under our direction. And so there's it's important, so therefore, it's important that you know who he is. I'm also now going to introduce formally our planning Inspectorate colleagues working with us on this examination, some of whom you will have met already, and Emre Williams and Hefin Jones are jointly the case managers leading the planning Inspectorate case team for these applications. And Mr. Williams led the arrangements conference and is managing the team today. They're accompanied by three case officers who are in the background. You may not have seen them, but they're here helping us ever shown them. Liam Fedden and Steven Parker. I'm also going to briefly now introduce the reason why we are here today. There are two applications for development consent for East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO offshore wind farms. And as I've indicated, were appointed a separate examining authorities for both. So in formal terms, these are also two preliminary meetings. But you'll get a sense by now that we're aiming to make the proceedings as simple as possible by holding them both at the same time. If we need to split into two separate meetings for good reasons we can do so. However, unless we're specifically asked for good reasons or considered legally necessary to take this step, we will hold both of the meetings together concurrently. I won't be summarizing the

applications before us in detail because we trust that you have read all of the information available on the websites and know what the applications are. Only therefore to say that the applications have been made respectively by East Anglia ONE North limited and to East Anglia TWO limited that these are both subsidiaries of ScottishPower renewables or SPR, which is in turn a subsidiary of a drawler. From now we'll be referring to all of these bodies collectively as the applicants. If we need to split them out, we'll refer to them as East Anglia ONE North limited or East Anglia TWO limited

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Each development is proposed to consist of separate offshore generating station arrays of wind turbines, and scenery connection and cabling apparatus. The connections both are proposed make landfall near Thorpeness and pass along a shared corridor to a new transmission system connection point on the existing transmission lines Friston where substantial new physical infrastructure connection is proposed both. Now I will highlight the planning and inspectorates national infrastructure website, which has a landing page for both projects and all of the information that you need to find out details about them. If you haven't already visited our website and look to those landing pages, I would strongly encourage you to do so. And the case managers have more information about this if you need help.

Unknown Speaker 11:14

Six letters include the web addresses.

Unknown Speaker 11:19

Now you know who we are. And you know why we're here. And I'm now going to hand over to Mrs. Powis, who will ask you to introduce yourselves in turn. Thank you very much.

Unknown Speaker 11:31

Thank you, Mr. Smith. This is Jessica Powers panel member speaking. Shortly, I'll be asking attendees to introduce yourself to the hearing so that we can put a face or a voice to your names. Before I do just a few things to note. We've already advised you that this meeting is being live streamed and recorded. The recordings that we make are retained and published. Therefore, they form a public record that can contain your personal information and to which the general data protection regulation applies. We've provided you with information about this and your privacy in annex h two, I will say letters are and in our frequently asked questions document, but I will briefly summarize that here. The Planning inspectorates' practice is to retain and publish the recordings for a period of five years from the Secretary of State's decision on the development consent order application. If you participate today, you are taken to be aware of the retention and publication of the digital

recording. If you prefer not to have your image recorded, you can keep your camera switched off and only turn on your microphone to speak. That's absolutely fine. But to avoid the need to edit the digital recordings, please try your best not to add information to the public record that you would wish to keep private and confidential. If you will, we considered there is no alternative to the disclosure of such information we may agree a process to enable it to be submitted without it forming part of the public record. The normal way to do this would be to ask you to include any private and confidential information in a written document which we could then redact which would remove the personal content before it is published on our website. So it follows that if you begin to make all submissions that appear likely to include information that would normally be kept private it's confidential. The inspector chairing that session will check with you to ensure that you are content with the retention and publication of that material. If you're not, you will be offered the opportunity to submit that in writing. Does anyone have any questions about the terms on which our digital recordings are made?

I'm not seeing any raise hands or hearing anybody. So we will move forward on that basis. So we'd like to hear instructions today from anyone who's requested to speak, or who reserves the right to speak if necessary, just so that we know who you are, what you do. So we just need to know your name. And if you're representing somebody or an organization, it would be helpful to know that too my colleague, Mr. Williams has already provided me with a list of agenda items that our speakers would like to be heard on, so I will just speed I'll briefly check that with you as we go through just to check that we know who to invite in terms of each agenda item. So the first person on our list I've got down is Mrs. Naomi Goold From East Suffolk Council. Good I asked you to introduce yourself please, Mrs. Gold.

Unknown Speaker 14:07

Hi, it's morning. It's Naomi Goold and senior project officer.

Unknown Speaker 14:14

Good morning Mrs. Goold, I can see you and hear you loud and clear. I've got you down as potentially wishing to speak in relation to Agenda Items one to four and six to 10. But that's perhaps more of the reserving the right to speak if necessary, rather than wishing to a specific point. Is that correct?

Yes, yes. And, yes, the main points are in relation to sort of agenda items two, three, or, and, and seven.

Understood. Okay, well, that's fine. We've got you noted down so we will invite you to speak at those items. And but of course, if you need to chip in with anything else, as we go through, you're very welcome to do so. Just for all participants. The easiest way probably to do that is to either use the raise hand function if you have that available to you. If not, just to switch your camera on mic. phone on and it will quickly become aware that you wish to contribute. Thank you very much. I'll move through I didn't want to try and do this as quickly as possible. And the next person on our list we have is Graham Gumby from Suffolk County Council.

Unknown Speaker 15:17

Hi there, Graham Gumby Development manager at Suffolk County Council just want to reserve my right to speak when necessary.

Unknown Speaker 15:24

Good morning, Mr. Gumby. Thank you very much. And just to confirm, we can see and hear you too. Thank you.

Thank you. The next person on my list is counsellor Marianne fellowes, please.

Unknown Speaker 15:37

Morning. Good morning.

Unknown Speaker 15:40

My name is Marianne fellowes, and I'm speaking on behalf of Aldeburgh Town Council. Thank you.

Unknown Speaker 15:46

Thank you very much. I have you down as wishing to speak against potentially agenda items 123 and seven to 10. Is that correct?

Unknown Speaker 15:56

Yes. However, I would ask your indulgence as an amateur, because it is quite difficult to understand, sometimes what subject comes under what category, especially in terms of my perception versus your perception. And I'll give an example. For example, the role of national grid could actually come under item four. And that's where I've addressed my, my concerns. But I've not been put down to formally speak on item four. But it could also come under item seven, which I am formally down to speak again. I'm happy to be led by yourselves. But equally, I don't want to find at the end of the process. So no, you should have spoken about that earlier. So depending on the time, and I wouldn't want to elongate our commitment to each other unnecessarily. But if it is possible that you could perhaps say or check at the end, you know, is there anything else anyone wishes on this? That would be very helpful, thank you.

Unknown Speaker 16:58

Thank you and I Just like that, at the end of each agenda item, we will do a kind of casual question to all parties in case there is something that somebody wishes to say before we move on. Mr. Rigby, my colleague is down to cover item four today. So again, I think he's probably just added you to his list to make sure that you haven't got anything to say on to that item if we get into that area. But just to say to all parties, you know, we, we've put out that detailed agenda with names against agenda item simply so that everybody ourselves and yourselves know roughly what to expect. But this is kind of a

new way of doing things for us. And we are not saying you can't speak in terms of other items. So it's just a way of trying to kind of organize things. You're very welcome to contribute and whenever you see fit, thanks. Thanks very much. I move on. I've got Mr. Paul Chandler. Next on my list, please.

Unknown Speaker 17:49

I hope you can see me I move my camera, unfortunately. Uh huh.

Unknown Speaker 17:55

Just see my chest sorry.

Unknown Speaker 17:58

My name is Paul Chandler. I am a Sizewell residents for 27 years and representing Save Our Sandlings.

Unknown Speaker 18:07

Fantastic. Thank you, I can see you and hear you now. And I've got you down as possible in a similar way to I think to Councillor fellowes as potentially wanting to talk against most items on our agenda today. So I think we've got a note to ourselves to ask you if you have anything to add or

Unknown Speaker 18:23

raise my hand before you

Unknown Speaker 18:25

speak. Thank you.

Unknown Speaker 18:31

Thank you. Okay, moving on. Then I've got Mr. Richard Turney. Please.

Unknown Speaker 18:40

Good morning, madam. My name is Richard Turney, I'm a barrister. I'm instructed by SASSES who are the interest group for the Friston area. And I think you've probably got me down against most agenda items that we've put in a submission which identifies where we want to speak

Unknown Speaker 19:00

Good morning, Mr. Turney. Yes, we do have that. We have that record and i think you're getting down to be invited for most agenda items today. So welcome. Thank you. Thank you very much. Moving on, I've got a Mr. And Mrs. Courage, who I understand will be making submissions together today.

Unknown Speaker 19:21

That is correct. Good morning.

Unknown Speaker 19:23

Good Morning. Hello. I can see you both.

Unknown Speaker 19:26

Right. That's good. We're just basically a local residents

Unknown Speaker 19:31

We don't live in Friston and we live further away, but we

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want to speak.

Unknown Speaker 19:39

Absolutely fine. I've got you down as potentially speaking against the first three items. And then again, maybe at the end, if there's anything else that needs to be picked up under any other business. Does that sound about right to you?

Unknown Speaker 19:50

Yes, yes, we want to do it at the same time, if we may.

Unknown Speaker 19:54

That's absolutely fine. And again, if you do want to speak and you feel that there's a time a time arises You want to contribute, just turn your cameras on and we'll see you because as soon as somebody turns a camera on, you appear on our screen so well know that you've got something to say and we'll, we'll pull you in.



Unknown Speaker 20:08

We can we've also got the hands

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as well. So most ways.

Unknown Speaker 20:14

Thank you for joining us today. Thank you. Okay. I've got the marine management organization down here and I think I've got two representatives present. Firstly, Mark Qureshi.

Unknown Speaker 20:28

Good morning. My name is Mark Qureshi. I'm a case manager with the marine management organization. We are an interested party in this application, I do not intend to speak today but I reserve the right if needed.

Absolutely. Thank you very much and understood. And also Lindsey Mellon, from MMO.

Unknown Speaker 20:54

Good morning everyone. Like mark. I am also a case manager in the Marine management organization, specifically in I've only two in this case, like Mark, I don't intend to speak but we reserve the right just in case any matters crop up.

Thank you and it was useful to have both of you present today case anything does come up. And can I thank you. Moving on now then finally just to the applicants, and we have four people on our list of things present today at the first of who I have down this Mr. Richard Morris, who I believe is on the phone

Unknown Speaker 21:30

Good morning speaking, I am a partner at chef and Wedderburn and I'm accompanied today in terms of this meeting by Stephanie mill who's also on a separate link, but we're collectively instructed by Fiona Coyle of SPR legal. I'm in a room and also accompanied by Rich Morris Senior Project Manager, Leslie Jamison, project manager and pilu Priscilla Paul's environmental consultant with royal haskoning. We're in a room disciplines and are anticipating that we would definitely contribute to item seven. But it's likely we reserved our position in relation to all other items on the agenda, the potential to respond to matters as have been said.

Unknown Speaker 22:15

Thank you. That's noted. Thanks very much for that introduction, Mr. Ingnis. We can't see you you planning to just do this by voice today.

Unknown Speaker 22:28

A note we'll we'll try and sort that out. As if you're not able to see us we'll probably wait to the break rather than trying to interrupt things at the moment. But we will seek out the first break to try and resolve that matter. Thank you.

Unknown Speaker 22:40

Thank you very much. And it's normally customary for everybody's information for us to come back to the applicant. If it matters raised by any of the parties today, then we will only come back to the applicant to also respond to those kind of as a matter of fairness. And can I just check before we go any further than that there's nobody else present who wishes to be heard today, but he was not yet had a chance to introduce themselves.

Unknown Speaker 23:06

I'm allowing a bit of time because we do sometimes have a bit of a lag. But it does sound like we've got everybody now on list in the room, so to speak. So, without any further ado, I'll just thank you all for your interest introductions, and I'll hand back to Mr. Smith. Thank you.

Unknown Speaker 23:22

Thank you very much, Mrs. Powis, Rynd Smith, lead member speaking again, now, the introductions are complete, we should know who is in the room, room and why. But before I move to the second item on the agenda, this isn't a place for primary submissions on any of the business today, but I do just want to check, does anybody have any burning question of an introductory or preliminary nature that needs to be resolved now before we can move on, particularly because it will not authorized under any other agenda item for today's business? So can I just check again, are there And any other initial burning questions that need to be resolved now, please either use the raise hand button or switch on your camera, if you wish to draw attention to yourself. Those on the phone again, just briefly introduce yourselves. And again, I'm going to allow a little bit of time because sometimes the connections here are not completely simultaneous. But I'm not seeing any signals by either the raised hand button, or cameras being turned on. And so on that basis, ladies and gentlemen, we can draw agenda item one to an end, and we could move on to Agenda Items two and three remarks about the preliminary meetings, processes and remarks about the examinations processes, which I'm broadly going to move through together. Can Mr. Emre Williams the case manager, please now just display briefly on screen the agendas to remind us what will be covered in these sessions.

Unknown Speaker 25:00

Thank you very much, Mr. Williams.

Unknown Speaker 25:03

Thank you. That's excellent.

Unknown Speaker 25:06

So we're now on agenda items two and if you could just scroll down Mr. Williams so that we could also briefly see agenda item three as well. I'm afraid they split over the page.

Unknown Speaker 25:18

Now that Ladies and gentlemen,

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I'm going to summarize some key points about the purposes of these preliminary meetings and of the examinations but as I've mentioned, this is detail that is all set out in substantially greater volume in annexes B two are all six letters of the 16th of July 2020.

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as I start, I know that we do have substantial requests to be heard on agenda items two and three. And in terms of my listing I do have Naomi Goold of East Suffolk Council , Marianne fellowes of Aldeburgh Town Council and Richard Turney , Paul Chandler, Mr. Mrs. courage and the applicants indeed reserve their right to respond to any matters that are raised. And again, as Miss Powis explained to you, if there's anybody else here who wishes to speak on these items, now's the time just to, again, pop your hand up so that I'm fully aware and I make sure that I introduce you properly. I will remind interested parties watching the livestream or listening to the recording after the event, you can have your say too, but you must do so in writing by procedural deadline C. So to introduce the purpose of method of the preliminary meetings, and then to speak of the examinations themselves. And I'll move through that, and then I'll take oral submissions, and I'll be focusing in taking oral submissions on the approach to examination design in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, and particularly how hearings and site inspections should be conducted. So, firstly, to the purpose of these preliminary meetings they are, as the name suggests, preliminary, these are not part of the examination process, but they're here to make arrangements for the examinations and the examinations themselves don't start until the preliminary meetings close following our adjournment period. We have a second part of these preliminary meetings on Tuesday, the sixth of October 2020, following the closure of that the examinations themselves start.

Today, we'll be setting out a range of proposals for the conduct of the examinations. We'll be hearing you your responses to those proposals. And then we'll be taking into account all the matters that are raised for us in writing by procedural deadlines C, the 29th of September 2020, taking into account the views of people who cannot be with us in this virtual ring today. Today is about listening. We're going to listen to what have to say about our proposed arrangements. We will then deliberate once we have heard you and once we have seen all of the written submissions that arise at procedural deadlines C, and then the preliminary meetings, part two to be held on the sixth of October will be about deciding that will be the place where we will balance everything that we have heard, and make unannounced and formal decisions around procedural arrangements to govern the conduct of the examinations.

Now, I've highlighted that these are strictly two preliminary meetings, one each to the East Anglia ONE North application and the East Anglia TWO application. And ladies and gentlemen, we are going to try and deal with all of the matters that we need to deal with together. But if we do need to break out into separate sessions briefly, we can do so. But I will flag that the agendas for today's preliminary meetings that you're seeing on the screen are both the same. We need to cover the same ground for both applications. So it doesn't matter which agenda you're looking at. I'm now going to ask Mr. Williams to put the agendas away. And but if when you're speaking, you need to refer to them again, publicly ask when we can have them redisplayed. transcripts of these preliminary meetings will be made and digital recordings are being made. And they will be published on the project pages of the national infrastructure website. And as you're aware, these are being live streamed on the website of an event management company called production 78. And note that if you see a chat function on the production 78 web page that's not in use. The transcripts, recordings and live streams allow anyone who is interested in the applications and the examinations to find out what has happened, whether they were able to attend the meetings or not. So I'm now going to speak briefly about the preliminary meetings method. Now in a virtual event, like today's there are a limited number of speaking channels available, which means that an arranged participation is not possible. We've had to take a more structured approach than we normally would in the past. And we have had to ask interested parties to request to be heard formally in advance. Now for these virtual meetings, we've asked all of those wishing to attend and speak to make a formal request to be heard following which they've been allocated to joining link into this meeting. And anybody else who was unsure whether they wish to speak or didn't wish to speak has been provided with a live stream link.

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Anybody who is using live stream link or catching up on the recording again, I will emphasize please make your comments your views are just as important to us as the people who are in this virtual room. Please make your comments by procedural deadlines C on the 29th of September 2020, and you will be taken into account just as if you were in this virtual room today. And again, if anybody loses their connection to this virtual room due to technical issues, we've already noted that the applicant's team has had one or two technical issues this morning. Again, you will have the opportunity to make written comments later if you lose a connection by procedural deadlines C all submissions whether made orally today or in writing by that deadline will be given equal consideration. The preliminary meetings and the examinations following them are issues based. If someone speaks before you and puts a point that you agree with them, there's no need to repeat it. It's sufficient just to say that you agree with the point made by the previous speaker, we'll take that into account and give it full weight. If you do repeat matters that have already been put by another speaker and taken on board, then we will politely ask you to move to your next point. To assist the

examining authorities and to help the smooth running of this meeting, speakers should ensure their points of record to the agenda item at hand and be polite to other speakers. And please we ask you try not to interrupt others. And regretfully, if speakers do interrupt or are discourteous to others we will have to warn. And please be aware that an award of costs can be applied for and made against a person who is behaving unreasonably, and repeated interruption or disruption of the meetings after first warning is in principle deemed to be unreasonable behaviour. If a second warning needs to be given, the parties concerned will be advised that repetition of the issue leading to the warning may lead to their removal from the meeting in order to maintain the efficient management, conduct and discipline of the meeting. If then, a third warning is required to be given. The parties concerned may then be summarily removed from the preliminary meetings directly by the case managers. I trust we won't need to invoke any of that procedure, but I thought it was fair and it important to explain it.

It's important that you make all of your points that you need to make about the procedural design for the examinations today or in writing. Don't leave important matters to be covered in the reconvened preliminary meetings, part two on Tuesday, the sixth of October, because we're not going to hear any new matters there. That is where we're going to be making decisions. That is where we are only going to respond to and perhaps debate the matters that have already been raised orally here today or in writing. As I've said, Today, we listen. In part two, we decide.

Now, we're using the Microsoft team's platform today to hold this set of preliminary meetings. You'll note however, that the chat function, again is not in use. If you need to attract our attention and also to speak, there's a Hands Up button that some of you may have, and we're conscious that there are different versions. And some of you may not. So if you find yourself without a Hands Up button, then you can turn on your camera to draw attention to yourself or if you're on the telephone, just briefly introduce yourself by name. And we will come to seek your contribution as an appropriate moment in the proceedings. But please wait to be invited before you make your point.

Now, we need to get down to business. At this point, I'm going to acknowledge the many written submissions and questionnaire responses that we have already received, including many requesting that these preliminary meetings should be held or should have been held physically, and also raising the point that hearings should be held, at least in part physically. As an introductory market, it remains a very strong desire to hold physical hearings if we can. And this is something I'm going to refer to again, in more detail when we cover the arrangements for hearings and agenda item three, however, You do deserve at the outset an explanation of why we decided to hold these preliminary meetings virtually as we did. After a summer, in which the release of lockdown on the de escalation of public health controls has been followed by their targeted reintroduction in a number of localities and sometimes a very short notice. The planning Inspectorate observe generally, that we have an obligation to serve the public as best we can, without disruption without sudden procedural changes, which can be seen as unfair or can be very difficult for parties to follow or adapt to if they emerge at short notice.

Unknown Speaker 35:40

We're also required to obey legal rules and to follow the guidance applicable to all preliminary meetings and hearings and the guidance applicable in relation to the conduct of events in terms of public health. If we have to change the date, time or place we're meeting or hearing, then amongst other things, the applicant Have to serve notice of that change in a wide variety of places in the press for at least 21 days. When we serve notice for these meetings, that was at a point in time

when we were not allowed to hold large public meetings. And so at that point, in terms of conformity with the law and guidance, the only clearly available opportunity for us to hold these meetings was to hold them virtually. And we asked you again to bear in mind our need to follow the law and guidance as it applied to us when the notice for these meetings was served. But of course, as we now know, we then moved into a phase in July in August, when apparently we could have held large public meetings physically. And then now in recent days, we seem to be moving back into a phase where the impact of the new what is known as the rule of six means that for many people, we could not hold a large physical event trying to bounce all of this off in the most satisfying way, we didn't think that it would have been fair to arrange physical meetings for today, only perhaps to have to cancel them again at very short notice because the particular physical arrangements no longer met the government's particular guidance or legal requirements for physical events. So, we've already faced having to cancel preliminary meetings very quickly in spring, because lockdown intervened, we didn't consider that it was appropriate to run the risk of cancelling these meetings again.

So for these reasons, having developed virtual meeting methods, and serve notice of virtual meetings, we decided that the fairest course of action was to stick to virtual events for these preliminary meetings. And while many people anticipated that they would not wish to be heard in this way, we at least have been able to provide a high degree of certainty that these virtual PMS would start would cover their agendas, finishes, and participated. And we've also taken steps to allow everybody to contribute personally as a speaker, or in writing, having listened to the live stream or watch the catch up service, no matter what public health controls are in force. And so in this respect, I would like to ask for your forbearance and forgiveness around the decision to hold these events virtually. And we remain very interested in what you have to say much more importantly, about how we should conduct the examinations moving forwards. And so therefore, ladies and gentlemen, before seeking oral submissions from you on how you should conduct hearings and site inspections, I want to say just a few words about the remainder of the examinations, processes, and these relate to Agenda Items three. I'll cover the process of examining nationally significant infrastructure projects in general terms. Again, touch on our need to respond to the coronavirus restrictions. I'll touch on the balance to be struck between the desire to hold physical events, which a large number of parties have requested and proceeding using virtual and blended events. And then after we've heard from everybody on those points, there are finally some concluding remarks I want to make about policy in natural infrastructure examinations. But I won't make those remarks until we've had the discussion about the form of events in this examination, the physical virtual trade off. So the examinations of these nationally significant infrastructures commenced once these preliminary meetings have closed. And it's a long established normal practice before COVID. That examinations are in any case, primarily written procedures, and that they take an inquisitorial approach as opposed to an adversarial one, which means that the examining authorities probe, test and assess the evidence primarily through the medium of written questions, and nothing that ladies and gentlemen has changed. cross examination of witnesses by the parties would not generally be allowed as the primary obligation to question and test all evidence rests on the examining authorities and again, nothing there has changed. The draft examination timetables that we proposed include numerous opportunities for parties to provide evidence and submissions in writing, and these are detailed in annex D to our rule six letter.

Following the close of these preliminary meetings, the examining authorities have discretion to make changes to the draft examinations, timetables. And we will endeavour to make sure that events are arranged for times when all relevant parties can participate fully and fairly and we're already comfortable number of suggestions for changes. And when we come to Miss Caroline Jones section of this agenda, we'll deal with those in detail but do be aware that whilst we'll try to accommodate the requests that you make in practice, sometimes they'll be limited scope to structurally alter the dates set out in draft timetables, because to alter one will have knock on implications for other events that affect other people. Now, given the uncertainties that remain about holding face to face hearings, in these examinations, we've tried to draft timetables, to create as much flexibility as possible. So that we can make as much headway as we can at the start of the examinations in writing. So we're aiming to start by having a strongly written procedure of the beginning. And you will shortly see after the closure of these preliminary meetings, the issue of our first written questions, and we flag that these will cover a very wide range of issues that in times when we didn't have to deal with a global pandemic, more typically, we might have dealt with in earlier hearings. And in fact, if you remember back to our previous and our cancelled rule six letter, you would We've seen that some early hearings, those issues are still going to be dealt with, they will be dealt with in writing first. Now are mentioned the events that may take place during the course of the examination hearings and site inspections. While these would usually be held face to face for this examination, we must of course remain alive to the need for them to potentially be held wholly or in part in a virtual form, depending from time to time on the government's covid 19 restrictions. And we've got to remind ourselves that the impact of the virus can change quickly affect different areas of the country differently at different times, in ways that significantly affect the public health controls enforced for a place and sometimes with very little notice indeed. But again, when we change the process of these examinations, the law requires us to provide substantial written notice to a large number of people. So to respond to this we've attempted to create timetables to include the ability to hold hearings and site inspections on a face to face basis from January onwards. However, we also need to include contingencies to enable every event we hold to be held virtually at short notice if needs be. And there's a reasonable possibility that any event may be required to be held virtually in order to meet public health controls. There's a core principle here once we provide notice for an event, no matter what public health controls in an area might change to ease or tighten. To avoid confusion, we intend to stick to the procedure that we provide notice of except only that if we provide notice of a physical event and a physical event is restricted or banned, then we believe we must default back to a virtual event. So that's how we aim to be as a That if as we can to the situation in which we find ourselves. Now we've noted that many interest. interested parties have raised concerns about the choice of virtual methods for future events. And some interested parties have expressed the view that we should defer hearings until it's possible to return to a traditional physical hearing model. Others have suggested that we should use new models such as holding hearings in large marquees.

Unknown Speaker 44:26

We've also got moving away from Coronavirus indications from some parties that the commencement of these examinations should await further progress on a review of the offshore transmission network that's currently being undertaken by BEIS. So I'm very shortly now going to ask for submissions on these points. And I'm going to ask that we surface all concerns about event method under this agenda item, rather than deal with them repeatedly and individually under the agenda items to follow. This will enable us to reflect on any of the suggestions for change

procedures. The members of the examining authority, of course may have questions. And I will give the applicant the chance to speak at the agenda at the end of this agenda item. But I'm going to go to the interested parties first. So, if we move then to the head of this agenda item, I'm going to call first on East Suffolk Council Ms goold. Have you got specific points that you wish to make about the method that we should adopt for events and this examination?

Unknown Speaker 45:39

namely East Suffolk Council? And the first question, sorry.

Unknown Speaker 45:47

Can you hear me? I can hear you perfectly. Well, let's go. That's excellent. Don't worry forward on . And if, if I can't hear you, all my colleagues can't hear. I'm sure somebody will speak up and let me know

Unknown Speaker 46:00

So we fully appreciate, need to provide flexibility in the examination and the timetable. And the thing that we saw that, for us was proving a little difficult is the issue specific hearings. There's been weeks allocated or the issue specific hearings in November, and some other weeks allocated for hearings in January. And it was whether there would be early advance notice of what the times and dates of those hearings and what topic matters, they would be covered. And this sort of information would enable us to help us to ensure that we can properly resource that that hearing and allow officers to the relevant officers to prepare, seen that the detailed agenda items It's been said that there'll be published five days before the event. And this is welcomed, because the the more detail is in the agenda, the more preparation that we can give To ensure that we can address all the matters raised. But yes, it's this question of whether there'd be early sight of, of the topic matters. And this is particularly important for us, as you're well aware that the size of the application has been submitted for the Sizewell C. So obviously, there'll be pressure on resources in order to and resource three examinations. So I think this early site, this information will be really useful for us and all other interested parties.

Unknown Speaker 47:34

Yes. Now, I'll just very briefly respond to that. Let's go because, you know, that's a very, very reasonable request. And hopefully, by responding to it directly, I can assist those who might speak following you, which is essentially to say that one of the issues that emerges with virtual events or indeed blended events or there's a virtual component is that it becomes critical that people know significantly further in advance than they do for physical events. How the event is going to be conducted and the subject matters that are going to be dealt with because people have to formally request to be heard. If, for example, we return to having physical hearings, they will have to be conducted in a COVID secure manner, we'll have to have an attendance register. And we will have to assure ourselves that the scale of the venue that we use is sufficient to allow the groups of people to be brought into it, who can attend in their bubbles, etc. You know, this is really quite difficult stuff.



We can't just have a huge public gallery and allow people to raise their hands on the basis that we didn't know until the day before whether they were going to be there. So we've got to be more organized and we're intending to from six weeks out and provide notice for hearings and those notices will be accompanied now with a more detailed breakdown of the topics to be dealt with. And then four to five weeks before headline agendas will be circulated that again will give the sorts of steer that We'll make it evident whether or not individuals wish to be specifically heard in those particular hearings, which in turn then means that there's a month of preparation time. So we trust that that will we'll deal with that concern. And, and we will be doing that whether there is a physical component to these events or not, because we've got to apply COVID secure mechanisms, we'll have to do it in a hole. And we'll have to do it for a virtual event either way, and in relation to the interface with them the sizewell examination now, we will do our absolute utmost to make sure that any emerging procedure arrangements for that examination don't conflict with ours. And that is to a degree a matter for the examining authority for that examination, looking carefully at our timetabling arrangements and making sure that there's fall into the gaps when we are less active. We trust that the planning inspector can handle this reasonably intelligently and that we won't provide you with an unacceptable draw on your resources. Are there any other points that you wish to put before I move on to the next speaker on this item? No, thank you very much. Thank you. Now the next speaker I have identified speaker is Councillor Marianne fellowes of Aldeburgh town council, Councillor fellowes.

Unknown Speaker 50:32

Thank you very much.

Unknown Speaker 50:36

So I know that you'll give careful consideration to all important and relevant matters. And I'm here genuinely taking part despite nerves to see if I can assist that. So I've lived in alborne and lived in this area for over 50 years and I represent over town council, which has an electorate of 4000 plus But many people that visit and enjoy live and work in the area, and I've been on the town council for 10 plus years. So to give you some context of my knowledge and experience of the area, I'm I understand that others will be speaking under this agenda item with regard to the actual issues individuals had with completing the form and the difficulty of perhaps making themselves interested parties. And I'm sure that you've read my written submission against agenda items two and three. So I'd like to speak briefly, firstly, about the process. And then at the end, secondly, about the review or I'm happy to finish on the process and let other people speak on the process and then talk about the Bayes review afterwards. If you would prefer

Unknown Speaker 51:48

no bring, I mean, we need to get everything off the table. Hello. So so so throw the Bayes review in as well. All right.

Unknown Speaker 51:56

Thank you. So um, to me, and I'm sure you'd agree how you examine anything must actually be informed slightly by what it is and why it's important. So that's why I'm glad that all of you have read the relevant relevant representations. And I use the word relevant twice for a reason you'll see later. And your advice note 8.1. And 8.2 clearly says all those relevant representations will be put on the website and be made public. Unfortunately, I know personally, myself and others, because I do represent a large number of constituents and have a close relationship with other town and parish councils of many people who wanted to have issues raised at this preliminary meeting, who didn't actually get into your cohort. So you've got three cohorts, you've got those requesting to speak, which were in one report, those requesting to observe and their comments which were in another room. Court. But there's a great number of people who you don't know about. And it will be quite difficult for the examining for yourselves to be aware of the full picture and the full weight of feeling concerns. So I believe,

Unknown Speaker 53:15

can I just briefly interject the council fellows because I just want to clarify who we're referring to here, where people have made a relevant representation. Yes, they are then an interested party. And that entitles them a to be invited to these preliminary meetings. And it also entitles them to be offered the opportunity to speak at these meetings now. We took the view that if they wish to speak in person as you are now, then we would provide them with a direct interactive link, and that if they indicated that they were unsure as to whether they wish to speak in person, we would provide them with a live stream link, plus the opportunity then, to make comments in writing that would have equal weight to the comments. Made orally. So anybody who was an interested party should have a full opportunity to participate in this meeting. If somebody is not an interested party, so they didn't actually register as an interested party at the outset of this process, then then this is a public meeting. They're more than entitled to observe it. But they're not, in principle, entitle to request to be heard here, because the purpose of this meeting is to hear interested parties around the proposals for the examination. So I just wanted to check you suggesting that there are interested parties who would have wished to be heard, who somehow have not been

Unknown Speaker 54:47

okay, I'm suggesting and I have evidence of people who are registered as interested parties. They didn't ask to be physically heard in the sense of live speaking, but I used the term heard As you are, as you say yourself in the listening mode now, but heard through written representations that they sent in, that were unfortunately redacted or considered by the person who read them, and I don't know, who within the planning inspector read them as being married versus process. Okay. And unfortunately, sorry, if I just continue a little bit more to give you a bit more background, unfortunately, and that there is a disconnection in your process. And I understand this is only the second time that you've done the preliminary meeting virtually or, you know, this is the second one this second campaign if you like, or application, but there's a disconnection because nowhere in your process, did you go back to people to say, we've redacted your power, your submission, so it's not made it into the either of the two reports that the Inspectorate would see, and but you can submit it later. Before this deadline, and there's no way those people would know that. Now, I've checked sat because I spoke to Mr. Williams because one of those was one of the roles I do. I applied separately and didn't get into the buckets, if you like. And he said he confirmed it, yes, where it was redacted.

There is no mechanism and you have not gone back to people to say, What you said is redacted because it was merit or we didn't feel it was appropriate, but you can put it in later in the process. So quite genuinely, they may actually miss those deadlines to have it included.

Unknown Speaker 56:36

I'm going to address again, those points in outline terms, not in the form of a decision but more of an explanation so that you can be clear where we currently are. And one of the things that we have then got to make do is to take everything you say away, deliberated on deliberate on it very carefully, think about whether we need to put additional procedural mechanisms into place. However, looking at that issue there is clearly a distinction for a preliminary meeting between submissions that are about how to design examinations for these two applications. Those are procedural submissions. That is the business of a preliminary meeting. That's what we're here for. And submissions that say, essentially in terms, I don't do not like these applications, I think they have an unacceptable impact because of noise, bad design, transport, etc, etc. Those are merits submissions. And until we start this examination, merit submissions are not matters that we can consider at all. So the preliminary meeting, all we're here to do is to consider how to organize ourselves. Once we've organized ourselves, we'll start examinations and then all of the merits matters will be considered. So I'm then going to move on to the redaction issue, given that we didn't ask for any merits submissions at this stage, and a decision was taken that matter submissions of this stage wouldn't be published Now, that doesn't mean that we are not going to take any notice of them. What that means is that they essentially are all held in an electronic bucket until we reach the relevant point in time when they should be made, which is deadline, one in the examinations themselves. So I will sound record now to reassure anybody who might feel that they're in that position, and for you to pass on to your constituents, that anybody who did raise a merits point and saw that redacted from the record for this meeting. The only reason for doing that was to focus this meeting on the matters that are relevant to this meeting, but they won't be forgotten. And the issues that have been raised will automatically flow and fold through to deadline one, so they don't have to make those points again. However, they are at full liberty to make proper submissions at deadline one, where they set out what are called their written representations, which is essentially their full statement. case, that's the time when they think back to their own representation say, what does this really mean for this examination, and they put all of that in at deadlines, one. Now that's the point where the substance the merits, submissions need to be made. And at that point, we will have all of the relevant material before us. So I trust that that gives you reassurance that there's nobody in inverted commas locked out of the process. They're only unrepresented in the process, if they sought today, to put merit submissions to us that as a matter of both law and procedure we cannot deal with today. Does that. Does that give you some measure of reassurance council fellowes?

Unknown Speaker 59:39

Okay. I reassured that you say they're in a waiting market, I suppose in terms of lessons learned, it would have been nice to have sort of told people that so they weren't concerned. I would need to let you know though this again, I said, Whoever read it perceived it to be merits without going back to the individual to check it out. Now, for example, I put in paragraphs that were perceived as merit because of the way I had expressed them. So I said something needs to be included in the process. I

didn't say I don't agree with the application. It was definitely I can give an example where I asked for something to be included in the procedure, because I didn't think it was. And that's been I've had a message back to say that's a merit only because I asked how did it not get into the process? Then secondly, I need to let you know that bizarrely, I also received an email from a member of your team attempting to answer some of my questions that I put forward to be considered as part of the procedural today, the pm today, and those questions and Andy are half answers because I was just pointed to websites and frequently asked questions to try and answer them myself. That was part My submission as an interested party, and those have not made it to you. And for example, they will not merit they were asking about the process and getting to the decision of making it a virtual hearing. So there's two, two issues for myself. There's those that were completely redacted. And should they've been contacted to check out whether it was merit, or if they're just expressing themselves in an amateur way as we will do, and you've read them differently. There's those that perhaps received an email like myself as well, which attempted to answer some of my points that I don't think you're aware of. And then thirdly, I need to let you know that some people experienced genuine problems with getting emails back. And in fact, I got at least two emails that went to the wrong email address for me that your staff had, and I picked up the phone and your staff have been very helpful. And we've resolved it. But I'm proactive, tenacious person that will seek out questions Other people may not have done. And I think another lesson learned, perhaps when you send an email back, you should put the person's representative number on it. So if you have registered is more than one interested party as an individual, but then also representing others, you know what the most about because that's not happening.

Unknown Speaker 1:02:30

Also, if you look for another example,

Unknown Speaker 1:02:34

under the report that you have of people wanting to make, who are interested parties who have made relevant representation, but not speaking virtually but are listening into this meeting, you haven't put their title or who they're representing, you've just put their name. So again, that's field within the relevant representation was not captured is not on the web. sight is not available for the public, and it may not be available for you. So on page 53, you have find information just under my name, but you haven't captured the fact that I was the chair of the size or stakeholder group. And that gives the background to my, to my statement.

Unknown Speaker 1:03:20

Okay, thank you very much, obviously will give very careful consideration to all of that, again, possibly just by way of reassurance. What I would like to let you know, is that we do have access to all of the material that was submitted. And so we're in a position to view that. And again, we can form we don't we don't just take the administration say so about whether something is a merits matter or not. And we as examining authorities, separately constituted have our own duty to review that material and we are doing so actively, and we're engaged with In the process of doing it throughout the time up to procedural deadline C where everything will be considered. So all of that material will be given very careful thought. Now,

Unknown Speaker 1:04:11

I mean, I know you said you don't want anyone to be disadvantaged in this process, because it is either virtual or it's not a physical hearing. So it is about getting those reassuring messages really, that you understand the weight of feeling about this application, because over 890 people registered as relevant representations. And not all of those have made it out as we felt. But if you're saying you're going to look at all of those, then provide me with reassurance and do

Unknown Speaker 1:04:42

now I've actually got a question that I'm going to ask to you and I'm also going to ask you following and so they may note this to Richard Turney of SASES and also Paul Chandler, of save our sandlings and Mr. Mrs. Courage, which is in very simple Are you aware of there being people in inverted commas outside of this process? Because they are to use shorthand, digital excluded, they're people who lack physical access to digital equipment or a telephone. Because this this can of course be joined by phone and, and under therefore, in your view are unable to participate today.

Unknown Speaker 1:05:28

Yes, technically they may be unable, or technically we live in an area where internet is very poor. It's a lovely rural area. But we don't have that internet connection stability that one may have. We don't have it helped us Stanley behind me if I had a problem this morning. I live on my own. I feel quite isolated in this process. I haven't been able to meet with colleagues or peers to get strength of feeling and to check out what I'm going to say with you. Perhaps But yes, there are people who are disadvantaged. I also think in terms of the timeframes to reply, for example, by the 29th of September, when the 30th of September is also our deadline for registering as interested parties for the sizewell C application, we are under huge stress and strain in this area at the moment with this with energy projects and the process. And we are just, I'm, I'm an elected representative. So I have a mandate, but I'm still a volunteer, and as to research to get a level of knowledge and strength of confidence to even be here today. So there are people that have been disadvantaged, either actually, or perceptually. They're perceived, they're perceived that they couldn't take off.

Unknown Speaker 1:06:53

Okay, well, what I'm going to do is I'm going to take that essentially onto the table, that final point, and I'm going to laid on the table for the applicants consideration, at least an initial proposition that when they speak on this item, they might talk to us about any additional efforts that they may be able to, to go to, to support the better engagement of people who may be lack the ability to use digital equipment or lack access to digital equipment, in terms of providing access to the documents, and in terms of providing access to events. And I'm not going to say no more detail than that at this stage. I'm just saying a seed. The, the applicants may or may not wish to respond to that, but I'm going to set it down. Now let's hear what they say.

Unknown Speaker 1:07:44

Now, I mean, sample for example, maybe the use of an intermediate like planning aid. So if the is funding could be provided, so something like planning aid, or stakeholder company could actually advocating assist and mentor.

Unknown Speaker 1:08:04

That's that's a, that's a very interesting suggestion. Again, I will kind of allow that to rest on the table so that we hear the Applicants point of view in relation to that. Now, I'm conscious of the fact that we've got other people who need to speak we have, of course received your written material and given that very careful consideration as well. Are there any final points that you wish to make before I move on to rich attorney of counsel for Saturday's

Unknown Speaker 1:08:27

Thank you, thank you for your patience. I would like to just briefly mention as I said at the beginning, some comments about the base review.

Unknown Speaker 1:08:37

You can do that.

Unknown Speaker 1:08:38

Thank you. They are shorter than than what I've said so far. So I'm, the bass review acknowledges that there's considerable environmental and local impact, particularly from the associated onshore infrastructure required to connect the national transmission network and due to the significant concerns Have over industrialization of this area and the huge community of impact of all the additional processes that will follow if this one is approved. You're aware of six other projects that national grid intend to bring to the area. Nautilus, Euro link, SCD one. SCD two and also the expansion of the existing greater Gabbard and the galloper projects. So because of that, and the fact that each one of those campaigns requires its own infrastructure, substations, cable runs, landing facilities over town council strongly believes that this process that we're starting today, should have actually been halted until after the base review report should come available. Because I would also like to say what was the driver that meant that this had to start in September But despite COVID-19 and the barriers that this has put in place not saying I finished speaking but Mr. Smith you're frozen sorry.

Unknown Speaker 1:10:18

This Jessica Powis panel member I note that Rynd , Mr Smith has appears to have frozen here probably been just back in within a matter of seconds, but I think we have her back. Do we have Yes.

Unknown Speaker 1:10:28

There was a very brief interruption of via an internet connection there. And counsel fellowes just just wind back about five seconds and take me to where you were, and then we will recommence.

Unknown Speaker 1:10:42

Um, do you want me to start with all that I've said about the review, sir.

Unknown Speaker 1:10:47

No, sir. No, no counsel, I've heard I've heard your broad reasoning there. I heard everything that you said up to the point where you were talking about the timing consideration and just suggesting to us that you couldn't understand why a decision had been taken to start in September. So just those last, literally five or 10 seconds.

Unknown Speaker 1:11:10

Okay. And that's that's not our point is because of the huge over industrialization, the huge level of concern, the fact that this review will actually bring very good solutions we believe, to how projects could be developed and delivered, which won't have the impact on the environment and local area around them. So it's just why is there not the sensible decision to pause or stop the process and not even start going further today until the base report has been made available?

Unknown Speaker 1:11:47

Okay. That's a very clear, simple, straightforward submission. We'll put it into the part of all of our considerations and we'll give it very careful consideration. And of course, we'll ask the applicant to respond to that as well. Thank you, in which case council fellowes I'm going to suggest that we do move on now. And I'm also mindful of the time I did indicate that we would be aiming to hold our first break at or around 1050. And it is now nearly quarter past 11. But I didn't want to cut you off in the middle of your contribution. However, we do have substantial as I would say, oral submissions to be made by Rich attorney and by Paul Chandler, Mr. And Mrs. Courage. So ladies and gentlemen, on that basis, what I'm going to suggest is that we do now take a brief break. Let us say that by the time I have finished bringing it to the break, it will be 1115. And I would like us to resume again at 1135 ladies and gentlemen 1135. You can stay within the meeting, switch off your camera, switch off your microphone, and remember to switch them back on and be here promptly. To enable a start at 1135 So I'm now calling a break. Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen.