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I joined a group of socially distanced Interested Parties to observe the Preliminary Meeting in Friston Village Hall.

Prior to that we had gathered together our meagre resources and with a great deal of determination successfully downloaded Teams. We had been reassured on 15th September by the familiarisation session led by Mr Williams and Ms Sherman.

We found the preliminary meeting informative and derived some reassurance about the Examination process. We appreciated that you had professional expertise to support you and that the meeting was most carefully managed and could be understood.

Sadly but inevitably the visual and audio quality of the other participants was variable and difficult to follow, not least that of the applicants. They were reading rapidly from prepared scripts which had material information. Please can we have written transcripts rather than trying to interpret the audio stream?

We are aware that not all Interested Parties were able to observe the Preliminary Meeting owing to poor broadband coverage - this has always been a cause for grave concern - even more so with the latest Covid-19 restrictions limiting movement and sharing of facilities.

We now await the Open Floor Hearings and understand that there is a limit of five minutes and one speaker per household and this has caused some consternation. In view of the limitations of visual hearings, could this be lifted since it is vital for as many and diverse opinions to be heard?

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