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To All Interested Parties and Statutory
Parties invited to the Preliminary
Meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010077

Date: 12 October 2020

Dear Sir/ Madam

The Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8 etc

Application by East Anglia ONE North Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the East Anglia ONE North Offshore Wind Farm

Examination Timetable and procedure and notification of hearing(s)

This letter provides you with the Examination Timetable, details of the publication of the Examining Authority (ExA) Written Questions and other important information about the Examination.

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:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-one-north-offshore-windfarm/?ipcsection=docs>

The Examination Timetable

The ExA has made a Procedural Decision about the way the application will be examined. The final Examination Timetable is attached at **Annex A**.

The Examination Timetable replaces the draft timetable that was included in the Rule 6 letter dated 16 July 2020¹. In finalising the Examination Timetable, the ExA has sought to accommodate requests and suggestions made at the Preliminary Meeting and in representations made by Procedural Deadlines A and C.

Please note that the Examination Timetable contains a number of deadlines for receipt of information by the Planning Inspectorate. All deadlines are at 23:59 on the date

¹ Your invitation to the Preliminary Meeting



specified with the exception of Deadline 9 which is at 12:00 noon. Please ensure submissions arrive by the relevant deadline. If you do not make your submissions by the dates specified in the timetable, the ExA may disregard them.

If the ExA considers it necessary to vary the Examination Timetable during the Examination, notification will only be sent to Interested Parties and Statutory Parties invited to the Preliminary Meeting. The changes will be published on the East Anglia ONE North Offshore Wind Farm project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

Submissions made orally and in writing to the Preliminary Meeting sought the deferral of the Examination start date to enable account to be taken of outcomes from an ongoing review by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) of offshore transmission policy (the BEIS Review) and to a time when hearings could be held in person, unaffected by compliance with Coronavirus public health restrictions. Other submissions sought individual changes to timetable provisions, principally driven by resource considerations within Interested Party organisations.

Having considered these submissions with care, the ExA has decided that it will not defer the start date for the Examination, in summary because the Application relates to a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) for which there is an in-principle urgent need. The normal business of project decision-making by government is not suspended to respond to processes such as the BEIS review and no clear justification for a suspension has been provided here.

It now appears that the government's most recent Coronavirus restrictions are likely to remain in force until at least March 2021. The ExA and the planning process generally should not cease to support decision-making in such circumstances as, if it does, significant avoidable social and economic harm will flow from the pandemic and decisions intended to address urgent national needs would not be taken in a timely manner. For this reason, the ExA will commence the Examination using virtual hearings. The ExA will use its best endeavours to hold events with a physical element in a public venue from January 2021, if it is possible to do so whilst responding to public health requirements currently in force at the time.

Other changes have been made to the draft Examination Timetable to respond to requests and in summary these include:

- The provision of notice for and a breakdown of matters to be heard at all hearings before January 2021 (see also **Annex C**).
- The addition of two new Open Floor Hearings (OFHs) in November 2020 to ensure that all Interested Parties who had requested to be heard at an OFH by Procedural Deadline B now have an allocated speaking opportunity in October or November 2020 (see also **Annex D**).
- Hearings in January will now commence a week later than originally proposed, in weeks commencing 18 and/ or 25 January 2020.

This is a summary of more detailed decisions provided in **Annex B**.



Other Procedural Decisions

Annex B contains important details and clarifications about the ExA's other Procedural Decisions made at, or following, the Preliminary Meeting.

Requests were made for consideration of methods to involve Interested Parties who have difficulties with accessing virtual events and online documents. The ExA has agreed or supported the following steps:

- Insertion of a new opportunity at Deadline 1 in the timetable for Interested Parties who do not have access to digital technology to identify their circumstances.
- Development of methods to involve those Interested Parties in events from January 2021.
- Support for the availability for inspection of hard copies of the Application documents at Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council offices.

The ExA has paid careful attention to submissions about its Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (Annex C to the Rule 6 Letter of 16 July 2020). That assessment represents a snapshot in time, a non-exclusive list of issues identified at the start of the pre-examination period. Additional important and relevant issues were identified through the Preliminary Meeting and further such issues are likely to continue to emerge during the Examination. The initial assessment does not limit the scope of the Examination and all important and relevant issues will be examined. For these reasons the ExA does not propose to amend or republish the initial assessment.

Written Representations

All Interested Parties are now invited to submit Written Representations. These should be submitted by Deadline 1 in the Examination Timetable (**Annex A**). Interested Parties may also comment on the Relevant Representations already submitted. However, for those Interested Parties who already commented on Relevant Representations during the pre-examination period following the invitation in the ExA procedural decision 11 to do so, there is no need to re-submit your comments: you can rely on the documents that you have already submitted.

Written Representations can cover any relevant matter and are not restricted to the matters set out in the ExA Initial Assessment of Principal Issues discussed at the Preliminary Meeting and included in the ExA Rule 6 letter². Nor are they restricted to the content of the ExA Written Questions (see next heading, below).

Any person, other than the Applicant, who submits a Written Representation must identify those parts of the application with which they agree and those parts with which they do not agree, explaining the reasons why³.

² [Rule 6 Letter](#)

³ Required under Rule 10(4) of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010



Interested Parties should also provide with their Written Representations “*the data, methodology and assumptions used to support their submissions*”⁴.

Further written submissions will be requested by the ExA at various points in the Examination.

The ExA requests that Interested Parties send, where practicable, electronic copies of their Written Representation submissions (and any other submissions made in the course of the Examination as email attachments to EastAngliaOneNorth@planninginspectorate.gov.uk on or before the applicable deadline. Electronic attachments should be clearly labelled with the subject title and not exceed 12MB for each email. Providing links to websites where your submissions can be viewed is not acceptable. All submissions must be made in a format that can be viewed in full on the National Infrastructure Planning website. Any submissions that exceed 1500 words should also be accompanied by a summary; this summary should not exceed 10% of the original text. The summary should set out the key facts of the written submission and must be representative of the submission made.

ExA First Written Questions (ExQ1)

The Examining Authority has compiled its first written questions (ExQ1) about the application and the representations received so far. These questions are published on the National Infrastructure Planning website and can be accessed through the following link:

[Examining Authority First Written Questions \(ExQ1\)](#)

Answers to the ExQ1 must be provided by Deadline 1 in the Examination Timetable (**Annex A**).

If you require a hard copy of ExQ1, please contact the Case Team who will send you a copy.

Hearings

You have already been notified of **Open Floor Hearings 1, 2 and 3** (OFHs 1 – 3) held on **7, 8 and 9 October 2020** respectively. Agendas and speaker lists are available on the National Infrastructure Planning website.

The ExA has decided to hold further **Open Floor Hearings 4 and 5** (OFHs 4 – 5) on **5 and 6 November 2020**. Agendas and speaker lists are in **Annex D** to this letter. Everybody who had requested to be heard at an OFH by Procedural Deadline B should find that they have been allocated to one of these hearings. If you did request to be heard at Procedural Deadline B and cannot find your name listed in an Agenda for Open Floor Hearings 1 to 5, please contact the Case Team as soon as possible.

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-act-2008-examination-of-applications-for-development-consent>



The ExA has decided to hold the first **Issue Specific** and **Compulsory Acquisition** Hearings in the week commencing **30 November 2020**, namely:

- **Issue Specific Hearing 1** (ISH1) into Biodiversity and Habitats Regulations Assessment on 1 December 2020;
- **Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1** into the Strategic Justification for the Applicant's Compulsory Acquisition (CA) and Temporary Possession (TP) Case (CAH1) on 1 December 2020; and
- **Issue Specific Hearing 2** (ISH2) into Onshore Siting, Design and Construction on 2 and 3 December 2020.

Important information about all of these hearings can be found in **Annex C**.

We are proposing that these OFHs, ISHs and the CAH will all be held virtually and in parallel with the OFHs, ISHs and CAH for the East Anglia TWO Examination. I refer further to guidance on how virtual events will be held and how you can get involved below.

The Agendas and information about how to request to speak at **Issue Specific** and **Compulsory Acquisition Hearings** in the week commencing **30 November 2020** is contained in Annex C, detailed Agendas for these events will be made available on the National Infrastructure Planning website in the week commencing **23 November 2020**.

Further hearings are also proposed to be held in weeks commencing 18 and/ or 25 January 2021 and on 24 and 25 February 2021, for which notice will be provided and Agendas published in due course. The ExA is refraining from providing detailed arrangements for these hearings at the present time, on the basis that their subject matters will be influenced by progress in the earlier hearings and their procedural designs may be affected by changes to public health controls and guidance. Time is reserved for additional hearings if required on a contingency basis in weeks commencing 25 January 2021 and 8 March 2021. The dates of these further hearings are also confirmed in the Examination Timetable at **Annex A**. You can expect to receive more information about these hearings in early December 2020.

As a consequence of the need to circulate joining links and telephone numbers for virtual hearings and of public health controls applicable to any physical hearings, it is essential that anyone wishing to be heard makes their request well in advance of any relevant hearings. The Examination Timetable provides a deadline for any further requests to be heard at any hearings to be held before New Year 2021, at Deadline 1 on 2 November 2020. For hearings to be held after that point, the Timetable provides later opportunities to request to be heard.

Site Inspections

Information about the Unaccompanied Site Inspections (USIs) and the Accompanied Site Inspections (ASIs) scheduled to take place in w/c 18 and/ or 25 January 2021 is contained in Annex F of the Rule 6 Letter of 16 July 2020 at Procedural Decision 17. This procedural decision remains in force. **Annex B** reminds you of the opportunity and process used to nominate sites for inspections by **Deadline 1**.





Availability of application documents and representations submitted to the Examination

All documentation and audio recordings associated with the examination of this application can be found using this link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-one-north-offshore-windfarm/?ipcsection=docs>

Annex E provides details of locations in the vicinity of the Proposed Development at which all Examination documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge. The Applicant has additionally arranged for physical copies of the Application documents to be available for inspection to assist those who cannot access documents using digital technology and this location is also identified in **Annex E**.

Advice to Interested Parties about how to access and navigate the Examination Library is also provided at **Annex E**.

Your status in the Examination

You have received this letter because you fall within one of the groups described in the Planning Inspectorate's document '[What is My Status in the Examination?](#)':

If your reference number begins with '2002', 'EA1N-0', 'EA1N-AFP', 'EA1N-S57' 'EA1N-APP' you are in Group A. If your reference number begins with 'EA1N-SP' you are in Group B. If your reference number begins with 'EA1N-OP' you are in Group C. The meaning and purpose of those groups are explained in the document published at the link above.

If having read this document you are still unsure about your status, please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter.

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 PA2008, you may find it helpful to read the government guidance 'Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders' (July 2013)⁵. It is in everyone's interest that information is introduced as early as possible in the examination process so you are encouraged to do so.

Management of information

The Planning Inspectorate has a commitment to transparency. Therefore, all information submitted for this project (if accepted by the Examining Authority) and a

⁵ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awards-of-costs-examinations-of-applications-for-development-consent-orders>



record of any advice which has been provided by the Planning Inspectorate, is published at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-one-north-offshore-windfarm/?ipcsection=overview>

All Examination documents can also be viewed electronically at the locations listed in **Annex E**.

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair Examination, we consider it necessary to publish some personal information. To find out how we handle your personal information, please view our [Privacy Notice](#) as amended by **Annex F** of this letter which addresses how we manage your information in virtual events.

Virtual Events Support and Frequently Asked Questions

The ExA notes that many people may be unfamiliar with virtual events or have experienced difficulty using virtual meetings systems such as Zoom in the past. For this reason, Case Team staff have already provided a substantial number of **Familiarisation Events**, where intending Examination participants can experience and practice their use of virtual event systems in an informal setting. Familiarisation events were offered to all participants in the Preliminary Meeting and OFHs 1 – 3. The Case Team will hold further familiarisation events in the week prior to each block of hearings in the Examination Timetable. Familiarisation events can be joined using a digital device or by phone. You can request to join by email to the project mailbox or by phone, two weeks before the relevant block of hearings. If you are likely to become involved in a hearing but have not yet attended a familiarisation event, I encourage you to make use of this opportunity.

The **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**⁶ explain how virtual events in this Examination will be held and how you can get involved. They also identify some possible sources of assistance for those who are not familiar with the planning system or hearing processes. Please read this material carefully. Virtual event practice is being improved as systems are upgraded and we gain experience. We may update the FAQs from time to time to reflect this.

In this respect I will draw your attention to **Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 8.6: Virtual examination events**⁷ (AN 8.6). This was published on 30 September 2020. If you refer to AN 8.6, you will note that there is substantial overlap and commonality of content between it and the FAQs for this Examination, which were taken into account as an input in its drafting, alongside those from other examinations where virtual events have been held.

To ensure that Interested Parties have a clear basis on which to prepare for and participate in hearings in this Examination that have already been notified or are notified in **Annex C** to this letter, the ExA will maintain the current content of the FAQs as the main source of advice for those participating in hearings, up to the

⁶ [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) v2.1](#)

⁷ <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-8-6-virtual-examination-events/>



closure of hearings to be held in week commencing 30 November 2020 (Examination Timetable Items 12 – 15). With effect from 7 December 2020 and for all hearings to be held on or after 18 January 2021, AN8.6 will be the main source of advice. Shortly thereafter, the FAQs will be reduced in scope to cover material that is specific to this Examination and that is not addressed in the Advice Note.

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

Yours faithfully

Rynd Smith

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

Annexes

- A** Examination Timetable
- B** Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority
- C** Notice of hearings under s91, s92 and s93 of the Planning Act 2008
- D** Agendas for Open Floor Hearings 4 and 5 (OFHs 4 and 5)
- E** Availability of Examination Documents
- F** Coronavirus Response: Examination Practice Changes and Your Privacy

This communication does not constitute legal advice.

Please view our [Privacy Notice](#) before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.

Examination Timetable

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty to **complete** the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

Item	Matters	Due Dates
	Close of Preliminary Meeting Held as a parallel meeting with East Anglia TWO	Tuesday 6 October 2020
1	Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1) Held as a parallel hearing with East Anglia TWO	Wednesday 7 October 2020 (evening)
2	Open Floor Hearing 2 (OFH2) Held as a parallel hearing with East Anglia TWO	Thursday 8 October 2020 (afternoon)
3	Open Floor Hearing 3 (OFH3) Held as a parallel hearing with East Anglia TWO	Friday 9 October 2020 (morning)
4	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination Timetable • The ExA's Written Questions (ExQ1) 	Monday 12 October 2020
5	Deadline 1 Deadline for receipt by ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case • Notification from any Affected Person of wish to speak at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1) • Notification of wish to speak at Issue Specific Hearings 1 and 2 (ISH1 and ISH2) • Notification of wish to speak at any further Open Floor Hearing (OFH) to be held in the 	Monday 2 November 2020

Item	Matters	Due Dates
	<p>remainder of the Examination (if a request has not already submitted¹)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of digital exclusion: identification of exceptional reasons why an Interested Party cannot participate in a virtual event² • Nominations of suggested locations and justifications for site inspections for consideration by the ExA • Notification of wish to attend an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) • Notification by Statutory Parties of their wish to be considered as an Interested Party (IP) by the ExA • Notification of wish to have future correspondence received electronically • Notification by the Applicant of intent to make any non-material or material changes • Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs) (if not already submitted) • Summaries of all RRs exceeding 1500 words • Written Representations (WRs) • Summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words • Local Impact Reports (LIR) from any local authorities 	

¹ Interested Parties who requested to be heard at an OFH during the pre-examination period and have already been listed to be heard at OFH 1, 2 or 3 or OFH 4 or 5 do not need to request to be heard again.

² If an Interested Party considers themselves to be digitally excluded and unable to be heard at a virtual event, the ExA will consider the exceptional (personal and individual) reasons why that might be the case and may make alternative arrangements to hear the individual(s) concerned. It should be noted that such reasons need to demonstrate why an Interested Party is unable to participate in a virtual event (including by analogue telephone). A personal or organisational preference not to participate in a virtual event is unlikely to amount to an exceptional reason. Further reasoning on this point is set out Annex B(2) Procedural decisions made following the Preliminary Meeting, Reasons for Procedural Decision 20.

Item	Matters	Due Dates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the ExAs Written Questions (ExQ1) • Comments on any updated application documents • Applicant's Tracking Lists prepared under Procedural Decisions 12, 13, and 14 (Annex B1) • Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) and Commonality requested by the ExA under Procedural Decision 15 (Annex B1) • Draft Itinerary to be provided by the Applicant for any ASI • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	
6	<p>Open Floor Hearing 4 (OFH4) To be held as a parallel hearing with East Anglia TWO (or as a single hearing if required)</p>	Thursday 5 November 2020 (morning)
7	<p>Time reserved for Open Floor Hearing 4³ (OFH4 A) (if required) To be held as a parallel hearing with East Anglia TWO (or as a single hearing if required)</p>	Thursday 5 November 2020 (afternoon)
8	<p>Open Floor Hearing 5 (OFH5) To be held as a parallel hearing with East Anglia TWO (or as a single hearing if required)</p>	Friday 6 November 2020 (morning)
9	<p>Time reserved for Open Floor Hearing 5³ (OFH5 A) (if required)</p>	Friday 6 November 2020 (afternoon)

³ This time is reserved only for use if unforeseen technical or other problems with the scheduled hearings mean they are unable to proceed as planned. Reserved events that are not required can be cancelled by notice on the banner of the National Infrastructure Planning website landing page for the application.

Item	Matters	Due Dates
	To be held as a parallel hearing with East Anglia TWO (or as a single hearing if required)	
10	<p>Deadline 2</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on WRs • Comments on responses to RRs • Comments on LIRs • Comments on any SoCG • Comments on responses to the ExAs Written Questions (ExQ1) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 1 • Post hearing submissions • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	Tuesday 17 November 2020
11	<p>Publication by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Written Questions (ExQ2) (if required) 	Thursday 26 November 2020
12	<p>Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) Biodiversity and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)</p> <p>To be held as a parallel hearing with East Anglia Two (or as a single hearing if required)</p>	Tuesday 1 December 2020 (morning)
13	<p>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1)</p> <p>To be held as a parallel hearing with East Anglia Two (or as a single hearing if required)</p>	Tuesday 1 December 2020 (afternoon)
14	<p>Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) Onshore siting, design and construction</p> <p>To be held as a parallel hearing with East Anglia Two (or as a single hearing if required)</p>	Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 December 2020

Item	Matters	Due Dates
15	<p>Time reserved for</p> <p>ISH1 A, ISH2 A and CAH1 A⁴ (if required)</p> <p>To be held as a parallel hearing with East Anglia Two (or as a single hearing if required)</p>	<p>Friday 4 December 2020</p>
16	<p>Deadline 3</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case (if required) • Responses to ExA's Further Written Questions (ExQ2) (if required) • The Applicants revised draft DCO (dDCO) • Any revised/updated SoCG (if any) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 2 • Notification from any Affected Person of wish to speak at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2) • Notification of wish to speak at any Issue Specific Hearings w/c 18 and 25 January 2021 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	<p>Tuesday 15 December 2020</p>

⁴ This time is reserved only for use if unforeseen technical or other problems with the scheduled hearings mean they are unable to proceed as planned. Reserved events that are not required can be cancelled by notice on the banner of the National Infrastructure Planning website landing page for the application.

Item	Matters	Due Dates
17	<p>Deadline 4</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the Applicant’s revised dDCO • Comments on responses to ExQ2 (if required) • Comments on any revised/updated SoCG (if any) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 3 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	<p>Wednesday 13 January 2021</p>
18	<p>Hearing Events</p> <p>Dates reserved to hold any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2) • Issue Specific Hearings (if required)⁵ • Open Floor Hearings (if required)⁵ 	<p>w/c 18 January</p> <p>and/or</p> <p>w/c 25 January 2021</p>
19	<p>Accompanied Site Inspection(s)</p> <p>Time reserved for ASI(s)</p> <p>(if COVID-19 public health restrictions allow)</p>	
20	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case (if required) and submissions if there are any outstanding matters requiring to be heard • The Applicant’s revised dDCO • Any revised/updated SoCG (if any) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 4 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	<p>Wednesday 3 February 2021</p>

⁵ Further information about these hearings will be provided in notices and agendas to be issued in due course.

Item	Matters	Due Dates
21	<p>Publication by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Written Questions (ExQ3) (if required) • The ExA's preferred dDCO or commentary on the dDCO (if required) 	Friday 12 February 2021
22	<p>Deadline 6</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to ExA's Further Written Questions (ExQ3) (if required) • Comments on the ExA's preferred dDCO or commentary on the dDCO (if required) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 5 • Notification of wish to speak at Exceptional Issue Specific Hearing (EISH) (if required)⁶ • Responses to any further information requested by the ExAs for this deadline 	Tuesday 23 February 2021
23	<p>Time reserved for OFH (if required)</p> <p>To be held as a parallel hearing with East Anglia TWO (or as a single hearing if required)</p>	Wednesday 24 February 2021 (half day)
24	<p>Time reserved for OFH (if required)</p> <p>To be held as a parallel hearing with East Anglia TWO (or as a single hearing if required)</p>	Thursday 25 February 2021 (half day)
25	<p>Deadline 7</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p>	Thursday 4 March 2021

⁶ In circumstances where no physical or blended hearings have been held in the Examination, **Timetable Item 27** reserves dates for Exceptional Issue Specific Hearings (EISH) to hear any final oral submissions from any parties with new topics identified in writing at Deadline 6 that have, for good reason, not had an opportunity to be heard at earlier virtual Hearings. Active participation at any such hearings would be at the invitation of the ExA, following submission of a request to be heard at this deadline. Requests submitted at this deadline must identify the matter(s) to be heard and should seek to demonstrate that these are important and relevant, the subject of ongoing disagreement and so far have not had the benefit of adequate consideration and discussion at a hearing. The selection of matters for hearing following these requests will be at the ExA's discretion.

Item	Matters	Due Dates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses to ExQ3 (if required) • Post hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case • Final Applicant's Tracking Lists prepared under Procedural Decisions 12, 13, and 14 (Annex F) • Final dDCO to be submitted by the Applicant in the SI template with the SI template validation report (under Procedural Decision 19 (Annex F)) • Final updated version of the Book of Reference (under Procedural Decision 19 (Annex F)) • Final CA schedule (identifying any unresolved objections) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 6 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExAs for this deadline 	
26	<p>Publication by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) • Further Written Questions (ExQ4) (if required) 	Thursday 4 March 2021
27	<p>Hearing Events</p> <p>Dates reserved to hold any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceptional Issue Specific Hearing (EISH) (if required)⁷ 	w/c 8 March 2021

⁷ **See Deadline 6:** this date is reserved for the EISH - any final oral submissions from any parties with new topics identified in writing at Deadline 6 that have, for good reason, not had an opportunity to be heard at earlier virtual Hearings. While it would have a similar format to an OFH, active participation would be at the invitation of the ExA and restricted to matters that the ExA considers to be important and relevant, the subject of an ongoing disagreement which so far have not had adequate consideration and discussion. Matters that in the ExAs view do not address these criteria will not be orally heard. If no such matters are identified by the ExA this hearing will not proceed.

Item	Matters	Due Dates
28	<p>Deadline 8</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case (if required) • Responses to ExA’s Further Written Questions (ExQ4) (if required) • Comments on the RIES • Final Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) and Commonality requested by the ExA under Procedural Decision 15 (Annex F) also listing matters not agreed (in circumstances where a SoCG could not be finalised. • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 7 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExAs for this deadline 	Thursday 25 March 2021
29	<p>Deadline 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses to ExQ4 (if required) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 8 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExAs for this deadline 	Tuesday 6 April 2021 (Midday)
30	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.	Tuesday 6 April 2021

Submission times for deadlines

The time for submission of documents at any deadline in the timetable is 23:59 on the relevant deadline date, unless instructed otherwise by the ExA.

Publication dates

All information received will be published on the project page of the NI website as soon as practicable after the deadlines for submissions. An Examination Library will be kept up to date throughout the Examination and can be accessed via the 'Documents' tab on the project page. Each document will be given a unique reference. These references will be used by the ExA during the Examination:

- [East Anglia ONE North Offshore Wind Farm - Examination Library](#)
- [East Anglia TWO Offshore Wind Farm - Examination Library](#)

Hearing agendas

Please note that for ISHs and CAHs the ExA will aim to publish a detailed draft agenda on the project website at least five working days in advance of the hearing date. However, the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

OFH agendas will be published that establish a running order to facilitate the hearing process on the day and to structure the time available for participants to speak. They will not specify the subject matters on which participants may speak.

Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

Where an Applicant has provided a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with an application, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the Examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the Examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the relevant SoS, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's Recommendation to the relevant Secretary of State.

The relevant SoS may rely on the consultation on the RIES to meet its obligations under Regulation 63(3) of The Habitats Regulations 2017 and/ or Regulation 28 of The Offshore Marine Regulations.



Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority

The ExA has made the following groups of procedural decisions¹:

- **Procedural decisions made in the pre-examination period** before the Preliminary Meeting, initially to support Examination including physical hearing events before the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, and then to ensure continued preparation for Examination using Covid-safe methods. There are 19 of these decisions, numbered in date order from 1 to 19, of which 5 have been superseded and cancelled and 14 remain in effect and are confirmed. These decisions and their status are summarised and their full texts are accessible from the **Procedural Decisions Tracker** in **Annex B(1)** below.
- **Procedural decisions made following the Preliminary Meeting.** There are 3 of these, numbered in sequence from 20 onwards. These decisions are set out in full in **Annex B(2)** below. Noting that some elements of these were contested in written and oral submissions to the Preliminary Meeting, a statement of reasons has also been provided and can be accessed by a hyperlink.

¹ Decisions made under Section 89(1) of the Planning Act 2008

Procedural Decisions Tracker: Decisions Made Before the Preliminary Meeting

Up to the start of the Preliminary Meeting, the ExA made the following Procedural Decisions under Section 89(3) of the PA2008. Decisions are numbered in order of the date on which they were made. Decisions shown with a green status (✓) are confirmed and remain applicable. Decisions shown with a red status (✗) have been superseded and no longer have effect.

Procedural Decision	Subject	Date Issued	Status	Notes
1	Request for hard copy documents	23/12/2019	✓	East Anglia ONE North: Link to letter: Annex B East Anglia TWO: Link to Letter: Annex B
2	Document submission procedure relating to both East Anglia applications	23/12/2019	✓	East Anglia ONE North: Link to letter: Annex B East Anglia TWO: Link to Letter: Annex B
3	Means of identifying documents relating to one/both East Anglia applications	23/12/2019	✓	East Anglia ONE North: Link to letter: Annex B East Anglia TWO: Link to Letter: Annex B
4	Tracking List relating to SoCG, Commercial Side Agreements and Planning Obligations	21/02/2020	✗	Superseded by PD 12
5	Tracking List relating to changes to application documents and plans	21/02/2020	✗	Superseded by PD 13
6	Tracking List relating to changes to mitigation measures	21/02/2020	✗	Superseded by PD 14
7	Requests for Statements of Common Ground	21/02/2020	✓	East Anglia ONE North: Link to Letter: Annex G East Anglia TWO: Link to Letter: Annex G
7.1	Requests for early submission of selected Statements of Common Ground	21/02/2020	✓	Further to PD 7 East Anglia ONE North: Link to Letter: Annex G East Anglia TWO: Link to Letter: Annex G
8	Decision to hold early Issue Specific Hearings	21/02/2020	✗	Superseded by PD 16 and FAQ
9	Request to nominate locations to be viewed at Site Inspections	21/02/2020	✗	Superseded by PD 17
10	Decision to postpone the Preliminary Meeting and early Hearings	17/03/2020	✓	East Anglia ONE North: Link to Letter East Anglia TWO: Link to Letter
11	Request for Comments on Relevant Representations	21/05/2020	✓	East Anglia ONE North: Link to Letter East Anglia TWO: Link to Letter
12	Tracking List relating to SoCG, Commercial Side Agreements or Planning Obligations	16/07/2020	✓	East Anglia ONE North: Link to Letter: Annex F East Anglia TWO: Link to Letter: Annex F

Procedural Decision	Subject	Date Issued	Status	Notes
13	Tracking List relating to changes to application documents and plans	16/07/2020	✓	East Anglia ONE North: Link to Letter: Annex F East Anglia TWO: Link to Letter: Annex F
14	Tracking List relating to changes to mitigation measures	16/07/2020	✓	East Anglia ONE North: Link to Letter: Annex F East Anglia TWO: Link to Letter: Annex F
15	Statements of Common Ground and Commonality – additional requests	16/07/2020	✓	Further to PDs 7 and 7.1 East Anglia ONE North: Link to Letter: Annex F East Anglia TWO: Link to Letter: Annex F
16	Decision to hold early Open Floor Hearings	16/07/2020	✓	East Anglia ONE North: Link to Letter: Annex F East Anglia TWO: Link to Letter: Annex F
17	Request to nominate locations to be viewed at Site Inspections	16/07/2020	✓	East Anglia ONE North: Link to Letter: Annex F East Anglia TWO: Link to Letter: Annex F
18	Request for updates following recent decisions: a) relevant to HRA and b) relevant to the Sizewell C project	16/07/2020	✓	East Anglia ONE North: Link to Letter: Annex F East Anglia TWO: Link to Letter: Annex F
19	Submission of draft Development Consent Orders and Book of Reference	16/07/2020	✓	East Anglia ONE North: Link to Letter: Annex F East Anglia TWO: Link to Letter: Annex F

Procedural decisions made following the Preliminary Meeting

The following procedural decisions were made following the Preliminary Meeting. They are numbered commencing at 20, recognising procedural decisions 1 – 19 made during the pre-examination period and recorded in Annex B1 above.

20. Close of Preliminary Meeting

The ExA decided to close the Preliminary Meeting on Tuesday 6 October. Noting a substantial body of written and oral submissions considered at the Preliminary Meeting that the commencement of the Examination should be deferred, the ExA sets out reasons for this decision, accessible from the hyperlink below.

21. Approval of the Draft Timetable with Changes

Further to procedural decision 20, the Examination Timetable comes into force as set out in **Annex A** to this Rule 8 Letter. The Examination Timetable contains a number of amendments to the draft Timetable included as Annex D to the Rule 6 Letter of 16 July 2020, designed to respond to matters raised in written and oral submissions considered at the Preliminary Meeting. Noting that some Interested Party requests for amendments have been able to be accommodated and have been agreed but others have not, the ExA sets out reasons for this decision, accessible from the hyperlink below.

22. Publication of First Written Questions (ExQ1)

The ExA has published its first round of written questions (ExQ1) and these can be accessed from the following link. ExQ1 is provided in a shared document and questions addressing the Examination of East Anglia ONE North and of East Anglia Two or both Examinations are set out in this document, a copy of which has been posted to both project pages on the National Infrastructure Planning Website.

[Examining Authority First Written Questions \(ExQ1\)](#)

Note on Site Inspection Nominations

Procedural Decision 17 issued on 16 July 2020 (Rule 6 Letter **Annex F** at Page F6) applies. Interested Parties are reminded that the opportunity to nominate sites for inclusion in Unaccompanied (USI) and Accompanied (ASI) Site Inspections extends until **Deadline 1**. Before making nominations, please read the guidance provided in Procedural Decision 17 and review the published notes of unaccompanied site inspections that have already taken place (USI Notes).

Reasons for Procedural Decisions

Reasons for procedural decisions in circumstances where there was contention about the nature of the decision and/or the ExA (for reasons) has not been able to accommodate requests that have been made can be seen at the following link:

[Statement of Reasons for Procedural Decisions](#)



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Notification of Hearings under Section 93 of the Planning Act 2008

Notification of the date, time and place of **Open Floor Hearings 4** (OFH4) **and 5** (OFH5) is provided in accordance with section 93 of the Planning Act 2008.

Open Floor Hearings provide an opportunity for any Interested Party (IP) to make oral representations about the application.

OFH4 and OFH5 are to be held in parallel and for the same purposes for both the East Anglia ONE North and the East Anglia TWO Examinations. Further guidance on the relationship between the East Anglia ONE North Examination and the East Anglia TWO Examination can be found in the **FAQs**.

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) v2.1](#)

Date	Hearing	Start time	Joining details
Thursday 5 November 2020 (morning)	Open Floor Hearing 4 (OFH4)	10.00am (arrangements conference from 9.20am)	Virtual events Join by digital device or telephone using details to be provided in forthcoming Agendas
Friday 6 November 2020 (morning)	Open Floor Hearing 5 (OFH5)	10.00am (arrangements conference from 9.20am)	

Reserved Hearing dates

The ExAs intend to cover all necessary matters as set out above. However, notification is also made of further Open Hearings if OFH4 or OFH5 are disrupted by technical issues.



Date	Hearing	Start time	Joining details
Thursday 5 November 2020 (afternoon)	Open Floor Hearing 4 A (OFH4 A) (if required)	3.00pm (arrangements conference from 2.20pm)	Virtual events Join by digital device or telephone using details to be provided in forthcoming Agendas
Friday 6 November 2020 (afternoon)	Open Floor Hearing 5 A (OFH5 A) (if required)	2.30pm (arrangements conference from 1.50pm)	

Reserved Hearings that are not required may be cancelled in the banner on the National Infrastructure Planning website and no other notice is required.

Requests to be heard

Additional requests to be heard at OFH4 and OFH5 are not sought at this time, as speaking opportunities will be allocated to Interested Parties who have already requested to be heard at an OFH by **Procedural Deadline B** (9 September 2020), but who have not already been allocated a speaking appointment in OFH 1, 2 or 3.

If you are an Interested Party who did not request to be heard at an OFH by Procedural Deadline B and you still wish to be heard, please request to be heard at **Deadline 1** (Monday 2 November 2020). Requests made at that Deadline will be provided with speaking opportunities at further OFHs to be notified in due course and held in the remainder of the Examinations (see Timetable Items 18, 23 and 24).



East Anglia ONE North Offshore Wind Farm and East Anglia TWO Offshore Wind Farm

Notification of Hearings under Section 91 of the Planning Act 2008

Notification of the dates, times and places of Issue Specific Hearings (ISHs) to be held in accordance with section 91 of the Planning Act 2008.

ISHs provide an opportunity for the ExAs to invite Interested Parties (IPs) to make oral representations about specific issues relating to the applications. The first two ISHs are proposed to address biodiversity and Habitats Regulations considerations (ISH1); and onshore siting, design and construction considerations (ISH2). ISH1 will consider offshore and onshore matters. The primary focus of ISH2 will be on landfall and onshore matters.

These ISHs are to be held in parallel and for the same purposes for both the East Anglia ONE North Examination and the East Anglia TWO Examination. Further guidance on the relationship between the East Anglia ONE North Examination and the East Anglia TWO Examination can be found in the **FAQs**.

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) v2.1](#)

Date	Hearing	Start time	Joining details
Tuesday 1 December 2020 (morning)	Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1): Biodiversity and Habitats Regulations Assessment Offshore biodiversity Onshore biodiversity Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Cumulative and in- combination effects	10.00am (arrangements conference from 9.30am)	Virtual events Join by digital device or telephone using details to be provided in forthcoming Agendas
Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 December 2020	Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2): Onshore siting, design and construction	10.00am (arrangements conference from 9.20am)	



Date	Hearing	Start time	Joining details
(morning and afternoon on both days)	Onshore cable corridors and transmission connections Siting BEIS review Landscape Visual Historic environment Good design Cumulative and in-combination effects		

Reserved Hearing date

The ExAs intend to hear all necessary matters as set out above. However, notification is also made of a further Issue Specific Hearing if ISH1 and/ or ISH2 is disrupted by technical issues.

Date	Hearing	Start time	Joining details
Friday 4 December 2020 (morning and/ or afternoon)	Issue Specific Hearing 1 A (ISH1A) (if required) Any specific issue adjourned from ISH1 and/ or ISH2	10.00am (Arrangements conference from 9.20am)	Virtual events Join by digital device or telephone using details to be provided in forthcoming Agendas

Reserved Hearings that are not required may be cancelled in the banner on the National Infrastructure Planning website and no other notice is required.

Requests to be heard

Speaking at ISHs is by invitation from the ExAs. Invitations to speak will be confirmed in the Agendas. Interested parties who consider that they may wish to speak can request to be heard. Requests must be submitted by **Deadline 1** (Monday 2 November 2020).



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Notification of Hearings under Section 92 of the Planning Act 2008

Notification of the date, time and place of Compulsory Acquisition Hearings 1 (CAH1) is provided in accordance with section 92 of the Planning Act 2008.

Compulsory Acquisition Hearings provide an opportunity for the ExAs to examine the Applicants' case for compulsory acquisition (CA) and temporary possession (TP) and for the Applicants and Affected Persons (APs) to make oral representations about these matters. CAH1 will consist of an examination of the Applicants' strategic case for CA and TP and whether general legal tests, policy and guidance have been addressed. Individual objections to CA and/ or TP relating to individual parcels of land and/ or interests in land will be heard later in the Examinations and not on this occasion. APs may however request to be heard at CAH1 in relation to submissions that the Applicants have not complied with general legal tests, policy or guidance.

CAH1 is to be held in parallel and for the same purposes for both the East Anglia ONE North and the East Anglia TWO Examinations. Further guidance on the relationship between the East Anglia ONE North Examination and the East Anglia TWO Examination can be found in the **FAQs**.

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) v2.1](#)

Date	Hearing	Start time	Joining details
Tuesday 1 December 2020 (afternoon)	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1) The Applicant's strategic case for CA & TP Additional land requests (if any) Compulsory Acquisition Regulations review (if required)	2.00pm (arrangements conference from 1.40pm)	Virtual events Join by digital device or telephone using details to be provided in forthcoming Agendas

Reserved Hearing date

The ExAs intend to cover all necessary matters as set out above. However, notification is also made of further Compulsory Acquisition Hearings if a CAH1 is disrupted by technical issues.

Date	Hearing	Start time	Joining details
Friday 4 December 2020 (morning and/ or afternoon)	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 A (CAH1A) (if required) Any matters adjourned from CAH1	10.00am (Arrangements conference from 9.20am) Up to four sessions	Virtual events Join by digital device or telephone using details to be provided in forthcoming Agendas

Reserved Hearings that are not required may be cancelled in the banner on the National Infrastructure Planning website and no other notice is required.

Requests to be heard

Affected Persons have a right to be heard at a CAH. Requests to be heard must be submitted by **Deadline 1** (Monday 2 November 2020).



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Agendas for Open Floor Hearings 4 & 5 (OFHs 4 & 5)

OFH4

Date: **Thursday 5 November 2020 (morning)**

Time: **Session 1: 10.00am**
Arrangements Conference from 9.20am

Session 2: 12.00 midday
Re-joining from 11.40am

OFH5

Date: **Friday 6 November 2020 (morning)**

Time: **Session 1: 10.00am**
Arrangements Conference from 9.20am

Session 2: 12.00 midday
Re-joining from 11.40am

Venues: **Virtual event**
Both hearings are virtual events. Full instructions on how to join or watch online or by phone to follow

OFHs are held to enable the Examining Authorities (ExAs) to hear submissions from Interested Parties who request to be heard.

The list of speakers for each hearing is in **Annex D(1)** to these Agendas.

An explanation of the allocation of speaking times, advice to speakers and advice about the conduct of virtual hearings is in the **Annex D(2)**.

Agendas for OFHs 4 & 5

Arrangements Conference: please join at the appointed time for your hearing (see **Annex D(1)** for the list of speakers) and the Case Manager will register you and admit you to the hearing.

1. Welcome, introductions and arrangements for Session 1

2. Representations by named Interested Parties

Speakers will be heard in the order shown for the hearing in **Annex D(1)**.

- A maximum speaking time guide of five minutes per Interested Party (IP) will apply to submissions by individual IPs.
- A maximum speaking time guide of seven minutes will apply to shared speaking submissions (for example representing more than one member of a household).
- Organisations and groups with shared representation will receive a maximum speaking time guide of ten minutes.

The ExAs may ask questions of IPs and the Applicants about matters arising from written and oral submissions. If they do so during a timed submission, the time taken by the ExA will not count against the speaking time guide.

Speakers in Session 1 should leave after the end of their contribution and follow the remainder of this session if they wish using the livestream. Speakers due to speak in Session 2 who wish to follow this session should use the livestream.

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Session 2 Joining Point: if you are due to speak in Session 2 you may leave after the Arrangements Conference and re-join using the same link at this time. Speakers who spoke in Session 1 may follow this session if they wish using the livestream.

3. Welcome, introductions and arrangements for Session 2

4. Representations by named Interested Parties

Speakers will be heard in the order shown for the hearing in **Annex D(1)**.

The guidance at Agenda Item 2 above also applies.

Speakers in Session 2 should leave after the end of their contribution and follow the remainder of this session if they wish using the livestream.

5. Responses by the Applicants

The Applicants will be invited to respond to matters raised and to questions arising from the ExAs. A maximum speaking time guide of five minutes will apply. If you are an attendee from an earlier session you can view this on the livestream or the recording after the event.



6. Review of issues and actions arising

The ExAs will review any actions placed on the Applicants, IPs or Other Persons speaking. If you are an attendee from an earlier session you can view this on the livestream or the recording after the event.

7. Next steps

8. Closure of the hearing



List of Speakers

OFH4: Thursday 5 November

No.	Name	Time
Session 1: 10.00am		
1	Jane Baker	5 mins
2	Melissa Baker	5 mins
3	Helen & Nicholas Cook	7 mins
4	Brigette D'Angelo	5 mins
5	Mike and Karen Flower	7 mins
6	William Halford	5 mins
7	Jenny Kennedy	5 mins
8	Edward King	5 mins
9	Katherine Mackie	5 mins
10	Anthony Morley	5 mins
11	Tony & Christine Munden	7 mins
Break		
Session 2: 12.00 midday		
10	Susan Osben	5 mins
11	William Reeve	5 mins
12	Jane Rossin	5 mins
13	Bobby Rusack	5 mins
14	Briony Sones	5 mins
15	Sheridan Steen	5 mins
16	Patrick Steen	5 mins
17	Beverly Strowger	5 mins
18	Marie Szpak	5 mins
19	Applicants (reply if required)	5 mins

OFH5: Friday 6 November

No.	Name	Time
Session 1: 10.00am		
1	Nicholas Thorpe	5 mins
2	Nicholas Thorpe – Beach View Holiday Park	10 mins
3	Jemima & Scott Tindle	7 mins
4	Gary Waple & Fiona Gilmore	7 mins
5	Sarah Whitelock	5 mins
6	Nichola & Bruce Winter	7 mins
7	Tessa Wojtczak	5 mins
8	Derek Wyatt	5 mins
9	David Wybar	5 mins
10	Sybella & Paul Zisman	7 mins
Break		
Session 2: 12.00 midday		
11	Paul Chandler	5 mins
12	Mike Chaplin - Friston Parish Council	10 mins
13	Tim Beech - Snape Parish Council	10 mins
12	Applicants (reply if required)	5 mins



OFH 4 & 5

Explanation and Advice

Joining as a speaker

There are two Open Floor Hearings (OFHs). Both OFHs are divided into two sessions. **Annex D(1)** above identifies the speakers allocated to each session in each hearing.

If your name is listed for a hearing, please join the Arrangements Conference for that hearing, forty minutes before the appointed start time for the hearing. This enables arrangements to be explained and hearings to make a prompt start. If your name is listed for a second session, you do not need to remain online or on the telephone during the first session of the hearing. The Agenda for your hearing provides you with a re-joining time for session 2.

You will receive a joining link or telephone number on which to join the hearing in a separate email, shortly before the hearing. This email will also explain what to do if you have difficulties getting connected.

*How was speaking time allocated, and
What if my name is not listed as a speaker in Annex D(1)?*

Whether they are held in person or virtually, all hearings have limits on the numbers who can be heard and limits on their duration, to ensure that speakers can participate fairly and effectively. There were more requests to be heard in the October OFHs (OFHs1 -3) than there was speaking time available. Speaking times were allocated to elected and representative bodies initially, and then to interested parties having regard to availabilities on preferred dates and on an alphabetical basis by last name. Within this, some 'household' groups have been allocated shared times (a step that was taken to enable more people to be represented); these were based on last names and matching postcodes, and such groups have been allocated a combined total of 7 minutes. However, some people who requested to be heard were not able to be heard in OFHs 1-3.

In view of these circumstances, the ExA have arranged OFHs 4 & 5 so that everyone who requested to speak initially can be heard within an October and November group of Open Floor Hearings. If you are listed to be heard in Annex D(1) but you are unable to attend on the date allocated for you, then please let the Case Team know. Your name will be placed as a priority at the head of a list of speakers for subsequent OFHs, and you will be offered the opportunity to speak at a hearing in January 2021. You do not need to request to be heard at an OFH at Deadline 1 in the Examinations Timetables. Household members who requested to be heard individually but were not provided with an individual speaking opportunity will also be considered as priority; as will those who responded initially that they wished to be heard, but at later hearing dates than in October.

If you requested to speak at an early hearing but your name has not been listed for any of OFHs 1-5, then please let a member of the Case Team know.



Joining as an observer

If you are an Interested Party (IP) and you asked to observe, you will receive:

- a link to a livestream to watch the hearings in real time; and
- a link to the recordings of the hearings after they have concluded; or
- a telephone number on which to dial in to the hearings and hear them live (this is only provided if you do not have access to any digital technology).

Members of the public can view and listen to the hearings on the National Infrastructure Planning Website using a livestream in real time or a recording after they have concluded.

Why are these hearings being held virtually? Coronavirus Public Health Provisions

Social distancing restrictions relating to Coronavirus (COVID-19) are in force. These require people to avoid non-exempt public gatherings of over six people and to work from home if possible. For these reasons, the ExAs will conduct these hearings using digital and telephone technology. You will be able to take part from any location at which you can use a computer, laptop, tablet or telephone. The arrangements set out in these Agendas reflect the Government advice at the time of writing. Should the Government's advice change in a way that means that the arrangements for this hearing need to change, this will be communicated to you by a banner on the project pages of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

- [East Anglia ONE North Offshore Wind Farm project](#)
- [East Anglia TWO Offshore Wind Farm project](#)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

To help you participate effectively, we have published frequently asked questions (FAQs) on virtual events:

- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) v2.1](#)¹

These provide information about Microsoft Teams (the system used by the Planning Inspectorate to conduct hearings over the internet) and the digital devices and phones that can be used to join the hearing. Please read the FAQs before you join your hearing as they will help you to prepare and get the best out of your participation. Particular attention is drawn to the FAQ advice 'How do I protect my privacy in Virtual Events' and to Annex H to the Rule 6 Letters, which varies the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Privacy Policy for virtual events.

¹ The FAQs for the East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO Examinations are the same.



Participation, conduct and management of hearings

Participation by speakers

Open Floor Hearings do not have subject-matter controlled agendas and participants may raise any matters arising from the Applications that are important and relevant to decisions taken under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). All speaking slots are time limited and, for reasons of fairness, the time limits shown on the Agenda will be closely applied. The ExAs will remind you to conclude approximately thirty seconds before the end of your allotted speaking time.

OFHs are hearings where individuals and organisations have their say. Cross questioning is not normally allowed and the ExAs will ask any questions that arise. The ExAs will make appropriate provision for the introduction of more detailed evidence from experts at Issue Specific Hearings (ISHs). People who have land or rights affected by Compulsory Acquisition or Temporary Possession are Affected Persons: you have a right to be heard at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) and that will be the best forum to raise those issues.

OFHs aim to identify planning issues that are important and relevant. Once an issue has been identified it does not need to be repeated. It is sufficient to say that you agree with something a previous speaker has raised.

Once you have spoken at one OFH you do not have a right to speak again at another. It is important that you use your allotted time well to communicate your messages to the ExAs.

Any new evidence presented orally at these hearings (including written submissions of oral cases) should be included in post-hearing submissions and submitted at Deadline 1.

Participation is subject to the ExA's power to control the hearing.

The Applicants

The ExAs ask that the Applicants attend these hearings. The Applicants may be asked by the ExAs to address questions raised by IPs in summary form at the end of each hearing. The primary purpose of these hearings is not to enable the Applicants to make their own cases and beyond immediately necessary points of clarification, any Applicants responses to IP's oral cases should be made in writing.

Contingencies

The ExAs will endeavour to hear the speakers identified in these Agendas. If the hearings or parts of them are unable to proceed, then the ExAs may adjourn incomplete business to reserved hearings listed as follows:

- OFH4 A (Thursday 5 November 2020 – afternoon – from 3pm)
- OFH5 A (Friday 6 November 2020 – afternoon – from 2-30pm)

Notice of any adjournments will be provided in the banners on the National Infrastructure Planning Website for each Application. If the OFHs 4 & 5 proceed without disruption, then these reserved hearings will not proceed.



Availability of Examinations Documents

The National Infrastructure Planning website

The application documents and Relevant Representations for East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO are available on the following project webpages on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

East Anglia ONE North

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-one-north-offshore-windfarm/>

East Anglia TWO

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-two-offshore-windfarm/>

All further documents submitted in the course of the Examinations will also be published at the above locations.

For ease of navigation, please refer to the Examination Library (EL) for the relevant application which is accessible via a blue button under the 'Documents' tab on both webpages. The ELs will be updated regularly throughout the Examinations.

The ELs each record and provide hyperlinks to:

- each application document;
- each representation made to the Examination; and
- each Procedural Decision made by the Examining Authority.

Each document is given a unique reference which will be fixed for the duration of the Examinations. A hyperlink to each document on the project webpage is also provided. Please use the unique reference numbers applied in the EL when referring to any Examination Documents in any future submissions that you make.

Electronic Deposit Locations

Documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge, at the electronic deposit locations overleaf. Please note that you will need to bring a form of identification and register as a library member in order to use a computer at these locations. Opening hours and the availability of information technology is set out in the tables overleaf but may be subject to local changes or additional limitations to address Coronavirus public health requirements. Bearing in mind the availability of the documents on the National Infrastructure Planning website and the effect of public health restrictions, please consider your need to attend these locations with care. Please check the current circumstances with the relevant locations before you attend.



Electronic deposit locations

Local authority	Library/ address	Opening hours
Suffolk County Council	Beccles Library Blyburgate, Beccles NR34 9TB Tel: 01502 442820 Email: help@suffolklibraries.co.uk	Monday: 9.30am – 5.00pm Tuesday: 9.30am – 5.00pm Wednesday: 9.30am – 5.00pm Thursday: 9.30am – 5.00pm Friday: 9.30am – 7.30pm Saturday: 9.30am – 5.00pm Sunday: 10.00am – 4.00pm Free Computer Access to library members only.
Suffolk County Council	Felixstowe Library Crescent Road, Felixstowe IP11 7BY Tel: 01394 330850 Email: help@suffolklibraries.co.uk	Monday: 10.00am – 4.00pm Tuesday: 9.00am – 5.30pm Wednesday: 9.00am – 7.30pm Thursday: 9.00am – 5.30pm Friday: 9.00am – 5.30pm Saturday: 9.00am – 5.00pm Sunday: 10.00am – 4.00pm Free Computer Access to library members only.



Local authority	Library/ address	Opening hours
Suffolk County Council	Woodbridge Library New Street, Woodbridge IP12 1DT Tel: 01394 330855 Email: help@suffolklibraries.co.uk	Monday: 10.00am – 4.00pm Tuesday: 9.30am – 7.30pm Wednesday: 9.00am – 5.30pm Thursday: 9.00am – 5.30pm Friday: 9.30am – 7.30pm Saturday: 9.00am – 5.00pm Sunday: 10.00am – 4.00pm Free Computer Access to library members only.
Printing costs	Black and white	Colour
A4	Single-sided: 10p Double-sided:	Single-sided: 40p Double-sided:
A3	Single-sided: 20p Double-sided:	Single-sided: 80p Double-sided:
Link to all council library locations		
Beccles Library – https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/libraries/beccles-library/ Felixstowe Library - https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/libraries/felixstowe-library/ Woodbridge Library - https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/libraries/woodbridge-library/		



Physical inspection location

In addition to the electronic deposit locations identified above, the Applicant voluntarily maintains a physical copy of the Application document set at the following location.

Local authority	Office/ address	Opening hours
Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council	Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council, Council Offices, Main Street, Leiston, IP16 4ER Tel: (01728) 830388 Email: admin@leistoncouncil.gov.uk	Monday/Tuesday: 9:00am to 12:30pm and 2:00pm to 4:45pm Wednesday: Closed Thursday/Friday: 9:00am to 12:30pm
Copying costs	Black and white only	
A4	Single-sided: 10p Double-sided: 20p	
Link to council website		
https://www.leistoncouncil.gov.uk/		

Coronavirus Response: Examination Practice Changes and Your Privacy

This Annex explains the approach taken to privacy in Examination practice where virtual or blended events are used. It sets out changes to the National Infrastructure Planning Website privacy notice necessary to respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Please read it carefully.

Changes due to COVID-19

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) measures introduced by the Government (see <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>), social distancing and related requirements are still in place. It is important to recognise that we are in dynamic circumstances and that the controls in force both nationally and locally are likely to vary during a 6-month Examination. The Examination method and timetable have been designed with the following principles in mind:

- To respond flexibly to changing public health controls, minimising the need for later changes to the Examination timetable and additional correspondence.
- To fit selected Examination methods and procedures to the controls in force at the time when notice for any particular event is given.
- To provide processes that are accessible to people who are shielding or isolating.
- To retain the potential to provide physical hearings and site inspections with appropriate social distancing measures in place, where it is possible to do so.
- To ensure that you can protect your privacy and understand the privacy policy that we are applying, whatever Examination methods are used.

We will not be conducting the Preliminary Meetings and initial Open Floor, Issue Specific or Compulsory Acquisition Hearings face to face. Instead, we will be conducting these processes virtually (over the internet, or by telephone link). You will be able to take part at home or from a safe place. Later hearings may be held using a blend of face to face (physical) and virtual processes and additional information will be provided to enable you to participate in those events and protect your privacy closer to the time of the events concerned.

How to Protect your Privacy in Virtual Meetings and Hearings

The [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) v2.1](#) for these Examinations have been updated to provide you with information about the following topics relevant to virtual meetings and hearings practice:

- what will happen in a virtual meeting or hearing, how to prepare for one and the help available from the Planning Inspectorate (*'Participating in Meetings and Hearings'*);
- how to participate in virtual meetings and hearings using a computer, laptop, tablet, smartphone (*'Joining a Virtual Meeting or Hearing on the Internet'*);

- how to participate in virtual meetings and hearings using a mobile phone or land-line telephone (*'Joining a Virtual Meeting or Hearing by Telephone'*);
- what to do if a virtual event does not work as you'd expected (*'What if things go Wrong'*); and
- Protecting your privacy (*'How do I Protect my Privacy in Virtual Events'*).

The FAQs are kept under constant review. On 30 September 2020, the Planning Inspectorate published Advice Note 8.6¹ on virtual examination events, a document that covers much of the same material as the FAQs. We will maintain the current content of the FAQs for hearings held up to the end of December 2020 and will refer to the Advice Note for hearings conducted thereafter.

If it is proposed to hold blended hearings, information about how to participate in these events will be added to the FAQs and the Examination banners on the National Infrastructure Planning website will flag this change.

Please note that when joining a meeting or hearing on certain digital devices or by phone, other parties may be able to see the email address or phone number that you use to join the event. There are some well-established methods that you can use to avoid the un-intended disclosure of your personal information and the FAQs provide advice on these (*'How do I Protect my Privacy in Virtual Events'*). Please read this advice before you join the hearing and take the steps that you feel necessary to protect your privacy.

Privacy Notice Amendment: Handling your Personal Information

Your privacy is important to us. The privacy notice amendment in this Annex explains the personal data that we will be processing specifically for virtual meeting and hearing events. The current [National Infrastructure Privacy Notice](#) should be read in conjunction with this amendment before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate. The amendment sets out how we have changed our data collection and the processing of that data in order to run virtual meetings and hearings.

What will be collected?

- E-mail address
- Phone number (if a participant joins by mobile)
- IP address
- Display Name
- Self-Image – If video is shared
- A livestream and a video or audio recording of the event

How is it collected?

- E-mail address requested in event invite.
- Phone numbers - If the participant joins by phone, then your phone number would be visible to all participants (this can be masked by the individual by

¹ <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-8-6-virtual-examination-events/>

turning off Caller ID, generally known as dialling 141) in which case a random number is displayed.

- IP address – Connections to Microsoft Teams will capture the IP address of the participant.
- Display Name – This is collected from the participants joining details
- Self-Image – This is collected when the participant activates their camera
- A video or audio livestream and recording of the event – This is collected when the participant activates their microphone and/ or camera

What metadata will be taken from joining?

- IP Address, joining account information (Email address), Browser Type (If browser is used instead of Teams App)

Where will it be stored?

- E-mail addresses, Phone numbers, Display Name and Self-Image will be stored in the virtual meeting room, within Exchange Online, MS Stream (Video Recording) and as appropriate will be transferred to an internal case management system.
- A video or audio recording of the event forms a document in the case record for all National Infrastructure casework and will be held within Exchange Online, MS Stream (Video Recording) and as appropriate will be transferred to an internal case management system and will also be published (for streaming access or download) on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website:
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>.
- A livestream may be captured by an external provider for the purposes of providing a livestream link, but this process will not involve the transfer of any IP address or metadata, or data other than that which is already visible in the public domain to attendees of the virtual event and/or on the National Infrastructure Planning website to the provider.
- IP Address and Metadata will be stored in the Audit Log.

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