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Good afternoon everybody and welcome back just before we recomend Could I just check with the case team please that you can see and hear me at the end the livestream resumed

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Good afternoon Mr. Hopefully we can see in here that live streaming recordings have started. Thank you very much Miss Hopewell okay just before we break we had I said that I would return to various parties and again thank you for the patience of of you all over that. If we could first go to any for any final comments on item freebie for the old brick society. Please.

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Do not miss Mr. bungle Rafi with us. I am. Thank you very much. Mr. Hockley. Can you hear me now? I can hear you and see you. Thank you. Thank you very much. Yes, my name is Paul bongos giraffe. And I'm the secretary with the obrah Society. This society is the civic society for the town of Albright and surrounds. And we work in close partnership with the obrah Town Council, as a sometimes critical friend. with pretty much the same objectives in view. We're not a research body. But we aim to combine common sense with gut feeling. And we represent a good number of development residents of obrah. My background is in international relations and Urban Affairs,

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are we have submitted various bits of evidence along the way with this examination. And we very much appreciate the way in which it's being conducted and the opportunity to take part in it.

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were very interested this morning to hear the SPR. The applicants statements about their vision for the future of delivery of offshore wind on an industrial scale, creating benefits at all levels and unlocking the potential of coastal communities.

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It's the industrial scale, which worries us enormously when it's applied to the AONB.

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On the offshore on the onshore side of the development, we fully in support of offshore wind, and other renewables. But we, as others have said before, we are very concerned about the industrial scope of the onshore development, which many people don't appreciate is part of the deal.

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We also noticed with interest that substations are not manned once they've been built, except for maintenance purposes. And that really is that there's a bit of a hole in the argument about employment creation in this part of the coastal area.

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The County Council District Council have underlined the economic dis benefits for tourism of the construction process in particular, perhaps the continuing existence. Also, if these developments go ahead, and this is looking at the wind farms as well as size we'll see inevitably.

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we welcome very much the evidence provided by the dmo

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which has been a useful input into our work as well. And we share the concern of the county council in particular over the cumulative effects of all the projects which seem to be coming on stream not only sizewell C, but the

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National Grid connections, some of which are already publicly known about and others we understand coming on stream when the obrah town plan was prepared in

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2012. We carry out some research among residents, visitors and businesses. And we sent in some evidence from that in our first written representation. And we asked people,

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visitors in particular, and residents, which were the top 10 features that are important to them for obrah and several of those. Featuring at the top of the list were open air things, the beach quite obviously, but also the marshes of the river scape. The opportunity walks around the town and the railway line for the railway line and the river

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nature reserves in the north Warren and the Haven there's also considerable fondness for thought

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es mir is another major open air attraction very close to the areas where this development is being proposed.

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also in our submissions listed the out the year round events, which carried out in obrah. And Marianne fellows mentioned some of those, and also Mr. Trotter earlier. So really every month, in normal circumstances, there is something significant going on in obrah, not only high culture, but also popular events, including, of course, the massive Carnival in in August,

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visited income for all these things is a mainstay of our local economy. It's bound to be and Councillor fellows quoted some very significant figures, which really highlight that fact.

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traffic congestion is almost certain to be discouraging for some visitors. And we're still trying to understand the traffic plans for HDB movements. That's not the subject for today, we know. But it's clear to us that the main road into or rather the a one, one a nine, four will be very much affected by

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light HGV traffic and if that leads to delays, pollution, noise, and so on. This will be discouraging for some visitors, not perhaps for the sort of very dedicated visitors to the festival who come in all in all circumstances and are very committed, but certainly to more to visitors coming for short stays near the sea, who are looking for peace and quiet.

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Dark Skies and healthy environment.

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We do welcome offshore wind. I said that at the beginning and we said it in our evidence. But we are totally opposed to onshore construction. I said industrial scale in or very close to the AONB. This seems

to us an absolute travesty of what the AONB is dedicated to. And we very much urge that the suggestion that while the wind farms offshore can be supported

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their landing place on this shore should be somewhere other than an area of outstanding natural beauty. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Mr. Monk is

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very useful indeed. Thank you. Okay, if I can now turn to Mr. Money, please, for CCS.

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Yes. Thank Thank you, sir. I'll try and keep it brief. And a few points. You'll have seen we made

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on our written representations on land use, which I'll read out here are very much agree. Sorry, Mr. Murray. I'll second. Mr. Buffett, could you turn your camera your microphone off, please? Lovely.

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Thank you very much.

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As I said, we've done we've made representations or menus. I'll just say I

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completely agree with Mr. Bedford, the subject of our old friend of cubes of impact is a subject which looms very large over over this over this subject. And that includes land use. These projects are extremely greedy of land, by putting them in this area of Suffolk, it's agricultural land that's being used, a disproportionate amount of land is used for mitigation. And that makes the situation worse. And I think in setting the government targets for for wind, I don't think any consideration has been given to the land take that that that requires. And then I'll just turn on to the debate we've had I was, I was reminded of the old joke when listening to the various contributors just now that if you put 10 economists in a room, you'll get 11 different answers. And I

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I think that, you know, we could debate this all day about what the right modelling is right, the right analysis, what the assumptions are, you know, that could be debated at length. But I think the fundamental point is this, that, you know, there is a very important tourism economy in this part of Suffolk and nobody can be confident that there won't be significant damage to that economy as a result of these projects. And nobody can say that. And I think you know, that is the key point that has to be remembered from all the debate of this afternoon. And to add the lack of confidence. I would go back to

where you started Mr. Hockley, when asking the question about spending patterns in relation to accommodation which was a point we raised at D two, so I'm surprised it is not

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not been addressed. But looking at the actual numbers, and it's the it's the excess demand. And the excess demand is 59% in peak season. And it's presented as only being in peak season, but because peak season is the most important season from a revenue point of view. And, of course, that is not again, back to Kim's return. That's before taking into account the six other projects that may come here. So if you have a report, which hasn't taken on board such a fundamental issue in relation to spending patterns, how can one have any confidence in it as a measure of whether or not there'll be significant significant damage to the tourism economy and the jobs that are dependent on that economy? And I'll end there thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Mani.

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Very useful. Okay. If we can now turn to

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Harry young please of the Suffolk coast dmo Mr. Young if you could,

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we don't normally go to to go back to people, if you like in the sessions. But

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I'm aware obviously that the applicant made various comments of your of your report if you like so if you want to address those comments, and you're very welcome to Thank you. That was exactly what I put my hand up just to give responses and to Mr. Curry's critique, which I was listening to, but my my wife, I wasn't great at that point. So I think I got most of what he said, but I didn't misinterpreted.

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And so we you know, we are not consultants ourselves, but selected a top consultant to help measure future potential impacts whatever they might be. And trust me, it would have been extremely handy if the report had produced the opposite finding. And we could have spent all this time focusing on our core function, providing marketing support for our 220 members. And but with no relevant comparable simultaneous projects, projects that are being developed simultaneously to benchmark against. And, you know, I hope it's understandable that we we couldn't just sit back and wait to see what the impacts might be. And I'm grateful that Mr. Carey understood that the stimulus materials were the best available at the time. And we were careful to make sure that all the stimuli materials were taken from, from the developers and materials.

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And also, I suppose some of the some of the criticism of the report is a is a slight surprise. We have a record from an expert topic group that we attended. On the 19th of February 2020. We're an SPR officer meeting said that the developer, the African agreed with many of the broad conclusions of the report. And had it been published sooner elements could have been included in the chapter on this year

economics and tourism submitted into pins. And so yes, just a few quick responses to to what we had various cranky, Misty. And obviously, you mentioned, your Wi Fi was cutting out, the recording should be up in a couple of days. So you can re listen to any sections or if you want to respond in writing. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Young. Okay, if we could now go to Mr. Thorpe, please, for beachview Holiday Park.

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Yeah. Hello, Nicholas.

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Hi, there. Um, yeah, I just like to sort of echo what Harry has basically just said, um, it was a bit disappointing that, that Mr. Cleary, for SPR sort of discredited the dmo survey, it's been quite quite a resource for local businesses and people to see what the impacts would be. SPR haven't done any on the ground work themselves. So it's, it's hard for them to discredit such a survey, because it does provide sort of really good information to us.

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Just want to say the projects will represent a huge amount of damage both physically on the landscape, but also on visitor perception. And the area, our area where we were based on the post, it's known as being accessible and natural, unspoiled, and peaceful. And that's why people choose to come there. And all that will be changed by construction, because constructions not peaceful, it's not. It's noisy, it's dusty. And obviously, they're looking to work six days a week, possibly seven because they know that they did do that in the Fourier one. And so it's all very concerning for us. I mean, just an example of an issue that we had.

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When Galileo were constructing, they were doing some piling in the fields next to us. And we had a lot of people leave during those weeks because there was noise vibrations and that was going on all day. And people that are staying

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on holiday don't want, you know, noise and vibrations to be interrupted. And basically they left and said that they were leaving because their holiday was being ruined. And that was a no fault fault of ours. It was, it was the construction process. So, you know, these sorts of issues are issues that are our business, you've obviously got sizewell Hall, which is just behind us and nearer to the, to the cable landing zone, and then you've got the woman's trust. And both those two businesses are big venues, they, they have just as many visitors as asked bus loads, Coach loads.

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Staying, they don't just come for the day, they both have overnight accommodation, same as us.

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And I don't believe that SPR have have effectively

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brought those those two businesses in with their assessments because they haven't. They haven't, they've only referred to them, they haven't sort of listed visitor numbers because they're not on TripAdvisor. And most of their most of wsprs assessments have been on accommodation has been taken from TripAdvisor. So that's another flaw in their in their assessment. They haven't I haven't looked properly at the businesses that are here.

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And that are going to be affected by the onshore development. And so we're just like them to obviously have a look at that. I mean, it's probably late now and then late in the day now, but it didn't need to be done. And perhaps if they if they do provide proper cumulative assessment, these things can be brought into those assessments. And that's well

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Excellent, thank you very much.

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Very useful.

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And now if finally on this subject, if I could come to Dr. Gibson for the wardens trust, please.

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Thank you, Mr. Hockley. And so I am Dr. Alexandra Jensen. I am the Chair of wardens trust, and I am speaking on behalf of all my trustees who have been discussing this issue on a number of occasions.

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wardens trust is situated in large building wardens Hall, which will be about would be about 400 yards from landfall would be about another 400 yards from where the main directional drilling site is proposed to be. The corridor then arcs in a North easterly direction directly towards wardens trust,

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and then touches the access boundary to our trust, and then arcs away towards the north west. That arc for reasons we don't understand, and then heads north towards the size of a stone road.

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We have discussed this proposal on a number of occasions and trustees feel that this would have a quite devastating impact upon the viability of our charity. In 2018. We had 2406 visitors.

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In 2019, we have 2634 visitors. The mission for charity is to try to help people with both mental and physical disabilities to fulfil a creative life within their family and within their community, improving their quality of life. We think that this development will have a significant impact on us in three ways. First of all, all the income that comes from our vehicles and it makes up about 40% of our income. And I've

given you the numbers, they come in three categories. Firstly, we have children who come to us these all have neurodevelopmental problems of one form or another day come from London big kid Foundation, the Paddington schools trust, and they come from local organisations, kids go wild movie camp.

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they all have to do extremely careful risk assessments of our site. And the presence of an industrial fencing with an open trench nearby

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would fill them and we have discussed this with them be a very significant barrier two, they're coming back to our site.

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That's the first group. The second group is we have developed a flat four

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people with severe disabilities there is an enormous shortage locally

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of holiday accommodation for people with the most severe physical disabilities. So we have developed a flat, which has got a wheelchair accessible and a low level accessible kitchen cookers, electric beds, bathrooms, baths with hoists all these people have to come up with carers. And they come with their families often to relax in our sort of remarkable sort of clifftop surroundings, they don't come in order to look out onto an industrial fence 100 yards to the west.

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They don't come to experience, you know, light pollution, as we understand they would be in the noise and the dust of an ongoing industrial site and about 400 yards to the to the southwest.

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The third group of people who come to us are people with some frail and disabled elders, many with dementia, they come again for the peace and tranquillity of our sight. And because we also put on for them, lunch clubs, music sessions, we do remarkable sessions with English touring opera making the operas with them. And they come for birthday, a unique

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service we offer to local residents who are unable to access a bath in their own home because of their severe disabilities.

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having discussed this with all our different client groups, we feel that they would be severely impacted by this development. I appreciate that some of what I'm talking about relates to two aspects of three d. But in the time available, I hope we will get on to be able to discuss some of the social aspects of this development. We've heard a lot today about economics. And we all understand that economics are very, very important. But perhaps I could just finish by reminding us all that, you know, in this pandemic year, we should perhaps or remember that people, people are as important as pounds.

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And that's social resilience and social capital are vital.

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charities such as ours is a crucial part of the social capital in an area such as ours, which has a significant degree of social deprivation, as the hidden needs report of 2020 for Suffolk Community Foundation described, so a development which may arguably have benefits nationally and regionally, IT support wind power, but minimal economic benefits vary locally, if that development also damages organisations trying to develop social capital and help improve the lives of those less fortunate. and dare I say it, those less fortunate who cannot come and be represented on your sort of panel and your sort of public inquiry. I feel the need to speak for them. If the end result of that development is to damage organisations such as ours, then we think that it cannot be right.

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Thanks for your time. Thank you very much, Dr. jimson. This will certainly take those comments into account and

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very well made submissions. Thank you.

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Okay, and, Mr. Young, I'm presuming Your hand is is up still from before. Is that correct? Ah, excellent. Thank you very much. Excuse me. So that's

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the floater item freebie, what nearly an item freebie I should say. If I could just return to the applicants. If there was anything new, they would like to briefly come back on. Thank you.

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PowerPoint solely for the applicant? Yes, those those obviously quite a lot of points there. And, and we can come back and writing. Just a couple of things I wanted to pick up on.

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Obviously, sec mentioned the size, we'll see updates. Obviously, we've committed to looking at the traffic and transport element of that. If there's anything in those materials that relates to the this topic as well. We'll we'll look to review that as obviously we've already done in the previous clarification note. So we'll look to do that.

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we recognise that there obviously are impacts of the of the projects and we've and

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The mitigations that are in place for the various elements of that are there to reduce impacts, obviously on light, noise, etc, etc, has been discussed in in previous hearings. So not going to cover that, again, traffic was obviously flagged from the beginning of this project is going to be a major issue, because the experience of East Anglia one and three, we recognise that that is a critical issue in this part of the country where the roads are

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interesting, I think is, you know, to some degree, so that was obviously part of one of the major drivers of this. And if you look at the assessment and how we've done the socio economics assessment, that's, that's critical to this, I think, since the application, obviously, there's also been a number of

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commitments by the by the applicants, which would have direct bearing on this, I think the parallel construction of the ducting is going to be is it's a positive move from the applicants to enable that less disruption, have a lot of those more visible elements that we're talking about here reduced in scope, because effectively we'll do dig once and then just return to isolated points to do the the cable balls in the second project. That's, that's interesting. I think as well, they it's worth mentioning that, you know, we've talked about the SPI crossing methods and the to the trenchless or the Cato, the direct trench or the the open trenching method. Again, whilst both of these are, are acceptable, and in terms of the EIA, we recognise that the open trench method would also would be quicker and have impacts, you know, reduced footprint impacts, etc, etc, sort of things that like that, that we could if we can move that forward, that would also be beneficial in reducing the envelope of the potential disruption and potential impacts that we have on a whole on a range, especially at that critical point, which obviously within the AONB and close to some of the businesses that you've just heard from.

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I think that's, I think that's probably about it for this point. And anything, obviously, will, we've got our carry on. So thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. pasola. Okay, I can see your hand up from Mr. Riva, save our sanderlings. I'm going to propose Mr. rages. If we move on now to agenda item three, C. And if you have any comments related to free B, if you could tie those up in any comments that you have related to free C, but I will I will come to you as part of this agenda item.

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the march of time individually with a lot of our hearings, what I'm going to do a free series, I did have some questions, but I think I'll save those now for x q2, which will be in mid February.

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And in effect on this item, we some people have touched upon it in some of their self submissions, but what I'll do is is open it up to the floor for anybody if they would wish to speak on this item.

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I have we have some hands come in. Thank you for those.

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So I will first go to Naomi gold for Easter Council, please.

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And I think that and I'm going to be referring to two colleagues. So in terms of one of the first points to be covered by sees the labour, local labour market impacts and the that will be covered by poleward. And the second element in relation to sort of combination that we've covered by

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Neil cockerel, who you've already heard from, so I'll just pass over to Paul with them. Thank you.

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Sorry, Mr. Wood. I can't hear you.

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Economic Development. Sorry, I can't I can't hear you. Mr. Wood.

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Apologies. I hadn't got my mic sorted.

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Yes. poleward. Head of economic development and regeneration for East of a council. So in in response to point C.

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In terms of the sort of work we've been doing and our experience today.

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We feel that the employment opportunities in this area will only be maximised if there are sort of strategies in place to ensure that appropriate skills are available within the local labour force. The Council's continue and I say the council's that's ourselves and Suffolk County Council of course, continue to engage with scottishpower to build upon and strengthen the

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strategies that were created for EA one and a three

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employment generation during construction as well is only short term as we know and only a proportion being associated with the sort of the cable corridor and the substation construction. So, the largest share of the the sort of employment is based in the best in or near the ports of sort of lowest often Great Yarmouth, which are more focused on the offshore construction.

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And therefore the long term opportunities are obviously cons are often created in areas with considerable distance from the communities that are experienced the permanent effects such as the such as the substation infrastructure, which we've already discussed today. So, through sort of continued dialogue via the the mru, which promotes Scottish, which promoted to Scottish power and the associated supply change, we will continue to do agrees that approaches and strategies to ensure that local and regional companies have the best opportunity to secure work in assault, onshore and offshore construction benefits, you know, through regional the regional economy and, and so on. We'll continue also to work with SPR to enhance their commitments to working with us, our regional stakeholders to ensure more people can have the opportunity to access the higher level employments and roles that come from from from this stage. And in particular long term Inm roles which we see as much more of a benefit to the economy because because of this our long term nature.

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So it's important that skill strategies of all the local energy projects sighs we'll see SPR, Vattenfall, etc, are not developed in isolation, but considered in terms of the demand for similarly skilled workers within the region. So, and that includes the consideration of the sort of labour demand for other significant infrastructure projects. And we've got a number of those not just not least in Lowestoft, the new goldwing Bridge and the flood defence scheme. And there's common competency competency requirements across these across these schemes. And we will ensure we develop skill sets in the local workforce that will have long term applications across the economy. And think it's also worth just just referring to the piece of work that we did commissioned in this area, the technical skills legacy for Norfolk and Suffolk, there was report done by PAETEC consulting commissioned by the Suffolk Grove programme board and Norfolk County Council, and that identifies the key skill sets that will will have an enduring legacy and ensure that the county maximises local employment associated with a significant investment across these areas. So I think he's sure you know, we do see sort of economic benefit from

this, but it won't just happen on its own. We're gonna have to continue to employ the strategies and build on the previous work that we've done. So that's it for me. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Wood.

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Good afternoon, Neal, cocksure. We sort of counsel again, and I will probably be fairly brief once again on this point. But in relation to accommodation and impacts specifically,

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council believes that if East Anglia, one North and East Anglia two projects go ahead in isolation, we don't perceive a significant impact on accommodation locally in the workforce. However, we are concerned a similar point that we made earlier in relation to cumulative impacts that if these projects go ahead in the same timeframe as a particular size, we'll see there could be potentially significant impacts on available combination,

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both for workers and for tourists, in combination, and there's also perceived risk that tourist visitors sector could perceive that conflict is not available, and would be dissuaded from visiting in the future as well, particularly during the construction period itself. And that's probably all I need to say on accommodation impacts from ese perspective. Okay, thank you very much for that Mr. Cox.

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Okay, if we now move on to

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a council follows for town council please.

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Thank you Mr. hoppy sorry for the slight delay then. No problem. Maryam fellows over town council.

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You did allude to it slightly earlier. So when you spoke about the different spending profile that workers would have versus visitors, but I'd also like to raise it's not just the spending profile. It's the frequency and the turnover. So you might have one worker occupying a hotel room or Bed and Breakfast bedroom for so many weeks and they may go home at weekends, or you know, between shifts. During that same period of time you would have a turnover of visitors that

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But certainly exceeds that one person staying for a longer period of time. So the actual value from one hotel room or one bed and breakfast accommodation is not just different in spending profile is different in magnitude by quite a large amount. And if someone's coming on holiday, they might go to the cinema, eat out, visit a local attraction, buy a shirt, buy a book. For on that one day, a worker won't do that every single day that they're in that accommodation, I hope that's helpful to explain it like that.

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And we 64% being more than 60 miles away, there is a likelihood that there is going to be a demand for accommodation, especially if workers are working long shifts, the last thing they want to do is drive more than an hour and then come back just a few hours later.

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So they will displace visitors. And if it occurred during one of the size will be outages, then it would be extremely difficult.

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So in addition to the accommodation, the other thing that we haven't touched upon, is the demand increased demand on blue light services. So these workers would need medical support. And there may be a need for other interventions. And there's also a large and significant and actual risk of antisocial behaviour. We don't have the infrastructure here that Lowestoft has to provide the entertainment, the bars, the clubs, the nightlife. And I'm sorry if I'm making a bit of an assumption, but I do think we need to bear in mind the fact if people are here working hard with a salary to spend, we can't, you know, we don't have the infrastructure that will support that here. And it can be hugely difficult for both local residents and people on holiday if they are faced with this additional influx of people in a small rural area that we're not keeping. Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you very much, counsel. That was a very helpful indeed. Thank you.

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If I can now go to Mr. Richard Reeves or save our sanderlings please. And mysteries. As I said before, I appreciate the comments might relate to the previous agenda item so apologies for follows too late with your hand there.

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Thank you, Mr. Hockley. Not at all I my technology was a bit slow, as well getting my hand up there and it relates to Culture and the Arts but also in terms of local labour markets. And I just wanted to put a quick word or two in about an example of an actual business that is in fact, working in Aubrey itself. And apart from being part of SOS I also am a director of the Oprah classic theatre

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and co producer of that organisation and we are the new resident theatre company at the old Brit Jubilee Hall, taking over doing essentially summer theatre for many, many decades, from Jill Freud and company and Suffolk summer theatres.

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Now, we do as our main commercial product, seasonal theatre. So if you picture the year, there's the long summer break from from schools. And you picture the half term comes up to Christmas, half term, Easter, all these holiday periods are the key periods for us to work commercially.

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We have community projects, and we have schools involvement too. But during the year as a self sustaining organisation, we obviously need to trade commercially successfully during that period.

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Seasonal meaning we absolutely depend for more than 50% of our audiences, not just on the fabulous local community which supporters tremendously as they do. The higher profile artistic products up at Snape as well. But we depend tremendously on seasonal visitors and any impact on audience numbers.

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by those cumulative effects that we've heard a lot about today, I won't rehearse those, but I think we can assume that there will be through sheer common sense the size of the roads, the industrial works and sprawl, which will deter people from coming on holiday. And those people who come on holiday for the peace and quiet also do need things to go to in the evening. Theatre is one of them. And whether the entertainment on offer would be a young singer songwriter performing their own original material in a seaside cafe bar. Right up to Nicola Benedetti, doing a recital at

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National portfolio Snape Maltings, which we all love. All those aspects of the entertainment and culture and arts field are a very significant part of the economy, not just to this part of Suffolk, but also the United Kingdom. And as evidence of that, and I'll wrap this up now,

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we're obviously in a very difficult situation in that industry at the moment. Otherwise, the government wouldn't put 1.5 7 billion pounds into a cultural recovery fund. Most of us couldn't perform, or work or take our work out to people if we were touring last year at all. So as we tried to recover from the effects of COVID, on this massively earning sector for the United Kingdom as a whole, to have a wellspring of more than half our audience in this sector and seaside theatre and seaside entertainment, it's not like anywhere else in the country, it really does depend on people having fun on holiday.

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If that is impacted even further by the the works that have been proposed, I think that will put companies such as mine, such as wonderful beasts such as high tide, and such as local companies like the ink festival, all of these people will be put under severe pressure. And by this added

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this added series of events, which will impact very badly on the numbers of audiences, we have to play to.

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Thank you very much indeed for hearing my point. Indeed. Thank you. No problem. Thank you very much, Mr. Mr. Reese, very useful.

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Annie Willie off sulphur coast demo, please.

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Hi, there. Just a very quick question on plants really around accommodating for construction workers associated with the project. Obviously, there is the problem with the crossover of peak construction and peak season. But I couldn't find the sort of reference that I could find to the budget, or how SPR are looking to actually accommodate their workers refers to rental accommodation. And I'm not quite sure what that means. And I wonder if they've done any further research into the actual price of accommodation in the area, because there is not a lot of rental stock at all, most of what will be perceived as rental stock is actually self catering holiday accommodation. And during peak season.

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I have no idea what their budget is for their construction workers. But I would envisage that it would not be what a tourist is going to pay for a week's holiday in the area. And I would advise perhaps that they if they haven't already done it, they do some actual research into that so that that can be better informed.

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Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Sweeney, and anyone else who wishes to speak on this agenda item before I revert back to the applicant?

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not seeing any more hands up. So

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I'll revert to the applicants please feel free to reply on that issue. Thank you PALOP. It's all of the applicant. going very brief. I think the clarification note rep 1036 covered most of the points that were on this. And I think there was a good level of agreement

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stated within the responses that deadline to from ESC and sec on on those points. So I think though that clarification note is pretty self explanatory. So I don't unless there's any specific questions that you want to raise further on that note, then I don't propose to talk about that anymore. Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. persona. Does that include the the direct question, they're raised by the dmo? Or would that be one that you come back to your writing? It didn't I mean, we can come back on that. I think the key point with the accommodation point from our perspective is that the the workers or the construction workers onshore during that construction phase, it is is very few in comparison to the very large numbers, it's orders of magnitude different numbers, when you compare our workforce of a few 100 people at peak to obviously, particularly the non homebase workers compared to the size we'll see which is talking to 1000s of people. So you know that

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that's all taken into account within the

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within the assessments that we've done, well, we can look at the at the suggestion will certainly provide some more information on that.

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Thank you.

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We move on now to item three date. Again, I can see your your hand counsel fellow. So I'll come to you in a short time on item three d anyway, again, I think the way I deal with this item is is like free c because of the time.

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I'm not going to ask the direct questions that I had on this item, and I will save them for execute too. But I'm conscious obviously that this that many people won't have an excuse to raise on this subject. So again, like with item free C are now open, free D, which concerns social effects

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to the floor.

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Okay, I can see free hands at present. So first of all, go to miss gold for the sofa Council, please.

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Thank you, sir. Namie, good Isa Council. So a number of the issues which has been mentioned here, crossover with other topic matters and other hearings. So I won't seek to go through all that. But obviously, impacts on heritage, landscape noise, air quality, lighting, etc. all would come together to have an impact on tranquillity and intent, and also in terms of sort of social effects. And so obviously, we've been working with the applicants in order to try and seek to minimise these impacts. And you've heard through previous hearings, you know, ways in which we've sought to secure extra management elements within the management plans to sort of secure extra

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clarity and justification for and controls in terms of working hours and essential working in terms of noise, and how we've thought and conduct extra control measures in terms of air quality. And, and I know, following the hearing yesterday, lighting wasn't discussed, but that's an element which we can submit

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in writing to a deadline five. So there was we, in terms of the sort of disruption impacts, I suppose we welcome as we've set it up in writing the commitment from the applicants in terms of a sort of more coordinated form of construction, with a commitment that the second project lays its ducks at the same time as the first project cabling, which we see will reduce the duration of construction if they're not constructed simultaneously. And we also welcome the provision of a community liaison officer through the

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construction period, which we see the that that effective line of communication between the local communities and and the construction works that are taking place in the developers is really important. And we recognise that will help to reduce risks perceptions in this area. And this also, I think, links back to some of our other requests in relation to the sort of design principles statement and the post design phase refinement phase, where we've suggested that there should be an outline in the design principles statement of how the community to come become involved in the post content design of the project, again, to sort of keep that open line of communication there. And

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as well as this as welcoming the community liaison structure during the construction phase. We've also suggested in our statement of common ground with the applicant that a link to the long term management at the site, a community liaison structure for the operational phase, we feel would be really beneficial, again, keeping that line of communication over, given that the site is at the moment both for their projects, but also has a national grid substation there. And we know other connections are proposed there. We feel that that would be another mechanism, which was would help with this sales risk perception as well, if these projects do go ahead. So

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I think they're probably the sort of main submissions without sort of going over other elements, which we've discussed previously in in other hearings. Thank you. Thank you very much, Miss Gould.

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Just before we go just check with council fellows opera town council, I did see your hand flicker before, but it's gone out there. Was there anything you wanted to raise now?

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So I would like to speak to this topic, but I'm happy to do so after other people have gone first, as I'm conscious that you often come to me higher in the list, so I'm happy to let others out.

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that's okay. What we normally do is, is try and do the the capsules first, but Okay, that's fine. If we go now to Friston pccc. And Mr. Eyes, please.

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Good evening, sir, thank you for the opportunity to speak again.

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I was originally going to talk in broad brush terms about the social effects. But

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what we've been finding over the sessions is that our views tend to fist and tend to get crowded out. And whilst Yes, we have written submissions to make, the one of the points I find beneficial of these hearings is you'll get an overall perspective and understanding and they'll be failing in my duty if I didn't go straight on to key issues relating to system because

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well put it this way, up until about three years ago, nobody had heard of system.

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And we quietly got on with our lives. And that has worked very well. Indeed, we have paved the village, whole church, access to footpaths.

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And we're self supporting.

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It's been beneficial to because we have seen over recent years, number of new people moving into the village, where his residence and the second home owners. And as we know, we can eventually become participants in the local community. And we're certainly very fortunate to have no ones who have their

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hair we nobody bothered about us. But

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three years later, everybody's heard about us. But we still feel bereft of support and understanding. quite quite frankly, we've been dumped on.

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And yes, the only ones that seem to care are the ones in the immediate locality. But otherwise, we do seem to be bereft of support. And over the issues that have come out during the course of the hearing are still very substantial and not fully addressed. At the top of my list of concerns is safety.

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We had a long exposition about traffic and transport yesterday, and my eyes were ears were alerted to various issues in relation to say Grove road, which we hadn't heard about before. It's all very woolly.

Now the point I wish to make about safety is that there are no footpaths in a system. When paying close community. People will walk along the roads. And one of the issues that still not being adequately addressed is white van man and people

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taking shortcuts. And you have a by road that cuts through from the a 1094 right into the centre system that is almost single track has no footpaths whatsoever, we come to the centre of the village at the checkers across to Grove road, which again is a single track, you have a single track path to the church, the main road is well utilised and will be increasingly utilised as a result of people coming from all over because the main thing about

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Justin is it's on the way to the supermarket Saxmundham. So there's this interrelationship of all this use that we're talking about. But traffic remains a key concern because we're not clear. Even now, I'm not enough HDTVs again, to get across the road from a 12 into system. But it's the it's not though so much, but the extra impact of people seeking shortcuts, partly when size will be was

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was being built the the load

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was it was a vacuum.

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The point about also this where I'm coming to next is isolation.

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If you're going to be surrounded like we are by traffic movements and things like that, the cutting off of footpaths, and there's one footpath that wasn't mentioned yesterday, which actually leads into Nadia Shaw, which is quite well used because they have facilities there that we don't have in in in custom

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this sort of isolation extends to a limited ability to access shops and services. And this is actually water one and counsellor fellows actually brought this up is the access to services such as social and health care, emergency services, and

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Hospitals and we do have a cottage Hospital in old, which is

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a planning facility. And the ambulances go up and down there. And I say that quite a few times a week. Somebody also made the point about entertainment and dining out.

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We talked about open Southwold, nobody so far has talked about least and, and Saxmundham. Now, both these towns have been mentioned as struggling in a local plan. And I don't want to get into an argument about that, as a use of the facilities in Saxmundham, I can perceive various weaknesses, which would need to be addressed, quite frankly, if we're going to see the expansion of,

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particularly of size well, so that's, and that should be addressed as part of the cumulative impacts, because there has been a massive expansion of housing in Saxmundham, which is created, and quite frankly, where they all go, I don't know. But they're also envisaging.

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800 housing a state, creating a new garden village, which raises all sorts of questions, but if we can talk about investment in the area, well, I'm a backup nandrolone, 250,000 per 800 800 houses, you're talking about 200 million pounds in Saxmundham alone, nevermind all the other

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all the other developments are taking taking place. So

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if I just run through the list of things I had on my on social effects, is inevitably air noise pollution, traffic and health.

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People would say oh, what's going to be happening it system will be nothing like what's happening at Site law? Yes, it will. Because in relative and proportionate terms is we are going to be having major earthworks excavations,

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piling cranes, concrete or and like and we still have lighting because we still have 12 hour working a day. And that's going on for some well, even now we're not certain because we're talking about projects extending now into seven years. That is an absolutely intolerable burden on a small community, which is all taking place. Less than a 10 minute walk from where we live. So there's an noise pollution and traffic and health The wall is the access to services, the entertainment to dining out how do we get there, and the facilities people seem to think we just pop in the car, you go out, these facilities need expanding, the quality needs to be addressed.

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I've talked about all themselves on leased and Saxmundham and their own restricted access to the countryside, which is at the heart of our community.

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A footpath is being taken away, another one is going to be severely disrupted, which takes us into the access to be able to to enable us to walk to size Walter Thornton has to offer so I'm sorry to sort of speak very rapidly but that you're always up against his time constraints. And I do feel that people even

now do not understand the sheer enormity of what we are faced at system. I really wanted to try to bring that out today.

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Thanks very much Mr. If that's very useful, I just wanted to bring up whatever it Mr. Oh, is it your your background is kind of merged but it's not functioning entirely, effectively all the time. So we have seen glimpses of

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your partner behind you. And I just want to check that that was okay. Oh, she's so pleased about that. She supports everything I say which is a change

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Okay, thank you very much Mr. Rice.

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Okay, if we can now move on to Mrs. Gilmore foresees please.

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If I can ask you to turn your camera off please. Mr. If so,

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Professor, how Python sir. Yes, Fiona Gilmore, Suffolk energy action solutions sorry. at yesterday's discussion, I had asked for Professor Python to make presentation and he was unable to because we had miscommunication on whether he was allowed to and I asked if he could make a presentation at a subsequent hearing.

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A professor her pioneering work on sizewell B, and other infrastructure projects has been to look at the social issues relating to the mental health issues. There is an interconnection between all of these things. And we now know more about how social capital, it's very interconnected with economic security, and also security, in terms of well being, and knowledge and certainty about one's future. If you are aged 70 years old, and you think that everything within your life around you is pretty secure, and certain that you now own your home, you're now living there safely and securely. And then everything is destabilised. By the threat of these projects, you can imagine how many people in ordering them in Nadia Shaw in thought nurse in all bruh as well as interesting, and Snape and leisten are all concerned about the certainty of their future. And this is having an impact on people's health. Professor piron if he has the opportunity to make his presentation, he will be also talking about the social issues when this kind of project takes place. And also because you have workers who are coming into a community and they're not permanent. So they have a different attitude towards that community. And that creates new social issues that don't exist at this moment. And there are academic research reports that we have submitted at deadlines submission, one relating to the increase in petty crime, the increase in all kinds of different social unrest issues in this area. People around here are therefore most concerned about social destabilisation and I would totally endorse zandu. Jameson's

presentation today when he talked about social capital. There is an existential threat to the well being and the if you like the way of life for over 5000 people here. And that needs to be taken serious account of that is a representation from CS. I'm speaking on behalf of hundreds of supporters. Thank you very much. Thank you very much, Mrs. Gilmore. And just to reassure you, I have seen the the submissions that you sent in a deadline what you refer to there. If we can now go to Mr. Maroni for CCS, please.

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Thank you, Mr. Hockley. I wasn't planning to speak on this topic, because I was going to leave that to Mr. Ivey, you've heard from but I just wanted to pick up from one comment from from the Suffolk council concerning community liaison. I'll just make the point that we have not been consulted at all in relation to community liaison. So essentially, there has been no community liaison in respect of community liaison. And the concern is this in that scottishpower made a complete shambles of the consultation process and it's well documented and we wrote at length about that. And therefore, I just want to be a bit absolutely clear that nobody here is going to take any confidence from any liaison from Scottish power, whether it be in relation to amenity design, or anything else because once consent is granted, and in necessity to do anything will fall away. So I just want to make that point very briefly. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Mani. If we can now go to Annie Willie for Suffolk coast dmo please.

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Sorry, I didn't realise I still have my hand up. No problem at all. me. Okay. So talk to jimson of wardens trust please.

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Thank you, Mr. Hockley. Just a couple of points. Again, I think most of my previous point was more about the social impact, but I just wanted to emphasise Firstly, what Mr. Mani has said and that is that liaison officers,

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I'm sorry to say rarely make the lives of local residents better. They may be a way of covering embarrassment for the developers and taking a certain box

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But unless there are commitments to actually do something about the concerns that are raised, it often does not come to any fruit for impact for for local people such as those, as we've heard very powerfully, and who will be living in Friston. That was my first point. The second point is I think it would be important for us to understand how the developer wishes to assess

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well being in the local wisdom, what metrics are they going to use to assess the impact of the potential impact of their proposed development.

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There are ways I'm not intending to tell them how to do that themselves, but they need to explain to us and we need to be able to examine carefully whether they really do understand my impression of both

what they have been able to say so far. And I'm sorry to have to say to some degree, what some of the counsellors have said is that people are having difficulty in understanding well being in anything other than economic terms.

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There are far more components to human well being and flourishing, then can just be described by pounds, shillings and pence, the developers need to tell us exactly how they're going to do that. Otherwise, they can just rely on money and not actually

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can would be hiding effectively behind the fact that they are unable to address some of the local concerns that we've heard.

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Part of social capital, our third sector organisations like the one I represent, what are they doing to try to improve the social capital of the area that they are going to be driving their trench through? I've not heard anything, I admit and apologise that wardens trust are slightly late on to this scene I'm in and I have tried to read through the tsunami of

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papers on your excellent website. But I've not if I might have been able to see anything that seems to me addresses those particular points about human well being as a consequence of what they're proposing. Thanks for your time. Thank you very much, Dr. Jameson. And just before I come to Oprah town council, if I could just a few pieces of admin if I could ask

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those of you with your hands still up who have

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already spoken if you could put them down, please. And also, Mr. bongos giraffe. If you could turn your camera off, please. Be Excellent. Thank you.

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I'm still seeing hands up for Mr. Ive and Mr. Marnie.

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Are they?

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what we called legacy and up.

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Okay, thank you very much. counsellor fellows, please.

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Thank you very much, Mr. Hockley. I know it's been a long day for all of you as well. So thank you for your indulgence and your opportunities if extended to all of us.

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So Marian fellows over town council.

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You did hear in the last round of open floor hearings, the Reverend Mark Blauser, who represents the churches at first and the local community, speaking powerfully about the impact on people's health and well being that he has already experienced.

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And I think perhaps at the open floor hearing some Friday, there may be more evidence coming forward from members of the public about this. I wanted to raise a couple of things. First of all, is some of the quite practical things like this evening, looking outside in my garden, it's already gone dark. Now, if the project is consented near here, I would not have a dark sky. It's something that will affect my day to day life. If I live within a certain mileage off of Risdon

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though I, the health and well being of individuals, is greatly impacted. As we heard from Miss Gilmore on uncertainty. There's already been a lot of harm from stress and mental health concerns for local residents regarding things like house prices, people have been unable to sell their homes with the threats of these projects looming.

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I would want to be able to walk the dog and not fear loss of life and limb.

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I wouldn't want to walk down the street and Friston and be confronted by somebody who was fly parking or have reduced access to services can get to the hospital in time because the road was up and instead of a five minute journey to the a 12. I had to go 40 minutes on a detail.

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If we look at Maslow's needs, which you've heard me speak about before

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It's a theory that says if you don't have your basic needs met, you can't go on to achieve higher things in life. If I was worried about my environment, I'm not going to be able to concentrate at work, I'm not going to be able to fulfil my volunteer role as a counsellor,

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there's going to be a displacement of people out of the area, you don't want to put up with this. And those people valuable capital would have contributed to the life of the area. So you lose capital, when when people are displaced from an area, you also fracture communities

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is going to be irreparable damage that's done to this community. If these projects are consented, the stress and mental health issues that already exist, if these projects are approved, will expand exponentially. the daily life of people is going to be unbearable. And I'm not going to put into words what I fear. But there will be people who are brought to a very, very dangerous point in their lives, which could have tragic consequences. So there's a lot of studies out there, it's far too late in the day to start talking about it. But I think you can understand from how I'm speaking, how passionately I do fear for the lives and well being of people that live in this area. And those who would come in the future, and especially our younger generation, if a period of construction is going on for 34567 years of a young person's life, or an older person's life. It doesn't matter your age. It is significant. Thank you, sir. Thank you very much counsellor fellows.

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Okay, just before we move to go back to the applicants, is there anyone else who wishes to raise anything on this matter?

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Okay, I'm not seeing any further Hands up. So on that basis, we'll go back to the applicant. Does anything you want to come back on briefly? Or if you want to reserve it for in writing response? Thank you, Mr. pasola. Thank you, Mr. Hockley. Perfect. So for the applicant just I've got a pass over to Mr. Ennis, in a second. But I was just going to echo

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what Miss Gould said at the beginning of this item in terms of the the process we've been going through in terms of the impact assessment, identifying mitigations, etc. And then this process of firming up the requirements, and the certified documents that sit behind those that bring in the traffic controls the way we will manage public rights of way the mobile manage air and noise quality, etc, etc. And that I think is the important point which relates to all of this in terms of how we will deliver on some of the points that people have been making here. So that's that's it from me, I'll pass over to call it now. Thank you. Thank you.

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Yes, a call is half the applicants. I was just picking up on a matter that Mr. persona was raised there is that these are the applicants. And indeed, councils have had practice experience in recent years of managing the construction of the East Anglia one project. It's through 11.9 kilometres of an AONB.

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Double ducting because it's also put in the ducting 383. So very similar types of construction process in a rural area. And in terms of the process that's been managed through the DCA requirements of commitment. And I think that's the important aspect of the DCA process is that there are very extensive

controls over the construction process. And those are developed with in conjunction with the local authorities to be effective, and to manage the construction process. So we have practical experience and understanding of how to manage destruction in a rural environment. And with these councils and the most emission that's an important consideration because it demonstrates that these measures are effective and can ensure and protect the, make sure the impacts are minimised and properly controlled and managed. And certainly both the applicants and the council's we've learned from that experience and render the process even more effective. But I think it's important to set out that there are a lot of control mechanisms that have been put in place that have been tried and tested and formed part of the decio and a satellite and environmental statements and mitigation and they have been proved to be very

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factor and I think it's, uh, I just wanted to make that point is that we do have these controls. And no doubt these will be discussed in part at the DC hearings at next Friday. Thank you. So thank you very much, Mr. Ennis. We shall move on. Now. I'm conscious. There are some hands up from Mr. Marley and Mr. I've, what I will say to you, gentlemen, is if you could, if there's anything you obviously disagree with, you want to take issue with the applicant there if you could submit those comments in writing by deadline five, please. But we shall move on now.

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And with a gentle reminder of Sita, is there anything that anyone wishes to raise which slipped their mind at present, all for those watching on the live stream? Then again, please submit such evidence by deadline five. And I shall now hand over to Mr. Smith for item four, please. Thank you.

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Mr. Smith, are you with us?

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followed Geez, I've managed to sail forth on that item with no sound. So I trust I can be heard now.

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Thank you very much.

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We will now then move on to agenda item number four any other business. And I will start that by making clear there are no other matters of principle, which the examining authorities wish to raise during today's hearing under this agenda item. As the time in the hearing is limited. I'm going to suggest that if there are any other matters of substance that relate to the topics that were examined in these hearings that participants considered should be examined by the examining authorities today. And then again, as Mr. hawkweed suggested, just in relation to the item that's just concluded, they should be put in writing by deadline five, so that we can take into consideration directly or as possible subject matters for

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potential further hearings that we are giving consideration to.

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I am conscious, however, before closing this item out, but Mr. Bedford for Suffolk County Council did request to speak at the outset on this item on a procedural matters, I took it.

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And so Mr. Bedford, is that item still relevant? And if it is, would you like to introduce it now?

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Thank you. So yes, it is still relevant. And it's an issue that I raising now, because it may be helpful for the future,

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as you know, to deadline, eight on the 25th of March of this year. In your updated timetable, it's item 38 of that timetable lists the matters for deadline eight, and that includes the final statements of common ground. And you've also identified that as well as that setting out what is agreed, you would wish to have a list of what is not agreed. And I clearly understand all of that. But reflecting on partly the matters that have taken place today. But also the matters in particular that took place yesterday. And the as it were tooing and froing of further pieces of information and updating and so on. So it seemed to me that it may be helpful, or at least if I asked the question as to whether you would find it helpful. If as well as the parties producing at deadline eight, that final statement of common ground and statement of difference. If the in relation to the areas of difference either matters that are not agreed those parties if they wished to do so, provided you with a final statement of their position on those non agreed matters, effectively drawing together the threads from their previous submissions, rather than in a sense, leaving you to plough back through all the previous submissions to find where they have set out their ways. It's not in a sense, a kind of conventional closing statement, as it were, but it's more of a kind of a route map for your assistance. So that I say because we've got a moving picture on a number of these things. It's something that brings matters as it were, to a close and then you got in one document, what particular from the county Council's point of view where it is not in agreement with the applicants, what its position is and where the references are that you can then find for what it said about those matters. So that was the point and I thought I raised it now because obviously it's something that we would work on as we move forward to that deadline aid. And and indeed in that respect, I will make a brief remark that the

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The development of statements of common ground and of commonality and indeed of uncommon ground are by no means a fixed and final uncertain product in the examination of national infrastructure project. We're in a, we're in a state of continuous evolution and improvement. So firstly, your suggestion is one that absolutely has potential to add to the improvement process. And what I'm going to do Mr. Bedford is, I'm going to just briefly throw that open without prolonging today any further and just ask if there is anybody who wishes to very succinctly addresses now upon it. And

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and then what I will suggest that we do is rather than making a formal procedural decision today, noting that we do have further hearings next week. And I think the best place would be in this equivalent agenda item in issue specific hearing six, which is the draft DCs hearing, when I'm sure you will be present, but a range of other parties who I'm sure will be interested in this matter might also be present, the different procedural decision needs to be made by these examining authorities on that matter. We can we can we can deal with that, then. But yeah, let's just very briefly throw this open and ask whether anybody else wants to put anything to us on that particular point that Mr. Bedford has raised?

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I just say I think I did mention, yes, actually, I won't be there. I can send all the hearing next week, unfortunately, because I have another commitment. And my junior will be there. Mr. Karoku, you've, I think already met at the earlier decision hearing. But nonetheless, your point is still valid. And yes, we will pick it up then. And I would say you know, there as long as long as your client is properly represented at that hearing that it would strike me as being good enough. Yeah. Um, so let's just go around the room briefly. Is there anybody else who would like to speak on that point?

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I will particularly ask the applicant, noting the applicant's role in the coordination of statements of common ground.

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comments of half the African. Thank you, sir, I would like to take that one away and consider consider the implications of that, given the range and number that we may have.

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And equally, the implications of the fact that that is not a timescale or opportunity for further new information to effectively come forward, provided it is

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clear that that is not what's intended. And it's more essentially referencing issues and material that has been already laid before the examination. But I would like to consider the the format of that and how it would work. And certainly come back to you, perhaps at the hearing next week. But I also have one matter which I wish to address arising from last night's submissions, where I wasn't able to respond because of time. I have one matter I want to raise in respect of that. But I'll leave that till you finish this issue first. Thank you. Yes, indeed. And let us finish this this issue because what was I will? I do know, I've also got a hand from Councillor fellows. And bearing in mind, again, everything that I've said on we're not going to conclude on this matter tonight. So I will now hear from Councillor fellows.

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Thank you, Mr. Smith. Maryanne fellows over town council, it was just to say on the statement of common ground that because of the way things have been handled over the last few years by the

applicant, and also, to a certain extent, the District Council and the county council, there is a lack of confidence

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from parish and town councils. We haven't had an engagement formally about these matters. Our views haven't been so really, there have been one or two meetings where information has been presented. But we don't really feel we've been listened to. And we've had any influence on what has happened. It's felt rather like

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well, we thought about A, B and C and B is going to be our preferred suggestion. And let us know what you think we write in and say, Well, actually, we think c would be less harmful. next meeting. Well, we've got it down to a and b now, but B is still our preferred suggestion. Sorry, we still think c would be less harmful. And this is how it goes on. So yes, there are elected representatives. But if all board members are in the minority, because now we have this murder

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Larger, the Suffolk District Council, they are, they are in the majority minority as compared to counsellors who represent areas that are going to actually benefit. So there are counsellors on the Suffolk who represent lowest. And so I really think I know they don't have to in law, consult with us. But for us to have confidence in this process, then I do think urgently, there needs to be some reach out to parish and town councils, and to organisational groups and the public.

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Indian thing and thank you very much for those submissions, counsellor fellows, in that respect, I'll make this observation and that is to say, as I took

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position on this, firstly, what he was seeking to do was to advance something that was voluntary, it would only be done by those interested parties who wish to participate in it. Secondly, he was seeking I believe, to advance a further systematisation of positions. And what I would flag there would be the virtue if that work is to be done. And we have not yet decided it will be but if that were to be done, from the examining authorities perspective, it would be assisted by a tabulation simply of the relevant examination library references and hyperlinks to them that actually take us to the concluded positions of the relevant parties on relevant points.

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And that literally can be a table and nothing more potentially,

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as I see it, if that is something that were to be brought forward, as part of the statement of Common Ground process, that is one potentially assisting process for these examining authorities. But it absolutely does not preclude

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the capacity of any individual interested party, to put points to us by the other mechanisms facilitated by the examination timetables, and including the town and parish councils who I trust do at least have a sense that in the in the these fora they are being listened to, irrespective of the socg process. And we've heard the applicant on this point we've heard and Obertan counsel, does anybody else wish to put any points to us? If not, we will go and deliberate. And if I could ask those responsible for the action list to record an internal point for us that we need to come back to Mr. bedfords question on the value of summarising and concluding tabulation or some other mechanism as of final positions by those parties who are participating in statements of common ground, we will come back and we will review that in any other business at the end of issue specific hearings. Number six. And at that point, if a decision needs to be made and announced by us we will make an announce the decision.

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Ladies and gentlemen, are there any other items I can't unconscious? I have one from the the applicants. So I'm going to go to Mr. Ennis. And but before I do, I just want to make sure, given that he may need to respond to anything else. I just want to check whether there are any other items that we need to deal with.

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And I'm seeing no other hand. So Mr. Ennis, your item, and then we will draw this agenda item suppose Mr. Ennis, thanks for calling in support the applicant. Yesterday evening, a number of submissions were raised by the council's under the other parties to the examination regarding future conduct of the examination. And in that respect,

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it is clear that the issue specific hearings that have been held to date, have encompassed wide ranging agendas and have sought throughout the process to ensure that a wide range of views are canvass and all these topic areas, including the views of statutory bodies, other organisations, and all individuals who've participated in those issues specific hearings. We recognise that the wide ranging topics and the large agendas and participation have been have meant that on occasion, that effectively the applicant hasn't been able to have the last rites of plot reply, which is traditional in a hearing context. We do have a recognise the importance of this process being an examination.

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We recognise the availability of being able to submit matters in writing afterwards, should it be necessary. So in our first point I'd wish to make is that we recognise that you as the examining authority have sought to engage in that way to canvass as many views on these topic areas as possible. In terms of future issues, specific hearings, you're obviously going to go away and determine the nature need for those. And again, we would invite that this is an examination for the panels for you to gain the information to be able to write your reports and to make your recommendations have insofar as there

remain technical issues outstanding that you feel would benefit for further examination, we suggest that there may well be need for hearings on those technical issues, to resolve those technical differences that would allow the examining panel to test both the evidence that the applicant presents, and also that presented by other parties on those technical matters. And insofar as future examinations are concerned, we are, we would ask you to consider whether there are technical disputes that need to be resolved, in perhaps a more specific way than some of the more general hearings that we've had to date. And that's not a criticism, it's just to say that some of these technical issues that we've been working through, we all obviously seek to work with others to narrow the issues insofar as we can. But to highlight that some of those might benefit from that type of examination, all men need to be examined. But that's as a matter entirely in your discretion in the context of an examination process. But all I really wanted to say in response to last night's submissions, and in many respects, they are similar in some respects to those made by the county council. And I just wish to rest there. Thank you. Well, just before I load the rest, because you do you do send back the very obvious question, which is,

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are there any specific technical matters? you're inviting us to move in a particular direction? And are there any specific technical matters that in your view, and you will take the view would be a would assist the process, if they were the subject matters of hearings, one of the deliberations we have to do, we have to come out of this week, we have to sit down with a piece of butchers paper, metaphorically given that we can no longer meet in a single room. But we need to workshop out what further and additional matters, if any, and we might require to inquire into in a roundtable oral format. And so if you have a view, please place it.

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comments about the African at this stage, I wouldn't like to suggest particular topics. We have submitted various technical papers that deadline for Yeah, and I know certain of the parties have not had a full opportunity to consider those. And we'd certainly be seeking to engage further with a number of parties on those papers which have been submitted. And therefore, it's probably premature for me at this stage to start suggesting that there's a need for those specific top carriers, until we've had a further opportunity to understand the extent to where there's further disagreement, or what further technical agreement between seek to narrow issues and then put before you effectively, a set out set of disagreements, which are much easier to essentially reach a view on as opposed to broader agreements that remain just outstanding. And that's something which we're certainly going to seek to do post the hearings this week. And obviously, one of the things about beginning hearings, and in all week, is not so easy to go away and to do that to those activities. So we'd want an opportunity to further explore some of those issues with certainly the council's and certain other parties as well. And if necessary, would come back and perhaps give an indication post our discussions and ask for the consideration of statements of common ground.

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Thank you very much, I

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I will give you the level of reassurance that one of the matters on which we feel it is essential for us to deliberate is essentially the tightness of time between deadline for itself and the availability of material and technical material emerging of deadline for and the ability of interested parties assembled this week to effectively engage with that material and also the equivalent pressures around some of the material of a technical or specialist nature that some of the interested parties.

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have sought to advance this week and the time pressures that have been faced in terms of being able to engage with that, too. So that that's certainly in the mix, that's certainly a map, those are matters that we are going to give very, very careful attention to. And what I am going to suggest is that, again, looking at any potential additional hearing engagement here, and, you know, we are looking at

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the exceptional issues specific hearing reservation that we have in week commencing on the eighth of March. So there's a there's a time period there that we that we have in mind, if we need to use it. And so it's actually quite appropriate that if people specifically think that further matters required to be addressed or ought to be addressed, you know, they've got an opportunity deadline, five on the third of February to put those matters in. And we still have the opportunity then to serve appropriate notice for hearings in March is that the road down which we decide to go. So that's what I would encourage folks to do. And and if you're going to do that, please mark those requests up as specific individual requests. So they don't get kind of buried in the depths of you know, annex five to Appendix D to part nine of a of a much, much longer set of submissions that deals with the merits submissions, and emerging in these hearings this week. It really does help us if procedural submissions can be brigaded, separately from merits submissions.

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So that basis, ladies and gentlemen, we've got an outstanding issue, which is Mr. bedfords request that will bring down

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at issue specific hearing sticks. And then we have an invitation. And so those parties who wish to suggest specific matters that might be addressed in any subsequent hearings, if they were to be held, we're asking people to put those in, in writing by deadline five.

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on the basis that I'm seeing no further hands, I'm taking the view that this agenda item is now concluded. And I'm then going on to agenda item, five procedural decisions, review of actions and next steps. Now in terms of procedural decisions, we've reserved one for the the Michael Bedford

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one, four, issue specific hearing hearings. Number six, we have also, as I've just indicated, provided a general invitation there for submissions on potential scope and content of hearings to be made in writing, apps, and deadline five.

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In terms of actions, we have a list of now 12. And reasonably detailed actions are arising from the hearings today. And these have been developed as we've progressed, I'm not going to run them through you are only now because it would take some time to do so. So we will aim to publish those on the national infrastructure planning website as soon as practicable after the close of today's hearings. And

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I would advise all participants today and indeed those listening on the live stream, not in attendance, but with an interest in the matters covered today to review the Action List when it is published and then to act accordingly and respond by the relevant deadline. And

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in terms of next steps, ladies and gentlemen,

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and issue specific hearings number five concludes the programme of issue specific hearings for this week. Our next hearing in these examinations this week will be an open floor hearing open floor hearings, six which start at 10am. Tomorrow with an arrangements conference, I believe at 930 tomorrow, but I will remind you that we're also intending to hold site inspections on the 26th and 27th of January. I will flag that attendance of these is now limited to those who are essentially required to provide us with access to land. And this is a step that has been taken to comply with the Coronavirus regulations and guidance in force. Anyone who is needed to attend should have now received or else will shortly receive because I believe it was sent out at some point across the day correspondence from the case team with instructions. And you will see there is a final updated site inspections itinerary on both of the project websites. So anybody who wants to

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What's going on, can click on that and see. And

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I will then move on to hearing events next week. And we're proposing open to hold open floor hearings, seven on the 28th of January.

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And then issue specific hearings, six on the draft development consent orders on the 29th of January.

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And on this last event, again, I will remind everybody that it is held without prejudice to the principal planning modes, positions of any of the interested parties. So again, as I said yesterday, in terms of the operation of that hearing, if you object to the ground for development consent order, you can nevertheless still participate in that hearing and make oral submissions on the content of draft orders, for example, around the prospective security for something in a requirement or a condition to a de

marine licence. And you can do that without conceding your overarching objection to the making of an order in principle.

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Moving on then, we're now at agenda item six, which is the close and

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before I thank all of our speakers today, I will acknowledge that both yesterday and today again, we have had considerable disturbance from unstable IT equipment and applications. And I do have to commend Mr. Hockley for continuing to manage today's hearing against the face of considerable adversity when it may not have been obvious to you. But for periods of time, the individual interested parties who he was hearing from could not be seen by him, nor could he see digital yellow hands raised when people were requesting to be heard. And so it was in complete reliance, in terms of eyes on those matters from his colleagues and feeding back to him. I can reassure you that at all relevant times, everybody has remained Audible, and at all relevant times, the live streams and the recordings for these events have operated perfectly well. So nobody has been excluded. But it has been a it's been hard work keeping systems running. And some repairs have been going on quietly in the background. And so I trust that from tomorrow, and the management of these matters will become considerably smoother and easier for the examining authority than it has been such a big thank you to Mr. Hockley for keeping the show on the road today. I will then also thank all of the speakers today for your attendance and your very valuable contributions. I would like to thank our case team once again led by Mr. Williams for supporting these hearing so ably I will have a final check around the virtual room to see if there is anything else that anybody would like to raise. Yellow hands, I'm informed should now be working.

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I see no yellow hands. And so on that basis. I will ask my colleagues now just to come back onto camera and say their goodbyes, I will ask for a goodbye from Mr. Hockley, who's here in front of you.

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Okay, thank you very much, Mr. Smith, just to say thank you, to everyone today for your detailed comprehensive and passionate submissions. most appreciated. Thank you. Thank you very much. And Mrs. Jones sends her goodbyes she's deeply embedded in finalising the the actions list. So thank you once again, ladies and gentlemen. It is now quarter to 6pm. And these issues specific hearings number five are now closed.