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Dear Rynd Smith,

Thank you for your letters of 21 February and 4 March 2020 which provided details of the agendas for the Preliminary Meeting to be held on 24 March and early hearings to be held on 25 and 26 March 2020. As requested in the letters please accept this e-mail as confirmation that East Suffolk Council would like to make oral representations at the Preliminary Meeting and all of the early hearings.

It is understood that to help manage these hearings you require confirmation of which hearings we wish to speak at, whether it relates to one or both applications, an indication of the agenda items and any special requirements which will need to be accommodated. The responses to these questions have been provided below.

We wish to speak at the following hearings in relation to the specified agenda items:

- Preliminary Meeting – 24 March 2020
  - All agenda items – we will contribute to discussions as and where necessary or requested to do so by the Examining Authority.
  - Agenda item 7 – Deadlines for submissions. It is requested that the time of the deadlines provided is amended from noon to midnight. This would reflect previous deadlines provided within the process and provide the ability to utilise the full working day of the deadline date rather than just the morning. It is felt that a midnight deadline would be more manageable to comply with. In addition to a suggested amendment to the time of each deadline, it is noted that the date of deadline 4 is the day immediately following a bank holiday and within the school half term. In the event that we would need to provide a representation/response for this deadline further consideration of this date is requested.
- Issue Specific Hearing 1 – Project Description and Options
  - All agenda items – we will contribute to discussions as and where necessary or requested to do so by the Examining Authority.
  - The letters attached to this e-mail demonstrate the correspondence East Suffolk Council working with Suffolk County Council and North Norfolk District Council have

been having with Government over the last two years highlighting the issues faced as a result of the current uncoordinated approach to the development of onshore energy related infrastructure. Whilst the contents of the entire letters are relevant, key sections have been highlighted to draw attention to the key issues faced.

- Issue Specific Hearing 2 – HRA, Mitigation, IROPI and Examination Contingencies
  - All agenda items – we will contribute to discussions as and where necessary or requested to do so by the Examining Authority.
- Open Floor Hearing 1
  - We wish to participate in the Open Floor Hearing, it is the intention that at least one of the Council's elected Members will speak. The date of the hearing however unfortunately clashes with an important meeting in relation to another nationally significant infrastructure project which the local authority is engaging on; Sizewell C new nuclear power station. The Sizewell C meeting is scheduled to finish by noon and it is therefore possible for those in attendance to be available to speak at the Open Floor Hearing from 1pm. It is our understanding that a large number of people will be attending the Open Floor Hearing and therefore it is likely to continue into the afternoon and indeed the timing of the event is stated to be all day. If it is possible for the Examining Authority to accommodate this and allow East Suffolk Council to make representation after 1pm this would be greatly appreciated.

We wish to make representations in relation to both East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two applications. It is likely that approximately five officers/councillors will be in attendance at the various meetings and hearings, although not all will need to be present at the examination table.

We would like to also take this opportunity to provide some hopefully helpful comments in relation to the accessibility and sustainability of the host venue chosen and provide notification of some special requirements one of our members of staff has.

#### Accessibility

The Hoffman Building at Snape Maltings is not particularly accessible for those with a physical disability. Parking is remote from the venue and across a predominantly gravelled area – this is not good for persons of limited/no mobility. It is assumed that accessibility to the building is all level with lift access provided if required. This will need to be addressed and publicised if not available.

Snape Maltings website advises that you should pre-book disabled parking for events, but this is unfortunately not mentioned in the advice provided to people attending the hearings, it is recommended that this should be addressed and publicised if necessary.

East Suffolk Council has a member of staff with limited mobility who will be attending many of the meetings and hearings at Snape Maltings. We therefore request a disabled parking space be reserved as close to the venue as possible to ensure that the staff member can attend. We will also need to be advised if there are steps involved in the building.

#### Sustainability

Snape Maltings is not considered a very sustainable location, there is very limited public transport available which could be utilised to travel to and from the venue. It is recommended within the letter that attendees travel via train is to Saxmundham or Wickham Market train station and then take a taxi. There is only one taxi firm in Saxmundham. Wickham Market train station is actually at Campsea Ashe and there is no taxi service in Campsea Ashe. There are no taxi ranks available at either of the stations, it is therefore felt that the ease with which travellers by train will be able to access the venue is being mis-represented. It is recommended that it is publicised that taxis from and to the train stations will need to be booked in advance. It is also a minimum 10-minute taxi ride from each station to the venue (not allowing for any hold ups).

It is disappointing that this location was chosen as the host venue as most attendees will have to travel to the site by private car which is not sustainable. There are alternative venues such as Ufford Park Hotel, Melton, that are easily accessible from a train station (which has a taxi rank adjacent to it) and have car parking, that could have been chosen as a sustainable alternative. Previous hearings on offshore windfarms coming ashore in east Suffolk, have been held in Ipswich town centre – this is on the mainline train from the Midlands and London and within an hour's drive from nearest airports and therefore a more sustainable choice. It is hoped that a venue in a more sustainable and accessible location could be considered for future hearings during the examination.

Should you have any questions regarding any matter raised above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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