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Subject: Response to PRELIMINARY MEETING 16th September
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Dear Rynd Smith,

I would like to give feedback on the Preliminary Meetings and have two points as follows:

Physical or hybrid Hearings

At the Preliminary Meeting Robert Innes, legal council for ScottishPowers Renewables mentioned that SPR had booked space for all the hearings to be held physically or hybrid at Snape Maltings and would be happy to accommodate this.

Presently, Snape Concert Hall is seating 150 people socially distanced and can accommodate more should it be required. Having recently attended a concert I witnessed their ushers efficiently and safely guide people to their seats and back out again at the end. Face masks were worn at all times.

Snape have a rigid, risk assessment in place <https://snapemaltings.co.uk/your-visit/keeping-you-covid-safe-at-concerts/> and recent Government Guidelines still allow business meetings to be held <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/performing-arts#arts-3-1> I therefore see no reason not to hold hybrid meetings.

Tingey and the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government and Horsham District Council.

Thank you for placing this document in the Library. On review, I understand the judicial decision on Tingey was predicated on one person not having access to digital equipment, hence being digitally inept, and, although it was thought it would have been preferable to be heard in court, Government restrictions of Covid 19 dictated it would not be possible and should be conducted by telephone rather than in person or virtually.

I would like to put forward that there is no comparison between Mr Tingey's

case and over 800 individuals and organisations requesting physical meetings. The Ministerial Statement of 13th July you mentioned at the Preliminary Meeting states:

“The Government recognises that in exceptional circumstances it may not be fair to proceed virtually and that alternative arrangements may be needed. These alternative arrangements should be taken forward speedily, where possible, taking into account the Government’s guidance on social distancing.”

In conclusion, many people are digitally disadvantaged in this particular area of Suffolk, due to a number of reasons and I respectfully request that the Examining Authority consider this Examination an exceptional case and therefore take full advantage of SPR’s bookings to hold all hearings for the local communities at Snape Maltings commencing with the OPEN FLOOR HEARINGS on 7, 8 & 9 October 2020.

Your sincerely

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