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To Interested Parties, Statutory Parties  
and Other Persons invited to the  
Preliminary Meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010080

Date: 9 October 2018

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Dear Sir/ Madam

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

### **Application by Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm**

#### **Examination Timetable and procedure and notification of hearing(s)**

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

#### **The Examination Timetable**

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

The Examination Timetable replaces the draft timetable that was included in the Rule 6 letter dated 4 September 2018. In finalising the Examination Timetable, we have sought to accommodate requests and suggestions made at the Preliminary Meeting and in representations submitted in advance of that meeting.

Please note that the Examination Timetable contains a number of deadlines for receipt of information by the Planning Inspectorate. All deadlines are at **23:59** on the date specified. Please ensure submissions arrive by the deadline. If you do not make your submissions by the dates specified in the timetable, we may disregard them.

We request that, where practicable, Interested Parties send electronic copies of their submission as email attachments to [HornseaProjectThree@pins.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:HornseaProjectThree@pins.gsi.gov.uk) on or before the applicable deadline. Electronic attachments should be clearly labelled with the subject title and not exceed 12MB for each email. Providing links to websites



where your submissions can be viewed is not acceptable. All submissions must be made in a format that can be viewed in full on the National Infrastructure Planning website. Any submissions that exceed 1500 words should also be accompanied by a summary; this summary should not exceed 10% of the original text. The summary should set out the key facts of the submission and must be representative of the submission made.

If we consider it necessary to vary the Examination Timetable during the Examination, notification will only be sent to Interested Parties and Other Persons<sup>1</sup> invited to the Preliminary Meeting. The changes will be published on the Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

We have made some amendments to the timetable in the light of matters discussed at the Preliminary Meeting. In particular, we have been more specific about the items to be discussed on each day of the first group of hearings in the week commencing Monday 3 December 2018. We agree that it would be helpful to have the Applicant's first revised draft DCO at Deadline 1 and we have adjusted the dates of Deadlines 3 and 6. If requested, there will be two Open Floor Hearings, one of which will be at a location convenient to the northern part of the onshore cable corridor. Whilst we have carefully considered all of the matters put to us, we have concluded that it is necessary to retain some flexibility over the matters to be discussed at the Issue Specific Hearing on Tuesday 29 January and at any hearings to be held (if required) in the week commencing Monday 4 March 2019.

## Written Representations

All Interested Parties are now invited to submit Written Representations and any comments on the Relevant Representations already submitted. These should be submitted by **Deadline 1** in the Examination Timetable (**Annex A**).

Written Representations can cover any relevant matter and are not restricted to the matters set out in our Initial Assessment of Principal Issues discussed at the Preliminary Meeting and included in our Rule 6 letter<sup>2</sup>. Nor are they restricted to the content of our Written Questions (see next heading, below).

Any person, other than the Applicant, who submits a Written Representation must identify those parts of the application with which they agree and those parts with which they do not agree, explaining the reasons why<sup>3</sup>. Interested Parties should also provide with their Written Representations "*the data, methodology and assumptions used to support their submissions*"<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Other Persons are persons that we chose to invite to the Preliminary Meeting, in addition to the prescribed persons listed in section 88(3) of the Planning Act 2008 – see 'Your status in the Examination and future notifications' below

<sup>2</sup> <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN010080-000930>

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

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

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

## ExA's Written Questions

We have compiled Written Questions (WQ) about the application and the representations received so far. These questions are published on the National Infrastructure Planning website and can be accessed through the following link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN010080-000955>

Those persons to whom one or more WQs are specifically addressed are listed below:

- Applicant
- Broadland District Council
- Conoco Phillips (UK) Limited
- Drainage Authorities
- Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority
- Environment Agency
- Highways England
- Historic England
- Marine Management Organisation
- Maritime and Coastguard Agency
- Ministry of Defence
- National Federation of Fisherman's Organisations
- National Grid Electricity Transmission
- National Trust
- Natural England
- Neptune E&P UK Limited
- Network Rail
- Norfolk County Council
- Norfolk Vanguard Limited
- Norfolk Wildlife Trust
- North Norfolk District Council
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- South Norfolk Council
- Spirit Energy Nederland BV, Spirit Energy North Sea Limited and Spirit Energy Resources Limited
- Statutory Undertakers
- The Wildlife Trusts
- Wash and North Norfolk Marine Partnership
- Whale and Dolphin Conservation

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

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

## Hearings

The Examination Timetable at **Annex A** includes periods of time reserved for any hearings to be held, and we will notify all Interested Parties of any hearings scheduled as part of the Examination at least 21 days in advance of them taking place. That notification will include an additional deadline for Interested Parties to inform the Planning Inspectorate if they wish to attend the notified hearing(s).

**Annex C** provides details about what Interested Parties should include in a request to be heard at a hearing, and the procedure that will be followed at hearings.

## Accompanied Site Inspections

Information about the Accompanied Site Inspections, scheduled to take place on 28 January 2019 and 5 March 2019, is also contained in **Annex B**.

## Availability of application documents and representations submitted to the Examination

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

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/hornsea-project-three-offshore-wind-farm/?ipcsection=docs>

**Annex D** provides details of locations in the vicinity of the Proposed Development at which all Examination documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge.

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

## Your status in the Examination and future notifications

This letter has been sent to you because you (or the body you represent) fall within one of the categories in s88(3) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008).

If you have made a Relevant Representation, have a legal interest in the land affected by the application or are a relevant local authority (reference numbers beginning with 200, HORN or H3WF-AFP), you have a formal status as an Interested Party in the Examination.

Interested Parties will receive notifications from the Planning Inspectorate about the Examination throughout the process and may make written and oral submissions regarding the application.

If you are a Statutory Party (ie body specified in the relevant regulations supporting the PA2008) but have not made a Relevant Representation (reference number beginning with H3WF-SP) you will not automatically be an Interested Party. However, you may notify the Planning Inspectorate that you wish to be treated as an Interested Party at any point during the Examination.

Statutory Parties who have not made a Relevant Representation and do not notify us of their wish to become an Interested Party **will not** receive any further correspondence in relation to the examination of this application.

If you are not an Interested Party or a Statutory Party you have received this letter because you were invited to the Preliminary Meeting as an Other Person<sup>5</sup> because it appeared to us that the Examination could be informed by your participation. Other Persons have a reference number beginning with H3WF-OP. If you are an Other Person you are not an Interested Party. We will not write to you again unless it is to inform you that the Examination Timetable has changed<sup>6</sup>, or we have specific questions for you in the course of the Examination.

If you are unsure of your status within the Examination, please do not hesitate to contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter. Information regarding the formal status of Interested Parties and how you can get involved in the process is set out in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8 series, available here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>.

**Important:** If we require further information or written comments (a Rule 17 request<sup>7</sup>) to be submitted by a deadline that is set in the Examination Timetable at **Annex A**, this request will be sent to only those persons we consider it is applicable to. However, it will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website to enable all Interested Parties to respond if they feel it is relevant to their interests. If we consider it necessary, a further deadline will be added to the timetable to give all Interested Parties the opportunity to comment on any responses received.

### **Award of costs**

You should be aware of the possibility of the award of costs against parties who behave unreasonably.

To assist understanding of what 'unreasonable behaviour' means in the context of an Examination under the PA2008, you may find it helpful to read the government guidance 'Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders' (July 2013)<sup>8</sup>. It is in everyone's interest that information is brought forward as early as possible in the examination process.

### **Management of information**

The Planning Inspectorate has a commitment to transparency. Therefore, all information submitted for this project (if accepted by the ExA) and a record of any advice which has been provided, is published at:

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<sup>5</sup> See footnote 1 on page 2 of this letter

<sup>6</sup> Rule 8(3) of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

<sup>7</sup> Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awards-of-costs-examinations-of-applications-for-development-consent-orders>

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/hornsea-project-three-offshore-wind-farm/?ipcsection=overview>

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

Please note that, in the interests of facilitating an effective and fair examination, we consider it necessary to publish some personal information. To find out how we handle your personal information, please view our Privacy Notice.

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

Yours faithfully

*David Prentis*

**David Prentis**  
**Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors**

**Annexes**

- A** Examination Timetable
- B** Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority
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- D** Availability of representations and application documents

This communication does not constitute legal advice.

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## Examination Timetable

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

Item	Matters	Due Dates
1	Preliminary Meeting	<b>Tuesday 2 October 2018</b>
2	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination Timetable</li> <li>• The ExA's Written Questions</li> </ul>	As soon as practicable following the Preliminary Meeting
3	<b>Deadline 1</b> Deadline for receipt of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant's revised draft Development Consent Order (DCO)</li> <li>• Applicant's Guide to the Application</li> <li>• Applicant's Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)</li> <li>• Applicant's Compulsory Acquisition (CA) schedule</li> <li>• Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs)</li> <li>• Summaries of all RR's exceeding 1500 words</li> <li>• Written Representations (WRs)</li> <li>• Summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words</li> <li>• Local Impact Reports from any local authorities</li> <li>• Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requested by the ExA</li> <li>• Responses to the ExA's Written Questions</li> <li>• Comments on updated application documents</li> <li>• Comments on any additional submissions</li> </ul>	<b>Wednesday 7 November 2018</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to further information requested by the ExA</li> <li>• Notification by Statutory Parties and certain Local Authorities who wish to be considered as an Interested Party</li> <li>• Notification of wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH)</li> <li>• Notification of wish to speak at an Open Floor Hearing (OFH)</li> <li>• Notification of wish to make oral representations at an Issue Specific Hearing</li> <li>• Notification of wish to attend an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI), suggested locations and justifications</li> <li>• Notification of wish to have future correspondence electronically</li> </ul>	
4	<p><b>Deadline 2</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on WRs and responses to comments on RRs</li> <li>• Comments on Local Impact Reports</li> <li>• Comments on responses to the ExA's Written Questions</li> <li>• Responses to further information requested by the ExA</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday 21 November 2018</b></p>
5	<p><b>Open Floor Hearing</b></p> <p>Date reserved to hold an OFH (if required) in Norwich</p>	<p><b>Monday 3 December 2018 (evening)</b></p>
6	<p><b>Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1)</b></p> <p>ISH1 into alternatives/design flexibility (offshore and onshore); onshore ecology; navigation/other offshore operations</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 4 December 2018</b></p>

7	<p><b>Issue Specific Hearing (ISH2)</b></p> <p>ISH2 into offshore ecology</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 5 December 2018</b></p>
8	<p><b>Issue Specific Hearing (ISH3)</b></p> <p>ISH3 into the draft DCO</p>	<p><b>Thursday 6 December 2018</b></p>
9	<p><b>Issue Specific Hearing (ISH4)</b></p> <p>ISH4 into other onshore matters</p>	<p><b>Friday 7 December 2018 (close at 13:00)</b></p>
10	<p><b>Deadline 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases</li> <li>• Comments on revised draft DCO</li> <li>• Responses to further information requested by the ExA</li> </ul>	<p><b>Friday 14 December 2018</b></p>
11	<p>Publication by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ExA's Further Written Questions (if required)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday 20 December 2018</b></p>
12	<p><b>Deadline 4</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant's revised draft DCO</li> <li>• Applicant's updated Guide to the Application</li> <li>• Applicant's updated Statement of Commonality of SoCG</li> <li>• Responses to the ExA's Further Written Questions (if required)</li> <li>• Updated SoCG</li> <li>• Responses to further information requested by the ExA</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday 15 January 2019</b></p>
13	<p><b>Deadline 5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on responses to ExA's Further Written Questions (if required)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday 23 January 2019</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responses to further information requested by the ExA</li> </ul>	
14	<p><b>Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)</b></p> <p>Date reserved to hold an ASI</p>	<b>Monday 28 January 2019</b>
15	<p><b>Open Floor Hearing</b></p> <p>Date reserved to hold an OFH (if required) at location convenient to the northern part of the onshore cable route.</p>	<b>Monday 28 January 2019 (evening)</b>
16	<p><b>Issue Specific Hearing (ISH5)</b></p> <p>Date reserved to hold an ISH into environmental matters (if required)</p>	<b>Tuesday 29 January 2019</b>
17	<p><b>Issue Specific Hearing (ISH6)</b></p> <p>Date reserved to hold an ISH into the draft DCO</p>	<b>Wednesday 30 January 2019</b>
18	<p><b>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing</b></p> <p>Date reserved to hold a CAH</p>	<b>Thursday 31 January 2019</b>
19	<p><b>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (if required)</b></p> <p>Date reserved to hold a CAH (if required)</p>	<b>Friday 1 February 2019</b>
20	<p><b>Deadline 6</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases</li> <li>Responses to further information requested by the ExA</li> </ul>	<b>Friday 8 February 2019</b>
21	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)</li> </ul>	<b>Thursday 21 February 2019</b>
22	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ExA's draft DCO schedule of changes (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 26 February 2019</b>

23	Reserved for Accompanied Site Inspection (if required)	<b>Tuesday 5 March 2019</b>
24	Reserved for hearings (if required)	<b>Wednesday 6 March 2019</b>
25	Reserved for hearings (if required)	<b>Thursday 7 March 2019</b>
26	Reserved for hearings (if required)	<b>Friday 8 March 2019</b>
27	<p><b>Deadline 7</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant's updated Guide to the Application</li> <li>• Applicant's updated Statement of Commonality of SoCGs</li> <li>• Comments on the ExA's draft DCO schedule of changes (if required)</li> <li>• Comments on the RIES</li> <li>• Updated SoCGs</li> <li>• Responses to further information requested by the ExA</li> <li>• Post hearing submissions (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Thursday 14 March 2019</b>
28	<p>Time reserved for issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any further information requests under Rule 17 (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 19 March 2019</b>
29	<p><b>Deadline 8</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant's final updated Guide to the Application</li> <li>• Final DCO to be submitted by the Applicant in the SI template with the SI template validation report</li> <li>• Applicant's final CA Schedule</li> <li>• Applicant's final updated version of the Book of Reference</li> <li>• Applicant's final Statement of Commonality of</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 26 March 2019</b>

	<p>SoCGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to comments on the ExA's draft DCO schedule of changes (if required)</li> <li>• Responses to comments on the RIES</li> <li>• Final SoCGs</li> <li>• Responses to further information requested by the ExA</li> </ul>	
30	The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.	<b>Tuesday 2 April 2019</b>

### Publication dates

All information received will be published on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as practicable after each deadline for submissions.

### Hearing agendas

We will aim to publish a draft agenda for each hearing on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at least five working days in advance of the hearing date. The actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

### Report on the Implications for European Sites

Where the Applicant has provided a No Significant Effects Report or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the DCO application, the ExA may decide to issue a Report on the Implication for European Sites (RIES) during the Examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the Examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake his HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's Recommendation to the relevant Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State may rely on the consultation on the RIES to meet his obligations under Regulation 63(3) of the Habitats Regulations and/ or Regulation 28 of the Offshore Marine Regulations.

## Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority

We have made a number of Procedural Decisions following the Preliminary Meeting<sup>1</sup>:

### 1. Examination Timetable

We have made some changes to the Examination Timetable, as set out in Annex A, in the light of discussions at the Preliminary Meeting.

### 2. Examining Authority's Written Questions

Some of our Written Questions (WQ) are directed to specific Statutory Parties which have not, at the time of writing, confirmed that they wish to become Interested Parties for the purposes of the examination of the application.

All relevant Statutory Parties will receive this correspondence and we request for each to check our WQs carefully in order that they may identify and respond to any questions posed to them. No party should feel inhibited or restricted in responding to any question we ask, even if it is directed elsewhere.

For the avoidance of doubt, Statutory Parties are defined as the parties listed in Schedule 1 to The Infrastructure Planning (Interested Parties and Miscellaneous Prescribed Provisions) Regulations 2015<sup>2</sup>.

### 3. Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)

The Applicant is taking the lead in the preparation of SoCGs and it will aid the smooth running of the Examination if all Interested Parties who are participating in the preparation of SoCGs liaise and co-operate with the Applicant in respect of their production. SoCG should be submitted by **Wednesday 7 November 2018** (Deadline 1, Annex A), although it is recognised that these documents may need to be updated during the course of the examination. Final signed versions of the SoCGs listed below are requested to be submitted by **26 March 2019** (Deadline 8, Annex A).

1. Norfolk County Council
2. North Norfolk District Council
3. Broadland District Council
4. Norwich City Council
5. South Norfolk District Council
6. Great Yarmouth Borough Council
7. Natural England
8. Marine Management Organisation
9. Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
10. Environment Agency
11. The Wildlife Trusts
12. National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC
13. National Grid Gas PLC

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<sup>1</sup> Section 89(1) of the Planning Act 2008

<sup>2</sup> <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/legislation/>

14. Cadent Gas Limited
15. Network Rail Infrastructure Limited
16. Anglian Water Services Limited
17. Environment Agency
18. UK Power Networks
19. ConocoPhillips (U.K) Limited
20. Neptune E&P UK Limited
21. Spirit Energy Nederland B.V
22. Spirit Energy North Sea Limited
23. Spirit Energy Resources Limited,
24. Shell UK Limited
25. Historic England
26. National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations
27. Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority
28. Marine and Coastguard Agency
29. Land Interest Group
30. Norfolk Vanguard Limited and Norfolk Boreas Limited
31. Highways England

**All of the SoCGs listed above should cover the Articles and Requirements in the draft DCO.** Any Interested Party seeking for an Article or Requirement to be reworded should provide in the SoCG the form of words which are being sought.

The content of SoCGs is necessary to help inform us as to the need to hold any Issue Specific Hearings, and to enable us and the Applicant to give notice of such hearings at least 21 days in advance of them taking place.

#### **4. Local Impact Reports (LIRs)**

A LIR is a report giving details of the likely impact of a Proposed Development on a local authority's area (or any part of that area). For more information about the importance and content of LIRs see our Advice Note One: Local Impact Reports<sup>3</sup>.

Local authorities<sup>4</sup> are invited to submit LIRs by **Wednesday 7 November 2018** (Deadline 1, **Annex A**).

#### **5. Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)**

Time has been reserved in the Examination Timetable to undertake ASIs on Monday 28 January 2019 and Tuesday 5 March 2019. During the course of the examination the ExA may carry out unaccompanied inspections of the site of the proposed onshore works and locations referred to in the evidence. This would be limited to locations that can be viewed from roads, footpaths or publicly accessible land. You are invited to suggest locations where you consider that an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) would assist the examination.

Notification of wish to attend an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI), suggested locations and justifications should be provided by **Wednesday 7 November 2018**

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<sup>3</sup> <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

<sup>4</sup> Defined in s56A of the Planning Act 2008

(Deadline 1, **Annex A**). The Interested Parties attending the ASI will include representatives of the Applicant and local authorities, together with other Interested Parties (or their representatives).

It may be necessary to limit the numbers of persons who accompany us, for logistical and safety reasons, but it should be possible for arrangements to be made for Interested Parties (or their representatives) to join the inspection at specified locations within the itinerary. Please contact the Case Team if you wish to meet the inspection at a specific location within the itinerary.

The final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website on or before **21 January 2019**.

Interested Parties should be aware that **ASIs are not an opportunity to make any oral representations to the ExA about the Proposed Development**. However, we may invite participants to indicate specific features or sites of interest.

## Requests to appear and procedure to be followed at hearings

The Examination Timetable has reserved the following periods for hearings:

- Monday 3 December 2018 – Friday 7 December 2018
- Monday 28 January 2019 – Friday 1 February 2019
- Wednesday 6 March 2018 – Friday 8 March 2019

At least one Issue Specific Hearing, dealing with the draft Development Consent Order, will also be held during these periods.

## Requests to appear at hearings

Interested Parties are required to notify the Examining Authority (ExA) in writing of their wish to take part in an Open Floor Hearing (OFH) or Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH). We remind Interested Parties of the Procedural Decision issued with the Rule 6 letter requesting notification from Interested Parties in this regard on or before **Wednesday 7 November 2018** (Deadline 1, **Annex A**).

If no written requests to take part in an OFH or CAH are received by the above deadline, we are not required to hold such a hearing; although we may choose to do so nonetheless.

We may also choose to hold Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) about topics that we think need to be explored orally.

The time, date and place of any confirmed hearing will be notified in writing to all Interested Parties, providing at least 21 days' notice.

If an Interested Party wishes to attend an OFH or ISH they should indicate which topics in their Relevant Representation or Written Representation they wish to address at the hearing. Similarly, any Affected Person wishing to attend a CAH should identify clearly the plots of land about which they wish to speak.

Notifications from Interested Parties in respect of the above should be sent separately from any other written submission, and appropriately titled to allow us to quickly identify which event the notification relates to.

## Procedure at hearings

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010<sup>1</sup>. Any oral representations must be based on either the Relevant Representation or Written Representation made by the person by whom, or on whose behalf, the oral representations are made.

The ExA is responsible for the oral questioning of a person giving evidence and the process affords very limited scope to allow cross-questioning between parties<sup>2</sup>. Our examination will be principally undertaken through the exchange of written submissions, and we will decide whether a hearing on a particular issue or topic is

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<sup>1</sup> Rule 14

<sup>2</sup> Rule 14(5)

necessary. This decision is not connected to how relevant or important we consider an issue or topic to be.

### **Hearing agendas**

We will aim to publish a draft agenda for each hearing on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at least five working days in advance of the hearing date. The actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

## Availability of representations and application documents

All application documents and representations submitted to the Examination are available to view on the project page on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/hornsea-project-three-offshore-wind-farm/?ipcsection=docs>

For ease of navigation, we recommend that you use the Examination Library (EL) which is accessible via a blue button under the 'Documents' tab. The EL is updated regularly throughout the Examination.

The EL records:

- each application document;
- each representation accepted to be read in conjunction with the Examination; and
- each Procedural Decision made by the Examining Authority.

Each document is provided with a unique reference which will be fixed for the duration of the Examination. A hyperlink to each document on the National Infrastructure Planning website is provided. **Please use the unique reference numbers applied in the EL when referring to any Examination documents in representations that you make.**

Documents can also be viewed electronically at the following locations close to the application site, free of charge. If you have difficulty accessing any documentation please contact the Case Team using the details provided at the top of this letter.

Local Authority	Library/ Address	Opening Hours
Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library	The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich NR2 1AW	Monday - Friday: 10am-7pm  Saturday: 9am-5pm

## Annex D

Hethersett Library	Queen's Rd, Hethersett, Norwich NR9 3DB	<p>Monday 8am-7pm (staffed 1.30pm-7pm)</p> <p>Tuesday 8am-7pm (Open Libraries access only)</p> <p>Wednesday 8am-7pm (staffed 11am-7pm)</p> <p>Thursday 8am-7pm (staffed 1.30pm-7pm)</p> <p>Friday 8am-7pm (staffed 1.30pm-7pm)</p> <p>Saturday 8am-4pm (staffed 11am-4pm)</p> <p>Sunday 10am-4pm (Open Libraries access only)</p>
Holt Library	9 Church St, Holt NR25 6BB	<p>Monday: 8am-7pm (Open Libraries access only)</p> <p>Tuesday: 8am-7pm (staffed 10am-7pm)</p> <p>Wednesday: 8am-7pm (staffed 2-7pm)</p> <p>Thursday: 8am-7pm (Open Libraries access only)</p>
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