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To: BOREAS Case Team

Yesterday Oulton Parish Council submitted a written response to the ExA, in lieu of attending tomorrow's Issue Specific Hearing.

On further reflection, the Parish Council respectfully suggests that this week's Hearings be postponed, and re-convened at a later date, when the current crisis is over.

The public Examination process for Norfolk Boreas has reached a critical stage and the discussions and interrogations that take place at the public Hearings perform a vital role in furthering the understanding of critical issues, both for the Panel and for stakeholders. In the interests of fairness to all Interested Parties, we feel that these Hearings should take place at a time when all can attend, without risk to their health.

We trust that this request can be given due consideration by the Panel.

Kind regards,

Paul Killingback  
Chair  
Oulton Parish Council

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Dear Sian Evans,

NORFOLK BOREAS – Revised timetable

In light of the current coronavirus emergency and changes to the Norfolk Boreas examination timetable, Oulton Parish Council (OPC) respectfully requests a reconsideration of the revised timetable.

It would appear that the Examining Authority is still intending to complete the Examination on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020, without the need to hold any further Issue Specific Hearings, Open Floor Hearings or Accompanied Site Inspections. OPC is extremely concerned at the prospect of what would be lost from the fairness, transparency and detail of the examination process, if that were to be the case.

In addition, OPC suggests that it is unsafe to assume that those taking part in the examination process will be able to continue to participate fully by written submissions, and that Local Authorities, agencies and other Interested Parties will be able to respond as they would have done before the current emergency. In the coming weeks it is likely that many people will fall ill, or be fully occupied with caring for those who do, and will not be able to continue with the written aspect of the examination process.

This situation is unprecedented, but the Planning Act 2008 does allow for an Examination to be put on hold in certain circumstances (see extract below).

Therefore, in the interests of fairness and due process, Oulton Parish Council would be grateful if the ExA could re-consider the revised timetable, and allow for the examination to be resumed in full at a later date.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Regards,

Susan Mather

PP Oulton Parish Council

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Planning Act 2008:  
Guidance for the examination of  
applications for development consent

*Allowing further time:*

*107. Exceptionally there may be circumstances where it would be reasonable to allow further time for the taking of any step in respect of which the Procedure Rules specifies a time limit. Rule 23 therefore enables the Examining Authority to do so at any time and in any particular case.*

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