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All Interested Parties, Statutory Parties and Other Persons

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010088

Date: 26 September 2019

Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 – Section 88 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 6

Application by EDF Energy (Thermal Generation) Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the West Burton C power station

Notice of appointment of the Examining Authority and date, time and place of the Preliminary Meeting

I write to you following my appointment by the Secretary of State as the Examining Authority (ExA) to carry out an examination of the above application. A copy of the appointment notice can be viewed at:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010088/EN010088-000391-190807%20Notice%20of%20Appointment%20of%20Single%20Examiner%20WBC%20EN010088.pdf.

I would like to thank those of you who submitted Relevant Representations. These representations have assisted me when preparing my proposals regarding how to examine this application.

### **Invitation to the Preliminary Meeting**

This letter is an invitation to the Preliminary Meeting to discuss the Examination procedure. It contains a number of important supporting annexes.

Date of meeting: Wednesday 30 October 2019

Seating available from: 09.30

Meeting begins: 10.00



Venue: Best Western Plus West Retford Hotel, 24 North

Road, Retford, DN22 7XG.

Access and parking: There is free parking available on site. Retford

train station is approximately a mile from the

hotel.

**Note**: Given the volume and frequency of letters the Planning Inspectorate needs to send to Interested Parties during an Examination, we aim to communicate with people by email wherever possible as electronic communication is more environmentally friendly and cost effective for the Inspectorate as a government agency. If you have received a postcard but are able to receive communications by email, please confirm this with the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter, as soon as possible.

# **Purpose of the Preliminary Meeting**

The purpose of the Preliminary Meeting is to enable views to be put to me about the way in which the application is to be examined. At this stage I am looking at the procedure and not the merits of the application. The merits of the application will only be considered once the Examination starts; which is after the Preliminary Meeting has closed.

I wish to run a fair, efficient and effective meeting so that all relevant views can be heard. As such, I strongly encourage groups of individuals who have similar views on the procedure to choose one representative to speak for the group.

The agenda for the meeting is at **Annex A**. This has been set following my Initial Assessment of Principal Issues arising from my reading of the application documents and the Relevant Representations received. That assessment is set out in **Annex B**. As a result of this assessment I wish to hear at the meeting from the Applicant, Interested Parties, Statutory Parties and local authorities where they consider changes may be needed to the draft Examination Timetable set out in **Annex C**.

Up-to-date information about the project and the Examination can be obtained from: <a href="https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/west-burton-c-power-station/?ipcsection=overview">https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/west-burton-c-power-station/?ipcsection=overview</a>. This is the address for the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website, from which the Planning Inspectorate will make copies of all Examination Documents available to the public. As the Examination process makes substantial use of electronic documents, it will be useful for you to become familiar with this resource.

# Attendance at the Preliminary Meeting

If you wish to attend the Preliminary Meeting please contact the Case Team using the details set out at the top of this letter. Please confirm this **no later than Wednesday 16 October 2019**.

It will help the management of the meeting and benefit everyone if as part of the above confirmation you also:



- tell us whether you wish to speak at the meeting and on which agenda items, listing points you wish to make; and
- notify us of any special requirements you may have (eg disabled access, hearing loop etc).

The Preliminary Meeting provides a useful introduction to the Examination process. I will use it to make Procedural Decisions that will affect everyone participating in the Examination. The meeting provides you with an opportunity to have your say about procedural issues before these decisions are finalised. If you intend to play an active part in the Examination or you have questions about procedure it is useful to attend the meeting.

However, please note that **you are not required to attend the Preliminary Meeting in order to participate in the Examination**. If you are an Interested Party you will still be able to make a Written Representation and comments on the Written Representations made by other Interested Parties. You will also be able to participate in any hearings that are arranged. Should you no longer wish to be an Interested Party and do not wish to be involved in the Examination process, you can notify the Case Team of this in writing.

## **After the Preliminary Meeting**

After the Preliminary Meeting you will be sent a letter setting out the finalised Examination Timetable. An audio recording and a note of the meeting will also be published on the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website.

Interested Parties have the right to request an Open Floor Hearing. Any Issue Specific Hearings are held at the discretion of the ExA and will be arranged if I feel that consideration of oral representations would ensure an issue is adequately examined. My Examination will comprise of Written Representations about the proposal and oral representations made at any hearings, in addition to consideration of the application documents, policy and legal positions, site inspections and any other matters I consider to be relevant and important.

All relevant and important matters will be taken into account when I make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, who will take the final decision in this case.

### **Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority**

I have made some Procedural Decisions which are set out in full at **Annex E**. In summary, these are:

- Requests for Statements of Common Ground by **Deadline 1**;
- Requests for Local Impact Reports by Deadline 1; and
- Acceptance of Additional Submissions into the Examination.



### Your status in the Examination

You have received this letter because you fall within one of the groups described in this FAQ document: <a href="https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Status-faq.pdf">https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Status-faq.pdf</a>.

If your reference number begins with '2002' you are in Group A. If your reference number begins with 'WBC-SP' you are in Group B. If your reference number begins with 'WBC-OP' you are in Group C.

If having read the FAQ document published at the link above you are still unsure about your status, please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter.

### Award of costs

I also draw your attention to the possibility of the award of costs against Interested Parties who behave unreasonably. You should be aware of the relevant costs guidance 'Awards of costs; examinations of applications for development consent orders' which applies to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. This guidance is available at: <a href="https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/guidance/">https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/guidance/</a>.

### **Management of information**

The Planning Inspectorate has a commitment to transparency. Therefore, all information submitted for this project (if accepted by the Examining Authority) and a record of any advice which has been provided by the Planning Inspectorate, is published at: <a href="https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/west-burton-c-power-station/">https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/west-burton-c-power-station/</a>.

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

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair Examination, I consider it necessary to publish some personal information. To find out how we handle your personal information, please view our <u>Privacy Notice</u>.

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

Yours faithfully

Alex Hutson

## **Examining Authority**

#### **Annexes**

- A Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting
- **B** Initial Assessment of Principal Issues
- **C** Draft Examination Timetable
- **D** Availability of Examination Documents
- **E** Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority



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# **Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting**

Date: Wednesday 30 October 2019

Seating available from: 09.30

Meeting start time: 10.00

Venue: Best Western Plus West Retford Hotel, 24

North Road, Retford, DN22 7XG.

9.30am	Seating available	
Item 1 (10.00am)	Welcome and introductions	
Item 2	The Examining Authority's (ExA's) remarks about the examination process	
Item 3	Initial Assessment of Principal Issues – see <b>Annex B</b>	
Item 4	Procedural decisions taken by the ExA - See <b>Annex E</b>	
Item 5	Draft Examination Timetable - See <b>Annex C</b>	
Item 6	<ul> <li>Deadlines for submission of:</li> <li>Written Representations</li> <li>Local Impact Reports</li> <li>Responses to the ExA's Written Questions</li> <li>Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>Notifications relating to hearings</li> </ul>	
Item 7	<ul> <li>Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI):</li> <li>Date of ASI to application site and surrounding area</li> <li>Dates reserved for Open Floor Hearing(s) (if required)</li> <li>Time period reserved for Issue Specific Hearings (if required)</li> </ul>	
Item 8	Any procedural matters not set out in the agenda that have been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in advance of the Preliminary Meeting	
Item 9	Availability of Relevant Representations and application documents- see <b>Annex D</b>	
Item 10	Any other matters	

# **Close of the Preliminary Meeting**

**Please note**: Please be available from the start and throughout the meeting. The agenda is subject to change at the discretion of the ExA. The ExA will conclude the meeting as soon as all relevant contributions have been made. If there are any additional matters to be dealt with or submissions take a considerable amount of time the ExA may change the order of the agenda items and may introduce breaks in the proceedings.

## **Initial Assessment of Principal Issues**

This is the Initial Assessment of the Principal Issues prepared under s88(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). This initial assessment has had regard to consideration by the Examining Authority (ExA) of the application documents and of Relevant Representations received in respect of the application.

It is not a comprehensive or exclusive list of all relevant matters. The ExA will have regard to all important and relevant matters during the Examination and when it writes its Recommendation Report to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy after the Examination has concluded.

# The order of the issues listed does not imply any order of prioritisation or importance, they have been listed alphabetically.

The policy and consenting requirements and documents associated with PA2008 are an integral part of the Examination and are therefore not set out as separate Principal Issues.

It should be noted that a number of the Principal Issues set out below have an interrelationship and overlap and this will be reflected in the Examination.

It should also be noted that, whilst the following are not listed as specific Principal Issues:

- the effects of the Proposed Development on the achievement of sustainable development including the mitigation of, and adaption to, climate change; and
- the effects of the Proposed Development in relation to human rights and equalities duties;

the ExA will conduct all aspects of the Examination with these objectives in mind.

# Note: The issues listed below relate to the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Proposed Development.

1	Biodiversity and Nature	Adequacy of No Significant Effects	
	Conservation, including	Report on European sites;	
	issues related to:	<ul> <li>Effects on other protected sites;</li> </ul>	
		Effects on European and other	
		protected species;	
		<ul> <li>Effects on terrestrial and aquatic</li> </ul>	
		habitats and biodiversity;	
		Adequacy and security of mitigation	
		measures;	
		<ul> <li>Adequacy of the Landscaping and</li> </ul>	
		Biodiversity Management and	
		Enhancement Plan (LBMEP) and	

		Landscaping, Biodiversity Management and Enhancement Areas (LBMEA) plan;  • Adequacy of Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and relationship of LBMEP and LBMEA plan to the CEMP;  • Relevant licences and permits.
2	Cultural Heritage, including issues related to:	<ul> <li>Whether heritage assets and their settings have been appropriately identified;</li> <li>Effects on designated and non-designated heritage assets and their settings (including West Burton Medieval Deserted Village, Segelocom Roman Town, Bole Manor House, Church of St Martin and West Burton A Power Station);</li> <li>Effects on below ground archaeology;</li> <li>Adequacy and security of mitigation measures;</li> <li>Contents of the Outline Written Scheme of Investigation and its relationship with the Framework CEMP.</li> </ul>
3	Design and Layout, including issues related to:	<ul> <li>Options for the design of the power station and associated development;</li> <li>Rochdale Envelope parameters;</li> <li>The process by which a final design would be secured.</li> </ul>
4	Draft Development Consent Order (DCO), including issues related to:	<ul> <li>Powers acquired through the draft DCO;</li> <li>Articles and Requirements;</li> <li>Protective provisions;</li> <li>Securing mitigation.</li> </ul>
5	Environmental Impact Assessment, including issues related to:	<ul> <li>The assessment of potential impacts;</li> <li>Exploration of reasonable alternatives;</li> <li>Approach to flexibility in adopting the principle of the Rochdale Envelope;</li> <li>Identification and use of the worst case scenario;</li> <li>Cumulative impacts;</li> <li>Approach to decommissioning;</li> <li>Mitigation and monitoring measures.</li> </ul>

6	Environmental Issues, including issues related to:	<ul> <li>Effects on airborne emissions and air quality;</li> <li>Effects on water quality, flood risk and flood resilience and adequacy of Flood Risk Assessment and Outline Drainage Strategy;</li> <li>Effects on ground conditions and contamination;</li> <li>Effects on noise, lighting, dust and vibration;</li> <li>Landscape and visual effects;</li> <li>Waste management and adequacy of Site Waste Management Plan</li> <li>Adequacy and security of mitigation and monitoring;</li> <li>Adequacy of the Framework CEMP in respect of Environmental Issues and the relationship of other relevant Plans to the Framework CEMP;</li> <li>Relevant licences and permits.</li> </ul>
7	Socio-Economic (including Human Health), including issues related to:	<ul> <li>Effects on surroundings communities;</li> <li>Effects on local economy;</li> <li>Adequacy and security of mitigation measures.</li> </ul>
8	Traffic and Transport, including issues related to:	<ul> <li>Construction traffic movement and effects on sensitive receptors;</li> <li>Effects on road safety;</li> <li>Effects on highways and rights of way;</li> <li>Cumulative effects;</li> <li>Adequacy and security of mitigation measures and monitoring;</li> <li>Adequacy of Framework Construction Transport Management Plan (CTMP) and its relationship with the Framework CEMP;</li> <li>Adequacy of Framework Construction Workers' Travel Plan and its relationship with the Framework CTMP and Framework CEMP.</li> </ul>

### **Draft 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.

The examination of the application primarily takes the form of the consideration of written submissions. The ExA will also consider any oral representations made at hearings.

Item	Matters	Due Dates
1.	Preliminary Meeting	Wednesday 30 October 2019
2.	Issue by the ExA of:  • Examination Timetable  Publication of:  • The ExA's Written Questions	As soon as practicable following the Preliminary Meeting
3.	<ul> <li>Deadline 1</li> <li>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</li> <li>Local Impact Reports (LIRs) from Local Authorities;</li> <li>Initial Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requested by the ExA (see Annex E);</li> <li>Requests for an Open Floor Hearing (OFH);</li> <li>Notification of wish to speak at an OFH;</li> <li>Notification of wish to attend the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI);</li> <li>Submission of suggested locations / sites for the ExA to include as part of the ASI including the issues to be observed there, information on whether the site can be accessed on public land and reasoning for each nominated site;</li> </ul>	Wednesday 20 November 2019

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	Applicant's draft itinerary for the ASI;			
	Comments on Relevant Representations;			
	Comments on any Additional Submissions.			
4.	Deadline 2	Friday 6		
	<ul> <li>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</li> <li>Responses to the ExA's Written Questions;</li> <li>Written Representations (WRs);</li> </ul>	December 2019		
	<ul> <li>Summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words;</li> <li>Comments on LIR(s);</li> <li>Progressed SoCG requested by the ExA;</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Any updated version of the draft Development         Consent Order (dDCO) in clean, tracked and word versions;     </li> <li>Any further information requested by the ExA</li> </ul>			
	under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules <sup>1</sup> (EPR).			
5.	<ul> <li>Issue by the ExA of:</li> <li>Notification of Hearings and Accompanied Site         Inspection to be held during the week         commencing 20 January 2020 (if required).     </li> </ul>	Monday 16 December 2019		
6.	Deadline 3  Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	Friday 20 December		
	<ul> <li>Comments on responses to the ExA's Written Questions;</li> </ul>	2019		
	Comments on any other information submitted for Deadline 2;      Progressed SocC requested by the EvA.			
	<ul> <li>Progressed SoCG requested by the ExA;</li> <li>Any updated version of the dDCO in clean, tracked and word versions;</li> </ul>			

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mathrm{1}}$  The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

	Any further information requested by the ExA	
	under Rule 17 of the EPR.	
7.	<ul> <li>Hearings</li> <li>Dates reserved for:</li> <li>Any Issue Specific Hearing(s) (if required);</li> <li>Any Open Floor Hearing(s) (if required);</li> <li>Accompanied Site Inspection.</li> </ul>	Week commencing 20 January 2020
8.	Deadline 4	Thursday 30 January 2020
	<ul> <li>Written summaries of oral submissions made at any Hearings held during the week commencing 20 January 2020;</li> <li>Comments on any information submitted for Deadline 3;</li> <li>Any updated version of the dDCO in clean, tracked and word versions;</li> <li>Progressed SoCG requested by the ExA;</li> <li>Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR.</li> </ul>	
9.	<ul><li>Publication of:</li><li>The ExA's Further Written Questions (FWQs) (if required).</li></ul>	Monday 10 February 2020
10.	Deadline 5	Monday 24
	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	February
	<ul> <li>Responses to the ExA's FWQs (if required);</li> <li>Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 4;</li> <li>Any updated version of the dDCO in clean, tracked and word versions;</li> <li>Progressed Statements of Common Ground;</li> </ul>	2020

	Any further information requested by the ExA	
	under Rule 17 of the EPR.	
11.	Issue by the ExA of:	Monday 9
	<ul> <li>The Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required);</li> </ul>	March 2020
	<ul> <li>The ExA's dDCO (if required);</li> </ul>	
	Any requests for information under Rule 17 of	
	the EPR (if required).	
12.	Deadline 6	Monday 30
	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	March 2020
	Finalised Statements of Common Ground;	
	• Signed and dated s106 Agreement (if	
	required);	
	<ul> <li>Comments on the RIES (if required);</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Comments on the ExA's dDCO (if required);</li> </ul>	
	Comments on responses submitted for	
	Deadline 5;	
	Responses to any further information	
	requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR	
	(if required);	
	The Applicant's Final Preferred DCO in the SI	
	template validation report.	
13.	Deadline 7	Thursday 9
	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	April 2020
	Comments on responses submitted for	
	Deadline 6;	
	• Comments on the Applicant's Preferred DCO.	
14.	The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months.	Thursday 30 April 2020

Please note that the ExA may close the Examination before the end of the six month period if he is	
satisfied that all relevant matters have been addressed and discussed.	

#### **Publication dates**

All information received will be published on the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as practicable after the deadlines for submissions. An Examination Library will be kept up to date throughout the Examination and can be accessed via the 'Documents' tab on the project webpage. Each document will be given a unique reference. These references will be used by the ExA during the Examination:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/west-burton-c-power-station/?ipcsection=docs

# **Hearing agendas**

Please note that for Issue Specific Hearings the ExA will aim to publish a detailed draft agenda on the project website at least five working days in advance of the hearing date. However, the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

For Open Floor Hearings agendas will not be published unless, in consideration of the number of participants notified to the Planning Inspectorate, the ExA decides that establishing a running order will facilitate the process on the day.

### Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

Where an applicant has provided a No Significant Effects Report or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the application, the ExA may decide to issue a 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 its 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 its obligations under Regulation 63(3) of The Habitats Regulations 2017 and/ or Regulation 28 of The Offshore Marine Regulations.

Annex D

### **Availability of Examination Documents**

The application documents and Relevant Representations are available on the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website: <a href="https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/west-burton-c-power-station/?ipcsection=overview">https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/west-burton-c-power-station/?ipcsection=overview</a>.

All further documents submitted in the course of the Examination will also be published at the above location.

For ease of navigation, please refer to 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 and provides a hyperlink to:

- each application document;
- · each representation made to the Examination; and
- each Procedural Decision made by the Examining Authority.

Each document is given a unique reference which will be fixed for the duration of the Examination. A hyperlink to each document on the project webpage is also provided. Please use the unique reference numbers applied in the EL when referring to any Examination Documents in any future submissions that you make.

Documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge, at the following locations. Please note that you may need to bring a form of identification to use a computer at these locations.

# **Electronic deposit locations**

Library/ address	Opening hours
Retford Library	Monday: 09:30 to 18:00
Inspire; Culture, Learning, Libraries	Tuesday: 09:30 to 18:00
Churchgate	Wednesday: 09:30 to 18:00
Retford	Thursday: 09:30 to 18:00
DN22 6PE	Friday: 09:30 to 18:00
https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-	Saturday: 09:30 to 16:00
information/find-a-library/retford-library/	Sunday: closed
Printing Costs	
<u>A4</u>	
Black and White – 20p per side	
Colour – 50p per side	

<u>A3</u>

Black and White - 40p per side

Colour - £1.00 per side

**Computer Access** 

ID – Required

Charge: None

Gainsborough Library

Cobden Street

Gainsborough

Lincolnshire

DN21 2NG

http://www.better.org.uk/venues/gainsboroughlibrary

**Printing Costs** 

<u>A4</u>

Black and White - 10p per page

Colour - 50p per page

<u>A3</u>

Black and White – 50p per page

Colour - £1.00 per page

**Computer Access** 

ID - None required for 'Guest Access'

Charge - None

Monday: 09:00 to 17:00

Tuesday: 09:00 to 17:00

Wednesday: 09:00 to 17:00

Thursday: 09:00 to 18:00 Friday: 09:00 to 17:00

Saturday: 09:00 to 13:00

Sunday: Closed

## Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority (ExA)

The ExA has made the following Procedural Decisions under Section 89(3) of the PA2008:

## 1. Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)

In relation to some of the Principal Issues identified in **Annex B**, the ExA would be assisted by the preparation of SoCG between the Applicant and certain Interested Parties. The draft Examination Timetable at **Annex C** therefore provides a deadline for submission of SoCG. This is **Deadline 1**.

The aim of a SoCG is to agree factual information and to inform the ExA and all other parties by identifying where there is agreement and where the differences lie at an early stage in the examination process. It should provide a focus and save time by identifying matters which are not in dispute or need not be the subject of further evidence. It can also usefully state where and why there may be disagreement about the interpretation and relevance of the information. The reasons for the differences and interpretation of the implications of a difference can then be expanded in the evidence. Unless otherwise stated or agreed, the SoCG should be agreed between the Applicant and the other relevant Interested Party or parties, and submitted by the Applicant.

SoCG are requested to be prepared between the Applicant and:

- A. Natural England;
- B. Historic England;
- C. Environment Agency;
- D. Marine Management Organisation;
- E. Nottinghamshire County Council;
- F. Lincolnshire County Council;
- G. Bassetlaw District Council;
- H. West Lindsey District Council;
- I. Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust;
- J. Drainage Board;
- K. National Grid.

This list may be added to in the course of the Examination and should not be taken as precluding any Interested Party and the Applicant drafting a SoCG not listed above.

The SoCG should cover the following topics where relevant:

- Methodology for Environmental Impact Assessment including assessment of cumulative effects;
- Data collection methods;
- Baseline data;
- Data/ statistical analysis, approach to modelling and presentation of results (including forecast methodologies);
- Full expression of expert judgements and assumptions;
- Identification and sensitivity of relevant features and quantification of potential impact;

- Likely effects (direct and indirect) on special interest features of sites designated or notified for any nature conservation purpose;
- Feasible and deliverable mitigation and method for securing such mitigation within the Development Consent Order.

The suggested content of the SoCG, listed above, is indicative and should not be taken to preclude the inclusion of any other matters that parties consider important and relevant.

All of the SoCG 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.

Where a particular SoCG cannot be agreed between the parties by **Deadline 1**, or in so far as any local authority position represents an officer level view only, draft versions of that SoCG are requested to be submitted **by the Applicant** by **Deadline 1**, with a view to agreeing it by **Deadline 2**. The position of the relevant Interested Parties should then be confirmed in the course of the Examination.

The content of SoCG is necessary to help inform the ExA as to the need to hold any Issue Specific Hearings in January 2020, and to enable the ExA and the Applicant to give notice of such hearings at least 21 days in advance of them taking place.

# 2. Local Impact Reports

The ExA requests Local Impact Reports (LIRs) from the host Local Authority and welcomes LIRs from any other Authorities who may wish to submit one, notably West Lindsey District Council.

All LIRs are to be submitted into the Examination no later than by **Deadline 1**.

### 3. Additional Submissions

The ExA made a Procedural Decision on 16 September 2019 to accept submissions from the following:

- Highways England; and
- Harlaxton Gas Networks Limited.

The ExA made a Procedural Decision on 24 September 2019 to accept submissions from the following:

The Environment Agency.

These submissions are available on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/northeast/west-burton-c-power-station/

# Annex E

Interested Parties are asked to submit any comments they may have on these documents by  $\bf Deadline~1.$