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All Interested Parties, Statutory Parties and any Other Person invited to the Preliminary Meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010106

Date: 31 August 2022

Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 – Section 88 and 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rules 6, 9 and 16

Application by Sunnica Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Sunnica Energy Farm Project

Invitation to the resumed Preliminary Meeting (PM) and Notification of Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI1)

Following Day 1 of the PM on 26 July 2022, I am writing to let you know that we will be resuming the PM on Wednesday 28 September 2022 at 14:00.

This letter provides formal notification and an invitation to attend the resumed PM, **which will be a blended event**. The resumed meeting will discuss **the procedure** for the Examination of the above application.

Date	Start time	Venue and joining details
Wednesday 28 September 2022	Seating available at the venue from: 13:00 Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 13:00	Bedford Lodge Hotel 11 Bury Road, Newmarket CB8 7BX and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams



	Preliminary Meeting resumes: 14:00	Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
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2. Watch the recording of the event which will be published on the [project webpage](#) shortly after the event has finished.

Alternatively, you can attend the physical event to observe the proceedings; however, to ensure there is adequate seating capacity at the venue we request that you register your attendance to **observe only** by **Procedural Deadline C** (Wednesday 14 September 2022) using this [Form](#).

Please note that it may not be possible to participate on the day if you have not registered your **wish to speak** by Procedural Deadline C.

Purpose of the resumed Preliminary Meeting (PM)

The purpose of the resumed PM is to enable further views to be put to us about how the application should be examined.

I would remind everyone that the resumed PM is **not** an opportunity for you to give your views about what you like or don't like about the application. The merits or disadvantages of the application will only be considered once the Examination starts, which is after the PM has closed. All relevant and important matters will be taken into account when we make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy, & Industrial Strategy who will take the final decision in this case.

The agenda for the resumed PM is at **Annex A** to this letter.

Written submissions about how the application should be examined

The Planning Act 2008 establishes a principally written process for the Examination of applications for Development Consent Orders and **representations made in writing carry equal weight to oral representations at all stages of the process.**

On [22 July 2022](#) the Examining Authority (ExA) wrote to notify all Interested Parties (IPs) and others of our Procedural Decision to postpone the scheduled Issue



Specific Hearing (ISH1) and Open Floor Hearings (OFH1 and 2), as a result of the need to consider whether the start of the Examination should be delayed.

At Day 1 of the PM held on 26 July 2022 the ExA made a Procedural Decision to delay the start of the Examination, the reasons for which in summary concerned the consequences of the Applicant not submitting the anticipated Change Request in advance of the Examination. In its letter of 22 July 2022 the ExA set out in detail the background to the Applicant's intended Change Request.

We have taken account of the written submissions sent to the Planning Inspectorate by Procedural Deadline B (8 August 2022) on the Examination procedure, specifically the prospects of progress on the submission of the Change Request being sufficient to support an effective Examination commencing in September 2022.

We note also that the Applicant formally submitted the [Change Request on 30 August 2022](#) in accordance with its revised deadline. Consequently, the ExA has issued its revised draft timetable for the Examination which is at **Annex C** to this letter.

If the ExA decides to accept the proposed changes into the Examination, all IPs will have an opportunity to make representations on the changed application during the Examination. At this time we are not inviting comments on the merits of the Change Request. Should the Change Request be accepted into the Examination before the resumed PM, the implications for the Examination timetable will be discussed at the resumed PM and any amendments confirmed in the Rule 8 letter.

We are now requesting written submissions from recipients of this letter about how the application should be examined. We particularly wish to hear from you if you wish to comment on:

- the revised draft Examination Timetable set out at **Annex C** to this letter; and/or
- the arrangements for future Examination hearings, including the use of virtual methods.

You are invited to make a written submission about how the application is to be examined by **Procedural Deadline C** (Wednesday 14 September 2022) (see **Annex C** to this letter).

We request that submissions on the above points are made using the [Make a submission tab](#) on the project webpage on or before **Procedural Deadline C**. **Annex E** to this letter provides further information about using the Make a submission tab.

Please note that **you are not required to attend, or make written submissions to, the resumed PM in order to participate in the Examination**. If you are an Interested Party you can make a Written Representation and comment on the Written Representations made by other Interested Parties during the Examination. You will also be able to participate in any hearings that are arranged.



Requests to participate at the resumed PM

If you wish to participate and speak at the resumed PM you are required to notify the ExA by completing this [Form](#) by **Procedural Deadline C** (Wednesday 14 September 2022).

Any request to participate in the resumed Preliminary Meeting **must include** the following information:

- Name and unique reference number (found at the top of your letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate)
- Email address (if available) and contact telephone number
- Name and unique reference number of any person/organisation that you are representing (if applicable)
- as this will be a blended event, please provide confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in-person
- the agenda item on which you wish to speak and a list of the points you wish to make.

Joining instructions for the resumed PM will be issued by the Case Team via email shortly before the resumed PM date.

Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter if you require any support to attend the resumed PM, either virtually or in person.

After the Preliminary Meeting

As soon as is practicable following the close of the PM we will issue a letter (known as the Rule 8 letter) setting out the finalised Examination Timetable. A note of the PM will also be published on the [project webpage](#).

Further Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority

The ExA has considered representations made at Day 1 of the PM and thereafter. For the avoidance of doubt, food security and land use is an issue that the ExA proposes to examine as part of the principal issue of socio-economics and land use.

We are also requesting Statements of Common Ground to be prepared between the Applicant and other town and parish councils not previously referred to in the procedural decision made in Annex F to the Rule 6 letter of 28 June 2022:

- Isleham Parish Council;
- Kennett Parish Council;
- Barton Mills Parish Council;
- Wicken Parish Council;
- Reach Parish Council;
- West Row Parish Council; and
- Newmarket Town Council.



We have also made Procedural Decisions:

- to make Drug Development Solutions Limited [[PD-012](#)]; and the Travellers Community Elms Farm [[PD-013](#)] Interested Parties under section 102A of the PA2008; and
- to hold an early Accompanied Site Inspection (see below).

Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI1)

We will be holding an Accompanied Site Inspection at **9:00 on Thursday 29 September 2022**.

The ExA has reviewed the suggested sites and locations provided at Procedural Deadline A. Due to the number of locations requiring inspection, there are likely to be further ASIs during the Examination. The geography of the Application Site, likely weather and ground conditions and accessibility have been taken into account in order to draw up a logical and efficient programme. This early ASI will take advantage of anticipated drier ground conditions and longer daylight hours in order to visit sites where access or visibility may be difficult later in the year. It does not imply any other order of importance in respect of the sites selected.

The Applicant is requested to submit a draft itinerary for ASI1 that includes the following locations by **Procedural Deadline C** (Wednesday 14 September 2022):

Morning: Sunnica West Site B

- Locations of proposed solar arrays and ecological mitigation
- Public Right of Way to the south-east of the site
- Snailwell Road/Fordham Rd frontage
- Snailwell Roman villa site
- Chippenham Fen

Afternoon: Limekiln Gallops & associated areas

- Various points along the Limekilns
- Water Hall
- Railway Field
- A14 accommodation bridge (via The Avenue).

The ExA will review the draft itinerary and publish its final ASI itinerary on **Thursday 22 September 2022**.

IPs who wish to attend the ASI on 29 September 2022 should notify the ExA by completing this [Form](#) by **Procedural Deadline C** (Wednesday 14 September 2022).

Time has been reserved in the draft Examination Timetable to undertake further ASIs as necessary. Notes of Unaccompanied Site Inspections (USIs) are published on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website. Notes of the USIs already undertaken can be found [here](#).



Further information about ASI1 and accompanied site inspections generally is included in **Annex D**.

Examining Authority's Written Questions

The ExAs first Written Questions will be published as soon as practicable following the close of the PM.

The proposed deadline for responses to our first Written Questions is **Deadline 2** (Friday 11 November 2022) (see **Annex C** to this letter). There will be an opportunity to discuss this proposed Deadline at the resumed PM.

Management of information

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair Examination, it is 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

Grahame Kean

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

Annexes

- A** Agenda for the resumed Preliminary Meeting
- B** Introduction to the resumed Preliminary Meeting
- C** Revised Draft Examination Timetable
- D** Notification of Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI1)
- E** Information about the Make a submission tab

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Agenda for the resumed Preliminary Meeting (PM)

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Please note that it may not be possible to participate on the day if you have not registered your **wish to speak** by Procedural Deadline C.

Date: **Wednesday 28 September 2022**

Seating available from: **13:00**

Arrangements Conference: **13:00**

Meeting start time: **14:00**

Venue: **Blended event at the Bedford Lodge Hotel, Bury Road, Newmarket CB8 7BX and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams**
Full instructions on how to join online or by phone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered

Attendees: **Invited parties who have pre-registered**

Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting	
13:00	Seating available at venue for in-person attendees
13:00	<p>Virtual Arrangements Conference</p> <p>Please arrive at 13:00 to enter the virtual lobby using the instructions provided in the Joining Instructions email sent by the Case Team. From here you will be admitted to the Arrangements Conference by the Case Team, greeted and given further instructions.</p> <p>The Arrangements Conference will commence at 13:00. This will be hosted by the Case Team and cover the housekeeping</p>

	arrangements for the PM and allow time for any questions to be asked about how to take part.
14:00	Preliminary Meeting
Item 1	The PM will formally open at 14:00 . The Examining Authority will join, welcome participants and lead introductions.
Item 2	Update from the Applicant on the status of the proposed Change Request and responses to consultation undertaken by the Applicant
Item 3	The Examining Authority's further remarks about the Examination process
Item 4	Draft Examination Timetable – Annex C to this letter
Item 5	Any other matters
Close of the Preliminary Meeting	

If you wish to participate and speak at the resumed PM you are required to notify the ExA by completing this [Form](#) by **Procedural Deadline C** (Wednesday 14 September 2022).

The event will start at **14:00** irrespective of any late arrivals, for whom access may not be possible.

It may take some time to admit virtual participants from the virtual lobby, your patience whilst you are waiting is appreciated.

The agenda for the resumed PM is subject to change at the discretion of the Examining Authority (ExA), although in making changes the ExA will be mindful of the need to provide opportunities for fair involvement to all Invited Parties.

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- name and unique reference number of any person/organisation that you are representing (if applicable)
- for blended events, confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in-person
- the agenda item on which you wish to speak and a list of the points you wish to make.

Introduction to the resumed Preliminary Meeting (PM)

Background

The resumed PM will be a blended event with some participants attending in person and some taking part virtually using Microsoft Teams.

The Examining Authority (ExA) is conscious of videoconferencing fatigue and will aim to keep the proceedings focussed and as efficient as possible.

The Examining Authority and the Case Team

The ExA will introduce themselves again at the start of the resumed PM.

The ExA will again be supported by the Planning Inspectorate Case Team. During the Arrangements Conference a member of the Case Team will welcome and admit participants from the virtual lobby, and will be available to answer questions by email before and after the PM. The contact email address is:

Sunnica@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

The Planning Inspectorate Case Team will also be present at the in-person resumed PM at the Bedford Lodge Hotel and will welcome and register attendees as they arrive from 13:00 onwards.

The purpose of the resumed Preliminary Meeting (PM)

The resumed PM is being held to conclude the arrangements for the Examination of the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Sunnica Energy Farm. It focuses on the process only, and it will not be looking at the substance of the proposals. Questions, discussions and representations about the merits or disadvantages of the Proposed Development are for the Examination itself which will begin the day after the close of the PM.

The resumed PM will be your opportunity to influence the process that the ExA intends to follow. The agenda for the resumed PM is attached to this letter at **Annex A**. It is important to have this letter and the agenda in front of you and to refer to them during the course of the resumed PM. You may wish to print these in advance for reference.

You may also find it useful to have in front of you the detailed information in [Annex B to the Rule 6 letter dated 28 June 2022](#).

Preliminary Meeting invitees

The Applicant is invited to the PM and is generally given the opportunity to reply to any representations made.

Also invited are all Interested Parties (IP), i.e. everyone who has made a valid Relevant Representation and has been registered as an IP, including those made IPs following procedural decisions made by the ExA.

Each person or organisation with an interest in land or rights that are affected by a Compulsory Acquisition request in this application is an Affected Person (AP) and is also invited to the resumed PM.

Conduct of the Preliminary Meeting

The ExA estimates that the resumed PM should be concluded in the afternoon session as scheduled. During the resumed PM participants may have to make allowances and be patient if there are delays associated with the technology used. In recognition of the fatigue associated with on-screen communication, the ExA will provide a break during the resumed PM if necessary.

A digital recording of the resumed PM will be made available on the project webpage as soon as practicable following the close of the PM.

Following the ExA's introductions, each participant who has been registered to speak will be asked to introduce themselves, including any organisations or groups that they represent. The ExA will then conduct the meeting in accordance with the agenda. If you prefer not to have your image recorded, you can switch off your camera at any point.

The Examination Process

The Examination of NSIPs is primarily a written process and hearings take on an inquisitorial approach as opposed to an adversarial one. This means that the ExA will probe, test and assess the evidence primarily using written questions. While some hearings are held to provide supplementary evidence, questions to the Applicant or to witnesses will come from the ExA. Questioning or cross-examination of witnesses by other parties will not generally be allowed.

In terms of opportunities to provide evidence in writing, the draft Examination Timetable includes the following provisions:

- Local authorities can submit LIRs;
- IPs can make Written Representations (WRs) and comment on WRs made by other parties;
- IPs can respond to the ExA's written questions (ExQs) and comment on responses provided by others; and
- IPs may be asked to contribute to the making of Statements of Common Ground (SoCG). SoCGs most usefully extend to defining matters that are not agreed or are outstanding.

The draft Examination Timetable includes a series of numbered Deadlines for receipt of written submissions. Timely submissions received by the relevant Deadline and that address its purpose will be accepted. **Documents received after the relevant Deadline are only accepted at the discretion of the ExA and may not be accepted to ensure fairness to all parties.**

Circumstances where documents are submitted late without good reason, causing inconvenience or delay to other parties can amount to unreasonable behaviour. There is no merit in withholding or delaying information, or in failing to co-operate and, should it occur, any unreasonable behaviour that caused another party to incur wasted expenditure could lead to an award of costs against the offending party.

Hearings

The draft Examination Timetable includes provision for hearings, at which the ExA takes oral evidence from the various parties.

Any registered IP may request an **Open Floor Hearing** (OFH) to make oral representations about the application if they believe this to be preferable to relying on their written representation, though both carry equal weight.

The Applicant's draft DCO provides for the Compulsory Acquisition of land and rights, and the Temporary Possession of land. Affected Persons (i.e. those whose land or rights over land are affected) have a right to request, and be heard at, a **Compulsory Acquisition Hearing** (CAH).

Provisional dates for OFHs and CAHs are included in the draft Examination Timetable along with Deadlines by which requests to be heard must be submitted.

The ExA has the discretion to hold **Issue Specific Hearings** (ISHs) if it would aid the Examination and there is a specific reason this would be more helpful to the ExA than reliance on written evidence only.

The draft Examination Timetable includes a number of dates reserved for ISHs and IPs may make suggestions for topics to be discussed at an ISH in their written or oral representations to the resumed PM.

At hearings it will not normally be necessary for parties to make long and detailed submissions that require (for example) PowerPoint presentations. Any supporting detail/information can be provided in writing following the event by the relevant Deadline.

The draft Examination Timetable includes **Deadline 1** (23:59 on Wednesday 19 October 2022) for participants to notify the ExA that they wish to speak at an OFH or a CAH.

Site inspections

As part of the Examination process the ExA may undertake site inspections. These can be either unaccompanied or accompanied. Notes of Unaccompanied Site Inspections (USIs) are published on the [project webpage](#).

Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI) will only be necessary for the ExA to view land to which there is no public right of access, or with no clear view from nearby locations with open public access. The purpose of ASIs is familiarisation only and **no**

discussion of the merits of the Proposed Development can be entered into
during an ASI.

Those wishing to attend the ASI scheduled for Thursday 29 September 2022 should notify the ExA by completing this [Form](#) by **Procedural Deadline C** (Wednesday 14 September 2022).

Revised 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	Date
1.	<p>Procedural Deadline A</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written submissions on the Examination Procedure, including any submissions about the use of virtual methods • Requests to be heard orally at the Preliminary Meeting • Requests to be heard at notified Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) Requests by Interested Parties to be heard at the ISH as notified at Annex E of the Rule 6 letter • Requests to be heard at notified Open Floor Hearings (OFH) Requests by Interested Parties to be heard at an OFH as notified at Annex E of the Rule 6 letter • Suggested locations for site inspections (Accompanied or Unaccompanied), including justification, for consideration by the ExA 	<p>Wednesday 13 July 2022</p>
2.	<p>Preliminary Meeting - adjourned</p>	<p>Tuesday 26 July 2022</p>
3.	<p>Procedural Deadline B</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written submissions on the prospects of sufficient progress being made on the submission of the Change Request to support an effective Examination commencing in September 2022 	<p>Monday 8 August 2022</p>
4.	<p>Procedural Deadline C</p>	<p>Wednesday 14 September 2022</p>

	<p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests to be heard orally at the resumed Preliminary Meeting • Notification of wish to attend ASI • Written submissions on the Examination Procedure including any submissions about the use of virtual methods • Applicant's draft itinerary for ASI1 on Thursday 29 September 2022 	
5.	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA's final itinerary for the ASI on Thursday 29 September 2022 	Thursday 22 September 2022
6.	Preliminary Meeting resumes	Wednesday 28 September 2022
7.	Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI1)	Thursday 29 September 2022
8.	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination Timetable <p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA's Written Questions (ExQ1) 	As soon as practicable following the close of the Preliminary Meeting
9.	<p>Deadline 1</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on Relevant Representations (RR) • Summaries of all RR exceeding 1500 words • Local Impact Reports (LIR) from any local authorities • Notification by Statutory Parties of their wish to be considered as an IP by the ExA • Applicant's draft itinerary for ASI2 • Notification of wish to attend ASI2 • Requests to be heard at an OFH Requests by Interested Parties to be heard at an Open Floor Hearing (OFH) 	Wednesday 19 October 2022

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests to be heard at a CAH Requests by Affected Persons (defined in section 59(4) of the Planning Act 2008) to be heard at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) • Updated Guide to the Application • Updated Book of Reference (BoR) and Schedule of Changes to the BoR • Updated Schedule of Negotiations • Comments on any Additional Submissions accepted at the discretion of the ExA (if any) • Any further information requested by ExA Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 • Comments on any further information received Comments on any further information received by the ExA 	
10.	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA's final itinerary for ASI2 (if required) 	<p>Tuesday 25 October 2022</p>
11.	<p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) on the draft DCO (if required) • Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) on other environmental issues (if required) • Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI2) (if required) 	<p>Tuesday 1 November 2022 To Thursday 3 November 2022</p>
12.	<p>Deadline 2</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Hearing Submissions, including written submissions of oral case • Written Representations (WRs) • Summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words • Initial Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requested by the ExA • Statement of Commonality of SoCG 	<p>Friday 11 November 2022</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the ExA's Written Questions (ExQ1) • Responses to comments on RRs • Applicant's draft itinerary for ASI3 (if required) • Applicant's revised draft of DCO • Updated Guide to the Application • Updated Book of Reference (BoR) and Schedule of Changes to the BoR • Updated Schedule of Negotiations • Comments on any Additional Submissions accepted at the discretion of the ExA (if any) by Deadline 1 • Any further information requested by ExA Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 • Comments on any further information received Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received by Deadline 1 	
13.	<p>Deadline 3</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on WRs • Comments on LIRs • Comments on responses to ExQ1 • Comments on SoCG • Comments on Applicant's draft itinerary for ASI3 (if required) • Comments on Applicant's revised draft of DCO • Updated Guide to the Application • Updated Book of Reference (BoR) and Schedule of Changes to the BoR • Updated Schedule of Negotiations • Comments on any Additional Submissions accepted at the discretion of the ExA (if any) by Deadline 2 	<p>Tuesday 22 November 2022</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any further information requested by ExA Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 • Comments on any further information received Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received by Deadline 2 	
14.	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA's final itinerary for ASI3 (if required) 	<p>Tuesday 29 November 2022</p>
15.	<p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI3) (if required) • Open Floor Hearings (OFH) (if required) • Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) (if required) • Compulsory Acquisition Hearings (CAH) (if required) 	<p>Tuesday 6 December 2022 To Friday 9 December 2022</p>
16.	<p>Deadline 4</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Hearing Submissions, including written submissions of oral case • Any revised/updated SoCG (If any) • Applicant's revised draft of DCO • Updated Guide to the Application • Updated Book of Reference (BoR) and Schedule of Changes to the BoR • Updated Schedule of Negotiations • Comments on any Additional Submissions accepted at the discretion of the ExA (if any) by Deadline 3 • Any further information requested by ExA Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 • Comments on any further information received Comments on any further information 	<p>Friday 16 December 2022</p>

	requested by the ExA and received by Deadline 3	
17.	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA's Second Written Questions (ExQ2) (If required) 	Thursday 5 January 2023
18.	<p>Deadline 5 For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to ExA's Second Written Questions (ExQ2) • Comments on revised/updated SoCG (if any) • Comments on Applicant's revised draft DCO • Updated Guide to the Application • Updated Book of Reference (BoR) and Schedule of Changes to the BoR • Updated Schedule of Negotiations • Comments on any Additional Submissions accepted at the discretion of the ExA (if any) by Deadline 4 • Any further information requested by ExA Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules • Comments on any further information received Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received by Deadline 4 	Friday 13 January 2023
19.	<p>Deadline 6 For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any revised/updated SoCG (If any) • Applicant's revised draft of DCO • Updated Guide to the Application • Updated Book of Reference (BoR) and Schedule of Changes to the BoR • Updated Schedule of Negotiations 	Monday 30 January 2023

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any Additional Submissions accepted at the discretion of the ExA (if any) by Deadline 5 • Any further information requested by ExA Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules • Comments on any further information received Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received by Deadline 5 	
20.	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA's Third Written Questions (ExQ3) (If required) 	<p>Wednesday 1 February 2023</p>
21.	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) 	<p>Monday 13 February 2023</p>
22.	<p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI4) (if required) • Open Floor Hearings (OFH) (if required) • Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) (if required) • Compulsory Acquisition Hearings (CAH) (if required) 	<p>Tuesday 14 February 2023 to Friday 17 February 2023</p>
23.	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the draft DCO 	<p>Monday 20 February 2023</p>
24.	<p>Deadline 7</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Hearing Submissions, including written submissions of oral case • Responses to ExA's Third Written Questions (ExQ3) (If issued) • Comments on revised/updated SoCG (if any) 	<p>Friday 3 March 2023</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on ExA’s commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the draft DCO • Updated Guide to the Application • Updated Book of Reference (BoR) and Schedule of Changes to the BoR • Updated Schedule of Negotiations • Comments on any Additional Submissions accepted at the discretion of the ExA (if any) by Deadline 6 • Any further information requested by ExA Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules • Comments on any further information received Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received by Deadline 6 	
25.	<p>Deadline 8</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final SoCG • Final DCO Final DCO to be submitted by the Applicant in the SI template with the SI template validation report • Final Statement of Commonality of SoCG • List of matters not agreed where SoCG could not be finalised • Final Guide to the application • Final updated BoR Final BoR and schedule of changes to BoR • Final Schedule of Negotiations • Comments on any Additional Submissions accepted at the discretion of the ExA (if any) by Deadline 7 • Comments on any further information received Comments on any additional 	<p>Monday 13 March 2023</p>

	<p>information/submissions received by Deadline 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any further information requested by ExA Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	
26.	<p>Deadline 9 For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any further information requested by ExA Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	<p>Tuesday 28 March 2023</p>
27.	<p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months</p>	<p>Tuesday 28 March 2023</p>

Submission times for Deadlines

The time for submission of documents at any Deadline in the timetable is 23:59 on the relevant Deadline date, unless instructed otherwise by the ExA.

Publication dates

All information received will be published on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable after the Deadlines for submissions.

Hearing agendas

Please note that for Issue Specific Hearings and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings the ExA will publish a high-level agenda alongside the notification of the hearing to help inform your decision about whether to register to participate. A detailed draft agenda will be made available on the project webpage 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 may not be published.

Notification of Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI1)

The Examining Authority (ExA) will hold an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) under Rule 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 on the following date:

Date	Meeting Place	Time	Notes
Thursday 29 September 2022	Morning & Afternoon Red Lodge Sports Pavilion, Hundred Acre Way, Red Lodge, Bury Saint Edmunds IP28 8FQ	Morning: 9:00 Afternoon: 14:00	Car Parking is available free of charge. The inspection will include some walking on uneven or wet ground. Weather conditions may vary. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear. Further information about access and other arrangements will be confirmed in the ExA's Final ASI itinerary, to be published on Thursday 22 September 2022

It is very important for Interested Parties to note that **there is no opportunity to make any oral representations to the ExA about the Proposed Development at an ASI**. However, participants may indicate specific features or sites.

It may be necessary to limit the numbers of persons who accompany the ExA on the ASI for logistical and safety reasons, such as the requirement to wear PPE and the capacity of the vehicle(s) that will be used.

Interested Parties who wish to attend the ASI on 29 September 2022 should notify the ExA by completing this [Form](#) by **Procedural Deadline C** (Wednesday 14 September 2022).

Interested Parties can choose to attend the ASI for either the:

- Morning only

- Afternoon only
- Both Morning and Afternoon

Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter if you require any support to attend the ASI.

Further information about site inspections can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.5: The Examination: hearings and site inspections](#)

Information about the Make a submission tab

IMPORTANT:

Any request to participate in an Event should be made on this [Form](#).

The [Make a submission tab](#) is available on the project webpage.

You will need to enter your unique reference number ('Your ref' found at the top of your postcard or email from the Planning Inspectorate) beginning either 2003, SUNN-SP, SUNN-AFP, SUNN-APL, SUNN-0, SUNN-ISP, SUNN-OP or SUNN-EIA. If you are making a submission on behalf of another person or organisation, and do not have your own unique reference number, then you should enter the unique reference number of the person or organisation you are representing. If you are not a registered Interested Party then it is at the discretion of the Examining Authority whether or not your submission is accepted.

Submissions will be published on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable following the close of the relevant Deadline. For further information about publishing submissions please view our [Privacy Notice](#).

You will be able to submit a document (upload file), make a text representation or both. It is possible to upload multiple files for each individual submission item. Electronic attachments should be clearly labelled with the subject title and not exceed 50MB.

Submissions **must not include hyperlinks** to documents/evidence hosted on a third party website eg technical reports, media articles etc. See the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.4: The Examination](#) for further information about making written submissions. 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.

You should select the relevant Deadline for your submission and then, on the next webpage, select the relevant Submission item as described in the Examination Timetable at **Annex A** to this letter. Please ensure you make a separate submission for each Submission item and **do not duplicate your submission**. If you consider that your submission does not fit the description of any of the Submission items then please select the Submission item 'Other' and ensure that it is properly titled so that the subject matter of your submission is clear.

If you experience any issues when using the [Make a submission tab](#) please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter and they will assist.