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All Interested Parties, Statutory Parties
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Preliminary Meeting

Our Ref: EN010106

Date: 21 November 2022

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 8(3) and Rule 9

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

Procedural Decision

I am writing to you to notify you of our Procedural Decision to amend the Examination Timetable.

Change to the Examination Timetable

The Examining Authority (ExA) has decided, in light of the late publication of Deadline 2 submissions, and in particular the Applicant's Revised Draft Development Consent Order and responses to its First Written Questions, to make a further amendment to the Examination Timetable to allow sufficient time for all Interested Parties to provide comments on the Applicant's Revised Draft Development Consent Order and comments on responses to the First Written Questions.

The ExA therefore requests comments on the Applicant's Revised Draft Development Consent Order and comments on responses to the First Written Questions to be submitted by **Deadline 3A, Monday 28 November 2022**. The updated Examination Timetable is provided at **Annex A** to this letter.

Yours faithfully

Grahame Kean

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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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.

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 and ASI3 • Notification of wish to attend ASI2 and/or ASI3 • 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) 	
10.	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA's final itinerary for ASI2 and ASI3 (if required) 	<p>Tuesday 25 October 2022</p>
11.	<p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1) on the draft DCO (if required) • Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI2) (if required) • Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI3) (if required) 	<p>ISH1 - Tuesday 1 November 2022</p> <p>ASI2 – Wednesday 2 November 2022</p> <p>ASI3 - 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 • Responses to the ExA's Written Questions (ExQ1) • Responses to comments on RRs 	<p>Friday 11 November 2022</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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 LIRs • 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 by Deadline 2 • 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 	<p>Tuesday 22 November 2022</p>
14.	<p>Deadline 3A</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses to ExQ1 	<p>Monday 28 November 2022</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on Applicant's revised draft DCO • Comments on WRs • Comments on Initial SoCG 	
15.	<p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Floor Hearings (OFH) (if required) • Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) (if required) • Compulsory Acquisition Hearings (CAH) (if required) 	<p>Tuesday 6 December 2022</p> <p>To</p> <p>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 draft itinerary for ASI4 (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 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 requested by the ExA and received by Deadline 3 	<p>Friday 16 December 2022</p>
17.	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA's Second Written Questions (ExQ2) (If required) 	<p>Thursday 5 January 2023</p>

<p>18.</p>	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>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 draft itinerary for ASI4 (if required) • 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 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 	<p>Friday 13 January 2023</p>
<p>19.</p>	<p>Deadline 6</p> <p>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 	<p>Monday 30 January 2023</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any Additional Submissions accepted at the discretion of the ExA 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) • ExA's final itinerary for ASI4 	<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) 	<p>Friday 3 March 2023</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on revised/updated SoCG (if any) • 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 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"> • Comments on the RIES • 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 	<p>Monday 13 March 2023</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Schedule of Negotiations • Comments on any Additional Submissions accepted at the discretion of the ExA by Deadline 7 • Comments on any further information received Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 7 • 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</p> <p>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 each Deadline for submissions.