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

Our Ref: EN010106

Date: 22 February 2023

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

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

#### **Changes to the Examination Timetable**

The Examining Authority (ExA) has decided to make the following changes to the Examination Timetable:

1. The date for publication of the ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) is moved from Thursday 23 February 2023 to **Friday 10 March 2023**;
2. Deadline 7, Friday 3 March 2023 remains, with the exception of comments on the ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the draft DCO which is moved to **12:00 noon** on new **Deadline 9, Friday 17 March 2023**;
3. Deadline 8, Monday 13 March 2023, remains, with the exception of submission of the Final DCO by the Applicant in the SI template with the SI template validation report, which is moved to new **Deadline 10, Friday 24 March 2023 at 12.00 noon**; and
4. The current Deadline 9 will subsequently become **Deadline 11**.

The updated Examination Timetable is provided at **Annex A** to this letter.

If you have any queries about the content of this letter please contact the Case Team.

Yours faithfully

*Grahame Kean*

**Lead Member of the Examining Authority**

## **Annex A – Examination Timetable**

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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.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Matters</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>19.</b>	<p><b>Deadline 6</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Any revised/updated SoCG (If any)</b></li> <li>• <b>Applicant's revised draft of DCO</b></li> <li>• <b>Updated Guide to the Application</b></li> <li>• <b>Updated Book of Reference (BoR) and Schedule of Changes to the BoR</b></li> <li>• <b>Updated Schedule of Negotiations</b></li> <li>• <b>Comments on any Additional Submissions</b> accepted at the discretion of the ExA by <b>Deadline 5</b></li> <li>• <b>Any further information requested by ExA</b> Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules</li> <li>• <b>Comments on any further information received</b> Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received by <b>Deadline 5</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Monday</b> <b>30 January 2023</b></p>
<b>20.</b>	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ExA's Third Written Questions (ExQ3) (If required)</b></li> <li>• <b>ExA's final itinerary for ASI4</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>1 February 2023</b></p>
<b>21.</b>	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Monday</b> <b>13 February 2023</b></p>

22.	<p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI4) (if required)</b></li> <li>• <b>Open Floor Hearings (OFH) (if required)</b></li> <li>• <b>Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) (if required)</b></li> <li>• <b>Compulsory Acquisition Hearings (CAH) (if required)</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday</b>  <b>14 February 2023</b>  to  <b>Friday</b>  <b>17 February 2023</b></p>
23.	<p><b>Deadline 7</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Post Hearing Submissions</b>, including written submissions of oral case</li> <li>• <b>Responses to ExA’s Third Written Questions (ExQ3) (If issued)</b></li> <li>• <b>Comments on revised/updated SoCG (if any)</b></li> <li>• <b>Updated Guide to the Application</b></li> <li>• <b>Updated Book of Reference (BoR) and Schedule of Changes to the BoR</b></li> <li>• <b>Updated Schedule of Negotiations</b></li> <li>• <b>Comments on any Additional Submissions</b> accepted at the discretion of the ExA by <b>Deadline 6</b></li> <li>• <b>Any further information requested by ExA</b>  Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> <li>• <b>Comments on any further information received</b>  Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received by <b>Deadline 6</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Friday</b>  <b>3 March 2023</b></p>
24.	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ExA’s commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the draft DCO</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Friday</b>  <b>10 March 2023</b></p>

<p><b>25. Deadline 8</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Comments on the RIES</b></li> <li>• <b>Final SoCG</b></li> <li>• <b>Final Statement of Commonality of SoCG</b></li> <li>• <b>List of matters not agreed where SoCG could not be finalised</b></li> <li>• <b>Final Guide to the application</b></li> <li>• <b>Final updated BoR</b> Final BoR and schedule of changes to BoR</li> <li>• <b>Final Schedule of Negotiations</b></li> <li>• <b>Comments on any Additional Submissions</b> accepted at the discretion of the ExA by <b>Deadline 7</b></li> <li>• <b>Comments on any further information received</b> Comments on any additional information/submissions received by <b>Deadline 7</b></li> <li>• <b>Any further information requested by ExA</b> Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> </ul>		<p><b>Monday</b> <b>13 March 2023</b></p>
<p><b>26. Deadline 9</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Comments on ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the draft DCO</b></li> </ul>		<p><b>12:00 Noon</b> <b>Friday</b> <b>17 March 2023</b></p>
<p><b>27. Deadline 10</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Final DCO</b> Final DCO to be submitted by the Applicant in the SI template with the SI template validation report</li> </ul>		<p><b>12:00 Noon</b> <b>Friday</b> <b>24 March 2023</b></p>

<p><b>28.</b></p>	<p><b>Deadline 11</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Any further information requested by ExA</b> Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>28 March 2023</b></p>
<p><b>29.</b></p>	<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><b>Tuesday</b> <b>28 March 2023</b></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 with the exception of **Deadlines 9 and 10 where the time for submission is 12:00 Noon.**

### Publication dates

All information received will be published on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable after each Deadline for submission