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

Your Ref:

Our Ref:

EN010109

Date:

13 December 2022

Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) – Section (s) 88 and 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rules 4, 6, 9, 10 and 13

Application by Equinor New Energy Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project

Appointment of the Examining Authority, invitation to the Preliminary Meeting and Notification of Hearings

I, Menaka Sahai, write to you following my appointment by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government as the lead member of the Examining Authority (ExA) to carry out an examination of the above application. The other members of the ExA are Rod MacArthur, Jonathan Manning, Steven Rennie and David Wallis. A copy of the appointment notice issued under Rule 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (EPR), issued on 8 December 2022, can be viewed under the Documents tab on the [project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website \(project webpage\)](#).

We would like to thank those of you who submitted Relevant Representations. These representations have assisted us when considering how we will examine this application.

1. Purpose and content of this letter

This letter is being issued under Rule 6 of the EPR (Rule 6 letter). The purpose of this Rule 6 letter is to invite you to the Preliminary Meeting to discuss the procedure for the Examination of this application, and to provide notification of Hearings and details of several Procedural Decisions. The letter also includes several annexes setting out the initial assessment of principal issues, the Examination Timetable, and



other details. Please read the letter and its annexes fully and make note of the responses required from you at specific deadlines.

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2. Invitation to the Preliminary Meeting

As a recipient of this letter, you are invited to the Preliminary Meeting under Rule 6 of the EPR, to discuss **the procedure for the Examination** of the above application. The Examination will start after the Preliminary Meeting has closed. The agenda for the Preliminary Meeting is at **Annex A**.

Date	Tuesday, 17 January 2023
Time	10:00 am
Venue for parties attending in person	Blackfriars Hall The Halls St Andrew's Plain Norwich NR3 1AU Seating available at venue from 09:00 am
For parties attending by virtual means	Via Microsoft Teams Virtual Arrangements Conference from 09:00 am

3. Format of Preliminary Meeting and other Hearings

We are providing formal notification that the **Preliminary Meeting will be a blended event**. Additionally, all the Hearings referred to in **Annex E** to this letter will also be blended events.



Blended events allow attendance both in-person and virtually through Microsoft Teams. It is expected that both blended and fully virtual events will form part of the Planning Inspectorate's future operating model. Please see the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.5: The Examination: hearings and site inspections](#) and [Advice Note 8.6: Virtual examination events](#) for more information. These Advice Notes are updated periodically to align with the most up to date Government guidance and Planning Inspectorate's working practices.

We will remain flexible and will confirm the format of any future Hearings when we provide formal notification of each Hearing at least 21 days in advance.

4. Attendance and participation at the Preliminary Meeting

If you intend to attend and participate in the Preliminary Meeting, you must register by **Procedural Deadline A, Thursday 5 January 2023** and provide all the information requested.

Any request to attend and participate in the Preliminary Meeting must include the following information:

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

Please submit this information using the Make a submission tab on the [project webpage](#). **Annex H** to this letter provides further information about the [Make a submission tab](#). Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter if you require any support to attend the Preliminary Meeting.

5. Observing the Preliminary Meeting

Please note that **you are not required to attend, or make written submissions to, the Preliminary Meeting in order to participate in the Examination.**

If you choose not to attend the Preliminary Meeting, or simply observe the proceedings, you are still an Interested Party, and can still participate in the Examination. This includes being able to make a Written Representation, comment on submissions made by other Interested Parties, and respond to the ExA's Written Questions during the Examination. You will also be able to participate in any Hearings that are arranged.



If you wish to observe the Preliminary Meeting in person and at the physical venue, you are still required to register by **Procedural Deadline A, Thursday 5 January 2023**.

However, if you wish to observe virtually then you do not need to register. You will be able to either:

- watch a livestream of the event via a weblink that will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before the event is scheduled to begin; and/ or
- watch the recording of the event which will be published on the [project webpage](#) shortly after the event has finished.

6. Purpose of the Preliminary Meeting

The purpose of the Preliminary Meeting is for all parties to put their views to the ExA about **how the application will be examined**. The agenda for the meeting is at **Annex A** to this letter.

The Preliminary Meeting is **not** an opportunity for you to give your views about what you like or do not like about the application. The merits or disadvantages of the application will only be considered once the Examination starts, which is after the Preliminary Meeting has closed. See **Annex B** to this letter and the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.3 - Influencing how an application is Examined: the Preliminary Meeting](#) for more information.

7. 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**.

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 consider changes need to be made to the draft Examination Timetable set out at **Annex D** to this letter; and/or
- you wish to comment about 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 at the latest by **Procedural Deadline A, Thursday 5 January 2023**. We request that all submissions are made using the Make a submission tab on the [project webpage](#). **Annex H** to this letter provides further information about using the Make a submission tab.



8. After the Preliminary Meeting

After the Preliminary Meeting we will issue a letter under Rule 8 of the EPR (Rule 8 letter) setting out the finalised Examination Timetable. A note of the meeting will also be published on the [project webpage](#).

9. Notification of initial Hearings

We have made a Procedural Decision to hold the initial Hearings listed below. The Hearings will be blended events; they will be held in person at Blackfriars Hall, Norwich, and virtual attendance will be available via Microsoft Teams.

- Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1) on Tuesday, 17 January 2023 at 2:00 pm;
- Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) on Wednesday, 18 January 2023 at 10:00 am; and
- Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) on Friday 20 January 2023 at 10:00 am.

If you intend to attend and participate in the Hearings, you must register by **Procedural Deadline A, Thursday 5 January 2023** and provide all the information requested. Important information about these Hearings is contained in **Annex E** to this letter.

10. Notification of Accompanied Site Inspection

We have made a Procedural Decision to hold an **Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) on Thursday, 19 January 2023**. If you wish to attend the ASI, it is important that you register at the latest by **Procedural Deadline A, Thursday 5 January 2023**.

The ExA requests the Applicant to prepare an itinerary, including a map of the proposed route, based on the ExA's priorities listed here. The ExA would like the itinerary to start no earlier than 8:30 am, with at least 45 minutes break for lunch, and finishing no later than 4:00 pm to accommodate daylight hours.

We would request the Applicant's proposed itinerary to include sites that are not publicly accessible. The ExA has already visited several parts of the site during Unaccompanied Site Inspections (USI) from Tuesday 1 November to Thursday 3 November 2022 [\[EV-001\]](#) so has a reasonable understanding of the Proposed Development, the site and its surrounding. We will not re-visit any location unless there are good reasons.

The Applicant must submit its proposed itinerary by **Procedural Deadline A, Thursday 5 January 2023**. The ExA's final itinerary will be published on the [project webpage](#) at least one week before the ASI.



The ExA priorities for ASI1 are:

- a) National Grid Norwich Main Substation, including access into the premises, the point of connection for the Proposed Development and the land upon which the proposed substation would be built;
- b) Site of the proposed landfall, associated landfall works compound and Muckleborough Military Collection;
- c) Noise receptors CCR2 and CCR2C, Weybourne;
- d) Weybourne Woods, including area where the proposed Horizontal Directional Drilling compound would be constructed within the woods;
- e) Noise receptors CCR8 and CCR9, Bodham;
- f) Noise receptor CCR17B, Cawston;
- g) Main construction compound close to Attlebridge;
- h) Noise receptors CCR26 and CCR26A, Barford;
- i) Proposed onshore cable corridor route as it crosses the River Yare northeast of Barford;
- j) Proposed onshore cable corridor route as it crosses the River Tiffey east of Barford at the borders of Wrampingham Parish, Barford Parish and Great Melton Parish;
- k) Sheringham Hall; and
- l) Honingham Hall.

The ExA is not inviting nominations from Interested Parties for ASI1. However, there is scope within the Examination Timetable (**Annex D**) for a further ASI2 in March 2023, where other sites could be visited, should the ExA consider this necessary. The Deadline to nominate sites for ASI2 will be **Monday 20 February 2023**, which is Deadline 1 in the draft Examination timetable set out at **Annex D**.

11. Other Procedural Decisions made by the ExA

We have made some further Procedural Decisions which are set out in detail at **Annex F** to this letter. They are summarised as follows:

1. Written Representations are requested from Interested Parties, other persons and statutory parties, in line with Rule 10 of the EPR, to be submitted by **Monday 20 February 2023**, which is Deadline 1 in the draft Examination timetable set out at **Annex D**.
2. Local Impact Reports are requested from host and neighbouring, lower and upper tier Local Authorities, in line with s60 and s56A of the PA2008 to be submitted by **Monday 20 February 2023**, which is Deadline 1 in the draft Examination timetable set out at **Annex D**.
3. Statements of Common Ground, requested from the Applicant in collaboration with relevant Interested Parties, should be submitted by **Monday 20 February 2023**, which is Deadline 1 in the draft Examination timetable set out at **Annex D**.
4. Proposed draft itinerary for the ASI1 scheduled for Thursday 19 January 2023 is requested from the Applicant, to be submitted by **Procedural Deadline A, 5 January 2023**.



5. Nomination of sites for Accompanied Site Inspection 2 (ASI2) are requested from Interested Parties, in line with Rule 16 of the EPR, to be submitted by **Monday 20 February 2023**, which is Deadline 1 in the draft Examination timetable set out at **Annex D**. Please note these nominations would be considered by the ExA for ASI2, which is currently reserved for weeks commencing 20 and 27 March 2023. The ExA will exercise discretion to confirm if ASI2 is needed and will give adequate notice to all parties.
6. Requests for Compulsory Acquisition Hearings by Affected Persons should be submitted by **Monday 20 February 2023**, which is Deadline 1 in the draft Examination timetable set out at **Annex D**.
7. Requests for further Open Floor Hearings by Interested Parties should be submitted by **Monday 20 February 2023**, which is Deadline 1 in the draft Examination timetable set out at **Annex D**.
8. Additional submissions have accepted into the Examination at the discretion of the ExA. These have been listed in **Annex F**.
9. Responses to all Relevant Representations [[RR-001 to RR-124](#)] are requested from the Applicant, to be submitted by **Monday 20 February 2023**, which is Deadline 1 in the draft Examination timetable set out at **Annex D**.
10. Additional application documents are requested from the Applicant to be submitted by **Procedural Deadline A, 5 January 2023**. The requested application documents have been listed in **Annex F**.

12. Managing Examination correspondence

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 as electronic communication, which is more environmentally friendly and cost effective for the taxpayer. If you have received a letter but are not able to receive communications by email, please inform the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter as soon as possible.

As the Examination process makes substantial use of electronic documents, it will be useful for you to become familiar with the [project webpage](#). The [Make a submission](#) tab is available on the project webpage which provides a portal through which Interested Parties should make written submissions at relevant deadlines during the Examination. Further information about the [Make a submission portal](#) is provided at **Annex H** to this letter. There is also a function on the right-hand side of the project webpage called E-mail updates. This provides you with an opportunity to register to receive automatic e-mail updates at key stages during the Examination.

13. Your status in the Examination

You have received this letter because you fall within one of the groups described in the Planning Inspectorate's document [What is My Status in the Examination?](#)

If your reference number begins with '2003', 'SHDE', SHDE-0 'SHDE-AFP', 'SHDE-S57' 'SHDE-APL' you are in Group A. If your reference number begins with 'SHDE-



SP' you are in Group B. If your reference number begins with 'SHDE-OP' you are in Group C. The meaning and purpose of those groups are explained in the document published at the link above.

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

14. Awards of costs

All parties will normally be expected to meet their own costs. Costs can be awarded against a party who has acted unreasonably and has caused the party applying for the award of costs to incur unnecessary or wasted expense during the Examination. You should be aware of the relevant costs guidance [Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders](#).

15. Management of information

Information, including representations, submitted in respect of this Examination (if accepted by the ExA) and a record of any advice which has been provided by the Planning Inspectorate is published on the [project webpage](#). Examination Documents can also be viewed electronically at the locations listed in **Annex G** to this letter.

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

Menaka Sahai

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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ANNEX A: Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting

You must register by **Procedural Deadline A, Thursday 5 January 2023** if you intend to participate in the Preliminary Meeting and provide all the information requested.

Date	Tuesday, 17 January 2023
Time	10:00 am
Venue for parties attending in person	Blackfriars Hall The Halls St Andrew's Plain Norwich NR3 1AU
For parties attending by virtual means	Via Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.
Attendees	Interested Parties and Other Persons who have pre-registered

09.00 am	<p>Seating available</p> <p>Seating available at Blackfriars Hall, Norwich for in-person attendees.</p>
09.00 am	<p>Virtual Arrangements Conference</p> <p>Please arrive at 09:00 am to enter the virtual lobby. From here you will be admitted to the Arrangements Conference by the Case Team, greeted and given further instructions. The Arrangements Conference will commence at 09:00 am. This will be hosted by the Case Team and cover the housekeeping arrangements for the Preliminary Meeting and allow for any questions to be asked about how to take part.</p>
10.00am	<p>Preliminary Meeting</p> <p>The Preliminary Meeting will formally open at 10.00am. The Examining Authority will join, welcome participants and lead introductions.</p> <p>A public livestream of the meeting will be made available on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website (project webpage) shortly before the meeting is due to open.</p>

Item 1	Welcome and introductions
Item 2	Remarks about the Examination process
Item 3	Initial Assessment of Principal Issues
Item 4	Draft Examination Timetable
Item 5	Procedural Decisions
Item 6	Any other matters
Close of the Preliminary Meeting	

Attendance at the Preliminary Meeting

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

Observing the Preliminary Meeting

If you wish to observe the Preliminary Meeting in person and at the physical venue, you are still required to register by **Procedural Deadline A, Thursday 5 January 2023** via the [Make a Submission tab](#) on the [project website](#)

However, if you wish to observe virtually then you do not need to register. You will be able to either:

1. watch a livestream of the event via a weblink that will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before the event is scheduled to begin; and/ or
2. watch the recording of the event which will be published on the [project webpage](#) shortly after the event has finished.

Late arrivals

The Preliminary Meeting will start at **10.00 am** irrespective of any late arrivals (in-person or virtual), for whom access to the event may not be possible.

Changes to the Agenda

The agenda for the Preliminary Meeting 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.

ANNEX B: Introduction to the Preliminary Meeting

Background

The Preliminary Meeting (PM) will be a blended event with some participants attending in person and some taking part virtually using Microsoft Teams. It will not be possible to send recordings to the blended event.

The Examining Authority (ExA) is conscious of video-conferencing fatigue and will aim to keep the proceedings focussed and as efficient as possible. In that regard, this annex provides advance access to information that would usually be included in the ExA's introductory remarks. Please read this carefully. The ExA will only present a summary of the key points set out here in order to ensure that the time available for participants to speak is maximised.

The ExA and the Case Team

The ExA will introduce themselves at the start of the PM. The ExA will 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: sadep@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

The purpose of the Preliminary Meeting

The PM is being held to discuss the arrangements for the Examination of the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project, which is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), and which will generally be referred to in the PM and Examination as the 'Proposed Development'. The application has been made by Equinor New Energy Limited, who will be referred to as 'the Applicant'.

You will find information about the application and, in due course, documents produced for the Examination on the [project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website \(project webpage\)](#). The project webpage has links to the Examination Timetable, Relevant Representations and Examination documents and Examination procedure.

You are encouraged to look at the [project webpage](#) if you haven't already done so, because it will be used to communicate with you and to provide access to documents throughout the Examination.

The main purpose of the PM is to discuss the arrangements for the Examination of the application. 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 PM will be your opportunity to influence the process that the ExA intends to follow. The agenda for the PM is at **Annex A**. It is important to have the letter and the agenda in front of you and to refer to them during the course of the PM.

Government guidance and policy

The application is a NSIP under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) pursuant to sections 14(1)(a) and 15(3) of PA2008. The Proposed Development includes an offshore generating station, and its generating capacity is more than 100 megawatts.

The designated Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (NPS EN1) and National Policy Statements National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Infrastructure (NPS EN3) applies to this Examination and to decision-making relating to this application.

The ExA will consider the Proposed Development in accordance with the NPS EN1 and NPS EN3 and any other applicable policy or considerations the ExA deem to be important and relevant. The PA2008 makes it clear that, in making a decision, the relevant Secretary of State (SoS) “*must decide the application in accordance with any relevant NPS*” (s104(3)), subject to certain provisos. Essentially, the provisos are that the application must not breach legal or treaty obligations, and that any adverse impact of the Proposed Development would not outweigh its benefits.

The SoS is entitled to disregard any representations that relate to the merits of the designated National Policy Statement (NPS). In practice, this means that the ExA will not spend time examining representations that challenge policy set out in NPSs, or the validity of NPSs themselves. The focus will be on the merits or disadvantages of the Proposed Development, tested to the appropriate extent using the tests set out in relevant designated NPSs that are in force.

Other important and relevant planning policies that the ExA may consider include policies in the relevant local authorities’ development plans. However, if these conflict with policy in a NPS, then the NPS will take precedence.

In summary, the PM will establish the procedures and timetable for the Examination of the Proposed Development. It will set a framework for the ExA to enable the SoS to consider and decide the application. In doing so, the ExA will have regard to:

- The positions and representations of all Interested Parties (IPs);
- any Local Impact Reports (LIR) prepared and provided by relevant local authorities;
- other prescribed matters; and
- any other matters that appear to be both relevant and important to the relevant SoS’s decision.

Preliminary Meeting invitees

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

Everyone who has made a valid Relevant Representation has been registered as an Interested Party (IP) and has been invited to the PM. All IPs are entitled to involvement in the Examination.

Each person or organisation with an interest in land or rights that are affected by a Compulsory Acquisition (CA) request in this application is an Affected Person (AP) and has been invited to the PM. In addition to a general entitlement to involvement in the Examination, APs have a right to be heard in relation to any objection about the effects of CA on their interests in land, and a right to be notified of any Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH). All APs are IPs, whether or not they have made a valid Relevant Representation.

Certain bodies are Statutory Parties and they have been invited to the PM. Statutory Parties can elect to become IPs without having made a valid Relevant Representation by notifying the ExA in writing.

The ExA has the power to involve people who are not IPs in the Examination as though they are IPs, including by inviting them to the PM.

The ExA has decided to invite the following Other Persons to the PM:

- Mulbarton Parish Council;
- CEFAS
- Whale and Dolphin Conservation
- Perenco
- Sustainable Seaweed
- Total and Green Investment Group
- Triton Knoll
- Felthorpe Parish Council
- Beeston Regis Parish Council
- Blakeney Parish Council
- Cley Next to the Sea Parish Council
- East and West Runton Parish Council
- Great Witchingham Parish Council
- Hockering Parish Council
- Lyng Parish Council
- Morston Parish Council
- Overstrand Parish Council
- Salle Parish Council
- Salthouse Parish Council
- Stiffkey Parish Council
- Warham Parish Council
- Wiveton Parish Council
- Cromer Town Council
- Wells next to the Sea Town Council
- Ingoldmell Parish Council
- Skegness Town Council
- Croft Parish Council
- Taverham Parish Council
- Boston Borough Council

- East Lindsay District Council
- South Holland District Council
- Greater Wash Fishing Industry Group
- Holderness Fishing Industry Group
- Norfolk Independent Fishermen's Association
- Port of Great Yarmouth
- Well and District Inshore Fishermen's Association
- Jonas Seafood
- RNLI Great Yarmouth and Gorleston Lifeboat Station
- Eastern England Fish Producers Organisation Ltd
- Royal National Lifeboat Institution
- New Anglia Growth Hub
- Norfolk Coast Partnership
- National Coast Watch Institution
- Norfolk Conservation Corps
- North Norfolk MCZ Agents of Change
- Norwich Friends of the Earth
- Norwich Tourist Information Centre
- Norfolk Young Farmers
- Cruising Association
- DFDS
- Furetank
- Whitaker Tankers
- Sentinel
- P&O
- Boston Putford
- Essberger Tankers
- Stena
- GEFO
- Instalcom Limited
- London and Continental Railways
- GN Store Nord
- The relevant Government representative from Belgium; and
- The relevant Government representative from the Netherlands.

Conduct of the Preliminary Meeting

The PM will start promptly at 10:00 am on Tuesday 17 January 2023 (**ANNEX A**), and the ExA estimates that it will conclude around lunchtime.

During the 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 breaks during the PM as appropriate.

A digital recording of the PM will be made available on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable following the close of the PM. The recording allows any member of the public who is interested in the application and the Examination to find out what has been discussed at the PM. The making and publication of these recordings are a

means by which the ExA meets the legal requirement to hold the PM (and any other hearings) in public. In this regard, anyone speaking at the PM will need to introduce themselves each time they speak, to ensure that someone listening to the recording after the event is clear who was speaking. A written note of the PM will be produced and published as soon as practicable following the close of the PM.

As the recordings are retained and published, they form a public record that can contain personal information to which the **UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)** applies. Participants must do their best to avoid providing any information which should otherwise be kept private and confidential. If there is a need to refer to such information, it should be in written form. Although this will also be published, personal and private content can be redacted or removed before it is made publicly available. Any person who is unclear on this point should ask the Case Team for guidance before they place personal and private information into the public domain.

The Planning Inspectorate's practice is to publish the recordings and retain them for a period of five years from the SoS's decision on the DCO. If you actively participate in the PM, it is important that you understand that you will be recorded and that the recording will be made available in the public domain. Please see our [Privacy Notice](#) for more information about how we handle your data.

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. 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 makes provision for the following written processes:

- Host and Neighbouring, lower and upper tier Local authorities can submit LIRs if they wish. Whilst these are voluntary, the PA2008 provides that if they are provided, they must be considered by the SoS in reaching a decision. Consequently, LIRs are a very important method for local authorities to communicate issues of concern to the ExA, the SoS and their residents.
- IPs can make Written Representations (WRs) and comment on WRs made by other parties.
- IPs can respond to the ExA's written questions (WQ) and comment on responses to these written questions provided by others.

- IPs may be asked to contribute to the making of Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) if it appears that there are matters on which they and the Applicant agrees, and if it would be useful for this to be clarified. SoCGs most usefully extend to catalogue 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.

These written processes will be the principal means used by the ExA to gather information, evidence and views about the application. However, the Examination will only be effective if all parties resolve to give timely, full, frank, clear and evidenced written submissions, provide answers to every question that is relevant to their interests, and to engage fully with any other related processes such as the Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspections the ExA decides to hold.

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.

The ExA has discretion to make amendments to the Examination Timetable for the wider benefit of the Examination. If possible, events will be arranged for times when all relevant parties are available, but the ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination by the end of the six-month period beginning with the day after the close of the PM. This requirement is set by legislation, and while the ExA will try to rearrange event dates to accommodate all relevant parties, in practice there will be limited scope to alter dates set out in the draft Examination Timetable.

The statutory time limit for the Examination means that where there are matters that still need to be discussed and agreed between the Applicant and IPs, it will be very helpful to the ExA if these could be progressed as early as possible.

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. Oral submissions should be based on representations previously made in writing, but they should not simply repeat matters previously covered in the written submission. Rather, they should focus on specific detail and explanation to help inform the ExA. There should be no new or unexpected material in oral representations. A written summary note

with any supporting evidence or references will be requested of each speaker following the hearing.

As with all Examination events, OFHs are subject to the powers of control of the ExA, as set out in the PA2008 and supporting legislation. Participants must register in advance by the Deadline shown in the Examination Timetable and in accordance with the instructions. It is common practice for the ExA to set a time limit for each speaker and speakers with common points are asked to come together to nominate a spokesperson or representative speakers to cover specific topics, so as to avoid repetition. Speakers representing public authorities, community and membership organisations or multiple IPs are normally provided with an additional time allowance, recognising their representative role.

The Applicant's draft DCO provides for the CA of land and rights, and the Temporary Possession (TP) 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)**. If one or more APs request to be heard then a CAH must be held. Provisional dates for 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 in the Examination and there is a specific reason this would be more helpful than reliance on written evidence only. The lack of an ISH on one or more topics does not suggest that that topic is less important than others which are subject to a hearing. Rather, it is an indication that the ExA is satisfied that the issues can be fully considered through written submissions and responses to its written questions and that each party has had a fair opportunity to put its case.

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 PM.

It may be necessary for the ExA to hold more than one ISH on the draft DCO. This is normal practice, and they are held on a without prejudice basis. Parties can suggest modifications and amendments to the draft DCO provided by the Applicant with the application, without prejudicing their overall position on the application.

Holding such Hearings does not imply that the ExA has reached any judgements on the merits of the application. Whatever the ultimate recommendation is, the ExA must make sure that the draft DCO is fit for purpose if the SoS decides to grant consent, as any consent will be subject to Requirements (ie conditions) set out in the DCO.

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.

Site inspections

As part of the Examination process the ExA may undertake site inspections that can be either unaccompanied or accompanied. The purpose of these is for the ExA to see features of the proposals within the context of the evidence put forward. Notes of Unaccompanied Site Inspections (USIs) are published on the [project webpage](#).

Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI) will only be necessary 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 will be entertained during an ASI.

The ExA may decide to hold USIs to relevant nominated locations, supported by the submission of additional written, photographic, video or even drone material if this would be preferable to not visiting sites or holding ASIs in circumstances which could make them difficult and unduly time-consuming to conduct (for example if public health restrictions are in place). The ExA may also consider if it would be appropriate to make arrangements for access only to be provided to specific sites such that they could be inspected as part of a USI on an access required basis (ARSI)

The draft Examination Timetable includes a Deadline for IPs to make submissions suggesting sites and locations that the ExA should visit. These will be used to inform further USIs/ ARSIs as well as possible ASIs.

ANNEX C: Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

This is the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues prepared as required under section 88(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). It has been prepared by the Examining Authority (ExA) following its reading of:

- the application documents;
- the Relevant Representations received in respect of the application; and
- its consideration of any other important and relevant matters.

This initial assessment has guided the Examining Authority (ExA) in forming a provisional view as to how the application is to be examined. It is not a comprehensive or exclusive list of the issues that will be subject to Examination and inevitably some issues will overlap or interrelate. 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 and is largely listed in alphabetical order.

The policy and consenting requirements and documents associated with the PA2008 are an integral part of the Examination and are therefore not listed as main issues. It should also be noted that whilst the effects of the proposal in relation to human rights and equalities duties are not listed as main issues, the ExA will conduct all aspects of the Examination with these in mind.

1. Alternatives and need

To include:

- Development scenarios and the Rochdale Envelope
- Selection of landfall site
- Selection of substation site
- Viability of grid connection and progress with other licenses
- The need for this type of energy infrastructure, and specifically for the Proposed Development

2. Benthic ecology, Intertidal, Subtidal and Coastal effects

To include:

- Effects of installation of cables and methods to be used on marine life and benthic habitats
- Effect of foundation type options to be used on marine life and habitats
- Impact on subtidal chalk features
- Coastal erosion effects and coastal processes
- Cumulative effects

3. Civil and military aviation

To include:

- Effect on radar and defence interests
- Proposed mitigation to address any impacts on the air defence system

4. Construction Effects – offshore

To include:

- Development scenarios
- Approach to construction, proposed methods and construction programme
- Scope and nature of proposed infrastructure

5. Construction Effects – onshore

To include:

- Development scenarios
- Approach to construction, location of construction compounds, construction programme, timing and methods
- Effects of construction works on human health
- Effects from emissions on air quality
- Adequacy of the Outline Code of Construction Practice

6. Commercial Fisheries and Fishing

To include:

- Effects on fishing stocks and potential reduction or increase in stocks
- Effect on fishing enterprises as a result of navigational and special restrictions

7. Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession.

To include:

- The requirement for the powers sought and whether a compelling case in the public interest has been established
- The need for the amount of land proposed to be subject to Compulsory Acquisition / Temporary Possession
- Alternatives in relation to individual plots
- Effects on Statutory Undertaker land and apparatus, including the approach to Protective Provisions

8. Cumulative Effects

To include:

- Scope of Cumulative Effects Assessment, in all proposed scenarios
- The effects arising from the development, assuming both are developed, in either a sequential or concurrent scenario

- Overlapping adverse effects on some sensitive receptors

9. Design

To include:

- Design development process and selection of preferred designs
- Security of the detailed design process and engagement post-consent
- Consideration of good design outcomes in the development of the scheme, including site selection, layout, fitness for purpose, contribution to the quality of the area in which it would be located
- Consideration of good design outcomes to mitigate adverse effects in a range of receiving environments, both onshore and offshore

10. Development Consent Order

To include:

- Definition and scope of the Proposed Development
- Consistency, reasonableness and alignment with the Environmental Statement
- Robustness and effectiveness of the suite of management plans, their implementation and monitoring
- Scope and content of the Deemed Marine Licences
- Interaction of the dDCO with other legislated DCOs, other existing infrastructure (offshore and onshore) and other planned projects, including the need and content of protective provisions

11. Habitats and Ecology (Offshore)

To include:

- Effects on ornithology
- Effects on aquatic wildlife including mammals, fish and shellfish
- Effects on the Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds Marine Conservation Zone
- Adequacy Mitigation, need for measures of equivalent environmental benefit (MEEB) and the case for derogation

12. Habitats and Ecology (onshore)

To include:

- Effects on European Designated Sites and Sites of Special Scientific Interest, and the species/ features therein
- Effects on protected and priority species
- Effects on ancient woodland, trees and hedgerows
- Effects on rivers and river-based wildlife

13. Habitats Regulation Assessment

To include:

- Conclusions on potential adverse effects on the integrity of European sites
- Provision of evidence for derogation under the Habitats Regulations, including Assessment of Alternative Solutions, Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest and Compensatory Measures

14. Historic Environment and Cultural Heritage

To include:

- Adequacy of baseline surveys and environmental information
- Baseline survey and effects of Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)
- Effects on designated and non-designated heritage assets
- Effects on the North Norfolk Heritage Coast

15. Land use

To include:

- Effect on agricultural land and businesses and recreational assets
- Soils and soil handling, ground conditions, contamination and minerals

16. Landscape and Visual Effects

To include:

- Effect on landscape character and views
- Effect on designated and historic landscapes, including North Norfolk Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Effectiveness of mitigation proposals
- Cumulative effects

17. Seascape and Visual Effects

To include:

- Effect on seascape character and views
- Effects during construction
- Effects on designated and historic landscapes, including North Norfolk Heritage Coast and North Norfolk Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Cumulative effects

18. Navigation and shipping

To include:

- Navigational risk and effect on navigational safety during construction, operation and decommissioning

- Impact on radar and search and rescue measures

19. Noise and Vibration

To include:

- Suitability of baseline used for assessment of adverse effects
- Construction effects on sensitive receptors, including construction activities, compounds and traffic
- Adequacy and design of proposed mitigation

20. Oil, Gas and Other offshore infrastructure and activities

To include:

- Safety measures
- Effectiveness of proposed mitigation

21. Socio-economic effects

To include:

- Effects on recreation, tourism and business
- Effects on jobs and skills
- Effect on individuals and communities
- Inter-related effects on human health and community well-being

22. Traffic and transport

To include:

- Effects from construction vehicles on the highway network and upon living conditions of nearby receptors
- Traffic management proposals and impacts on the highway network
- Cumulative traffic effects with other local projects
- Effects on recreational routes, such as public rights of way
- Suitability of access strategy
- Effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures – construction traffic management plan

23. Water quality and resources

To include:

- Effects on flood risk and drainage, including the application of sequential test and exception test
- Effects on water resources and water quality, including measures to prevent pollution of aquifers
- Effects on rivers, streams, canals and ditches from proposed construction methods and crossings
- Effectiveness of mitigation measures

ANNEX D: Draft Examination Timetable

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty by the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) Section (s) 98, to complete the Examination of this Application by the end of the six months period, beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting. In the following draft timetable, the ExA has set out the deadlines for the receipt of representations and other information, and dates reserved for Hearings, during the six months Examination period.

Please note:

1. The Examination of the Application primarily takes the form of the consideration of written submissions and oral representations made at Hearings.
2. The time for submission of requested documents is **23:59 on the relevant deadline date**, unless instructed otherwise by the ExA.
3. All information received will be published on the [project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website \(project webpage\)](#) as soon as practicable after the deadlines for submissions. See **Annex F** for more information.

Hearing agendas

Please note that for Issue Specific Hearings and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings the ExA will publish a draft agenda on the [project webpage](#) on the National Infrastructure Planning 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 may not be published.

Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

Where an applicant has provided 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 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 Regulation 28 of The Offshore Marine Regulations.

Item	Matters	Date
1.	<p>Procedural Deadline A</p> <p>For receipt by the Examining Authority of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of wish to observe or speak at the Preliminary Meeting including details of which agenda items to discuss • Confirmation of wish to speak at Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) 1 and 2, including details of topics for discussion • Confirmation of wish to speak at Open Floor Hearing (OFH) 1, including details of topics for discussion • Confirmation of attendance at the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) 1 • Proposed ASI1 itinerary from the Applicant • Any written submissions about how the application is to be examined • Additional application material from the Applicant 	<p>Thursday 5 January 2023</p>
2.	<p>Preliminary Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday 17 January 2023 10:00am</p>
3.	<p>Open Floor Hearing (OFH1)</p>	<p>Tuesday 17 January 2023 2:00pm</p>
4.	<p>Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) on Strategic Off-shore Matters, including Development Consent Order</p>	<p>Wednesday 18 January 2023 10:00am</p>
5.	<p>Accompanied Site Inspection 1</p>	<p>Thursday 19 January 2023 8:30am</p>
6.	<p>Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) on Strategic On-Shore Matters, including Development Consent Order</p>	<p>Friday 20 January 2023 10.00am</p>
7.	<p>Issue by the Examining Authority of:</p>	<p>As soon as practicable</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Examination Timetable <p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Examining Authority's Written Questions 1 (WQ1) 	following the Preliminary Meeting
8.	<p>Deadline 1 (D1)</p> <p>For receipt by the Examining Authority of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-Hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases as requested by Examining Authority • Responses to Relevant Representations • Written Representations (WR), including summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words • Responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions (WQ1) • Applicant's Compulsory Acquisition Schedule • Statements of Common Ground • Applicant's Statement of Commonality • Local Impact Reports from relevant Local Authorities • Nominations for sites for Accompanied Site Inspection in March • Requests for further Open Floor Hearing • Requests for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing • Any other information requested by the Examining Authority under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules <p>Updates from the Applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide to the Application • Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) • Explanatory Memorandum • Schedule of changes to dDCO 	Monday 20 February 2023
9.	<p>Deadline 2 (D2)</p> <p>For receipt by the Examining Authority of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses to Relevant Representation • Comments on Written Representations 	Tuesday 7 March 2023

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions (WQ1) • Comments on the Local Impact Reports • Comments from Affected Persons on Applicant's Compulsory Acquisition Schedule • Applicant's proposed Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI2) itineraries • Comments on any other information and submissions received at D1 • Any other information requested by the Examining Authority under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	
10.	<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved for (if any are required)¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI2) • Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI3) • Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH1) • Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH2) • Issue Specific Hearing (ISH3) • Issue Specific Hearing (ISH4) • Issue Specific Hearing (ISH5) • Issue Specific Hearing (ISH6) • Open Floor Hearing (OFH2) • Open Floor Hearing (OFH3) 	w/c 20 and 27 March 2023
11.	<p>Publication by the Examining Authority of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Written Questions (WQ2) (if required). 	Friday 14 April 2023
12.	<p>Deadline 3 (D3)</p> <p>For receipt by the Examining Authority of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-hearing submissions, including written summaries of oral submissions to the hearings (if held) • Responses to the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions (WQ2) (if WQ2 is issued) 	Tuesday 2 May 2023

¹ If the ExA decides to hold these Hearings and the ASIs, the notification will be issued at least 21 days in advance, in line with Rule 13 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (EPR).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any other information and submissions received at D2 • Any further information requested by the Examining Authority under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules <p>Updates from the Applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statements of Common Ground • Statement of Commonality • Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) • Explanatory Memorandum • Schedule of Changes to dDCO • Compulsory Acquisition Schedule 	
13.	<p>Deadline 4 (D4)</p> <p>For receipt by the Examining Authority of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses to the Examining Authority’s WQ2 (if WQ2 is issued) • Comments on any other information and submissions received at D3 • Any further information requested by the Examining Authority under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	Tuesday 16 May 2023
14.	<p>Publication by the Examining Authority of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third Written Questions (WQ3) (if required) • The Examining Authority’s proposed schedule of changes to the draft Development Consent Order 	Friday 26 May 2023
15.	<p>Deadline 5 (D5)</p> <p>For receipt by the Examining Authority of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the Examining Authority’s Third Written Questions (WQ3) (if WQ3 is issued) • Responses to the Examining Authority’s proposed schedule of changes to the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) • Comments on any other information and submissions received at Deadline 4 	Tuesday 13 June 2023

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any further information requested by the Examining Authority under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules <p>Updates from the Applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statements of Common Ground • Statement of Commonality • Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) • Explanatory Memorandum • Schedule of Changes to dDCO • Compulsory Acquisition Schedule 	
16.	<p>Publication by the Examining Authority of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Report on Implications for European Sites (RIES) and any associated questions (if required) 	Friday 16 June 2023
17.	<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved for (if any are required)²</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanied Site Inspection • Open Floor Hearing • Compulsory Acquisition Hearing • Issue Specific Hearings 	w/c 19 June 2023
18.	<p>Deadline 6 (D6)</p> <p>For receipt by the Examining Authority of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses to Examining Authority's WQ3 (if WQ3 is issued) • Comments on responses to the Examining Authority's proposed schedule of changes to the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) • Comments on any other information and submissions received at Deadline 5 • Comments on the RIES (if published) • Post-Hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case as requested by Examining Authority (relevant only if the Hearings are held) 	Friday 7 July 2023

² If the ExA decides to hold these Hearings and the ASIs, the notification will be issued at least 21 days in advance, line with Rule 13 of the EPR.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any further information requested by the Examining Authority under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	
19.	<p>Deadline 7 (D7)</p> <p>For receipt by the Examining Authority of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any other information and submissions received at D6 • Any further information requested by the Examining Authority under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules <p>Final Updates from the Applicant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Statements of Common Ground • Final Statement of Commonality • Final Guide to the Application • Final draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) in the Statutory Instrument (SI) template with the SI template validation report • Final Explanatory Memorandum • Final Schedule of changes to dDCO • Final Compulsory Acquisition Schedule • Final updated Book of Reference 	Monday 17 July 2023
20.	<p>Close of Examination by the Examining Authority</p> <p>The Examining Authority is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months.</p>	Monday 17 July 2023

ANNEX E: Notification of initial Hearings

The Examining Authority (ExA) provides notice of the following initial Hearings under Section (s) 91 and s93 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008), and Rule 13 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (EPR):

Date	Hearing	Start time	Venue and Joining details
Tuesday 17 January 2023	Open Floor Hearing 1	Hearing starts: 2:00 pm Seating available at venue from: 01:30 pm Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 01:30 pm	The Hearings will all be held at Blackfriars Hall , The Halls St Andrew's Plain Norwich NR3 1AU
Wednesday 18 January 2023	Issue Specific Hearing 1 on offshore strategic matters, including Development Consent Order	Hearing starts: 10:00 am Seating available at venue from: 09:00 am Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 09:00 am	The Hearings can also be attended by virtual means using Microsoft Teams . Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
Friday 20 January 2023	Issue Specific Hearing 2 on onshore strategic matters, including Development Consent Order	Hearing starts: 10:00 am Seating available at venue from: 09:00 am Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 09:00 am	
NOTE: If any of the above Hearings are no longer required then notification will be published as soon as practicable on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website (project webpage) , providing reasonable notice to Interested Parties of the decision to cancel them.			

Registering to attend and participate the Hearings

If you intend to attend and participate in the Hearings, you must register by **Procedural Deadline A, Thursday 5 January 2023** and provide all the information requested.

It is important that notifications from Interested Parties to participate in Hearings is submitted separately from any other written submission. Please select the appropriate Deadline and Submission Item under the [Make a submission](#) tab and ensure the submission is titled appropriately to allow us to quickly identify which event the notification relates to. **Annex H** provides further information about the Make a submission tab. Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter if you require any support to attend a Hearing.

Attendance and participation at the Hearings

Any request to attend and participate in any Hearing **must include** the following information:

- name and unique reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate);
- name and unique reference number of any person/organisation that you are representing (if applicable);
- email address (if available) and contact telephone number;
- confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in-person;
- confirmation of the Hearing(s) you wish to participate in, the topics on which you wish to speak and brief details of the matter(s) that you would like to raise; and
- the [Examination Library](#) reference number (with paragraph/ page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to.

Observing the Hearings

If you wish to observe the Hearings in person and at the physical venue, you are still required to register by **Procedural Deadline A, Thursday 5 January 2023**.

However, if you wish to observe virtually then you do not need to register. You will be able to either:

- watch a livestream of the event via a link to the livestream which will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before the event is scheduled to begin; and/or
- watch the recording of the event which will be published on the [project webpage](#) shortly after the event has finished.

All Hearings are recorded, and the recordings will be made available on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable after the close of the Hearing. The recordings allow any member of the public who is interested in the application and the Examination to find out what has been discussed.

Hearing agendas

For ISH1 and ISH2 the ExA will publish a detailed draft agenda 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.

An agenda may not be published for OFH1, although the ExA may publish a speaking order if it receives several requests to attend and participate at OFH1.

Procedure at Hearings

The Examination will principally be a written process (see the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.4: The Examination](#)), supplemented where necessary by various types of Hearings. Please refer to the [Advice Note 8.5: Hearings and site inspections](#) and [Advice Note 8.6: Virtual Examination events](#) as these provide important information about Hearing procedures.

The procedure to be followed at Hearings is set out in Rule 14 of the EPR. The ExA is responsible for the oral questioning of Interested Parties or Other Persons giving evidence and **will not allow cross-questioning** between parties.

ANNEX F: Other Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority

The Examining Authority (ExA) has made Procedural Decisions to hold initial Hearings set out in **ANNEX E**. The other Procedural Decisions made by the ExA are summarised in the Rule 6 letter and explained in greater detail here.

1. Written Representations

Written Representations will be the primary means by which the Examining Authority (ExA) will examine the application. They will also be one of main types of evidence that the Secretary of State will take into account when taking a decision. Many of you may have already submitted Relevant Representations in line with Rule 3 of the Examination Procedure Rules 2010 (EPR), which is first round of representations received by the ExA. The ExA is inviting a further round of detailed Written Representations from Interested Parties, other persons and statutory parties, in line with Rule 10 of the EPR **Monday 20 February 2023**, which is Deadline 1 in the draft Examination timetable set out at **Annex D**. The Written Representations should include your detailed case and set out the reasons why they support or oppose the application. Please provide any data, methodology and assumptions used to support your submissions.

2. Local Impact Reports (LIR)

LIRs play an important role in the examination of applications, and we encourage work to be actively progressed on these. Please refer to the [Advice Note 1](#) on the Planning Inspectorate website. LIRs are requested from the following host lower and upper tier Local Authorities, in line with Section (s) 60 and s56A of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) to be submitted by **Monday 20 February 2023**, which is Deadline 1 in the draft Examination timetable set out at **Annex D**.

The host 'B' authorities:

1. Broadland District Council
2. North Norfolk District Council
3. South Norfolk Council
4. Norwich City Council

The host 'C' authority:

5. Norfolk County Council

LIRs are also requested at the same deadline from any other relevant local authorities in line with s60 and s56A of the PA2008:

The boundary 'A' authorities:

6. Breckland Council
7. East Suffolk Council
8. Great Yarmouth Borough Council
9. King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council
10. Mid Suffolk District Council

The boundary 'D' authorities:

11. Cambridgeshire County Council
12. Lincolnshire County Council
13. Suffolk County Council
14. Broads Authority

3. Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)

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. Unless otherwise stated or agreed, the SoCG should be agreed between the Applicant and the other relevant Interested Party or parties set out in the table below and submitted by the Applicant.

In relation to some of the Principal Issues identified in **Annex C** to this letter, the ExA would be assisted by the preparation of SoCGs between the Applicant and certain Interested Parties. SoCGs should be submitted by **Monday 20 February 2023**, which is Deadline 1 in the draft Examination timetable set out at **Annex D**.

Where a particular SoCG cannot be agreed between the parties by Deadline 1, or if any local authority position needs to be signed off at a higher level, draft versions of that SoCG are requested to be submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 1. The position of the relevant Interested Parties should then be confirmed in the course of the Examination. The draft Examination Timetable makes provision for updated SoCGs to be submitted at various Deadlines with final versions by Deadline 7.

SoCGs should cover the following topics, and others as relevant:

- Methodology for environmental assessments;
- Data collection methods;
- Baseline data;
- Data/statistical analysis, approach to modelling and presentation of results;
- Expert judgements, assumptions and worst case scenario;
- Assessment of alternatives;
- Design development;
- Identification and sensitivity of relevant features and receptors;
- Construction and operational effects;
- Embedded and additional mitigation;
- Cumulative effects and mitigation; and
- Relevant wording in the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO).

The suggested content of the SoCG listed above is indicative and does not preclude the inclusion of other matters considered to be important and relevant. All SoCGs should cover the Articles and Requirements in the dDCO. Any

Interested Party seeking that an Article or Requirement is reworded should provide the form of words which are being sought, in the SoCG.

The ExA requests SoCGs with the following named parties and any others. The SoCGs should cover the following additional topics, and other topics as agreed between the Applicant and the parties.

Parties	Additional topics to include but not be limited to:
Environment Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Risk • Water Framework Directive • Water Quality (including bathing waters) • Waste Management • Management Plans and Mitigation
Natural England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters relating to protected species, protected habitats, European sites and features relevant to HRA, effects on Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) • Monitoring, mitigation and enhancement • Compensation and imperative reasons of overriding public interest (IROPI) • Water Quality • Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)
The Wildlife Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters relating to protected species, protected habitats, European sites and features relevant to Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA), effects on SSSI • Monitoring, mitigation and enhancement • Compensation and IROPI • Water Quality • BNG
Marine Management Organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content of Deemed Marine Licences • Marine Conservation Zone • Offshore habitats and species
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessments and surveys • Effects on migrating/ over wintering birds • Effects on important species • Mitigation and compensation measures
East Suffolk Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effectiveness of mitigation and compensation measures for ornithology
Norfolk County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effects on the affected road network and wider highway efficiency and safety • Effects on paths, Public Rights of Way (PRoW), public access and non-motorised users (NMU) • Construction Traffic • Traffic Modelling • Landscape and Visual Impact • Flood Risk • Construction effects of air quality, dust, emissions, noise and vibration

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Economic Effects
North Norfolk District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism • Heritage and Historic Environment
Broadland District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape, trees and ecology • Heritage and Historic Environment
South Norfolk Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape, trees and ecology • Heritage and Historic Environment
Norwich City Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic and transport • Tourism • Heritage
Historic England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated heritage assets (DHA) • Non-designated heritage assets • Offshore heritage assets, wrecks and Unexploded Explosive Ordnances (UXO) • Historic Environment and Landscape
Ministry of Defence & NATS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effects on radar and communications • Mitigation and monitoring
Trinity House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shipping routes • Navigation and safety • Recreational vessel safety
Marine and Coastguard Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shipping routes • Navigation and safety • Recreational vessel safety
UK Chamber of Shipping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shipping routes • Navigation and safety • Recreational vessel safety
East Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shipping routes • Navigation and safety • Recreational vessel safety • Fishing and fisheries • Marine Conservation Zone
National Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effect on Weybourne Woods • Mitigation in respect of trees and woodland
National Farmers Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soil handling, management and restoration • Construction compounds • Drainage • Habitat stewardships and habitat mitigation
Statutory Undertakers (Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, Cadent Gas Limited, Frontier Power, IOG Plc, Anglian Water Services Ltd, National Grid Electricity Transmission, National Grid Gas Plc, UK Power Networks Limited and others if relevant)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The effects on existing services, apparatus and infrastructure • Protective Provisions contained within the draft DCO • The provisions set out in s127 of the Planning Act 2008, and if the provisions in s138 are invoked

National Highways Limited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protective Provisions • Interaction between extant DCOs and dDCO for Proposed Development
Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protective Provisions • Interaction between extant DCO and dDCO for Proposed Development
Vatenfall Wind Power Limited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protective Provisions • Interaction between extant DCO and dDCO for Proposed Development

4. Accompanied Site Inspection 1

The draft Examination Timetable at **Annex D** to this letter includes dates reserved for an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI), under Rule 16 of the EPR. These are on Thursday 19 January 2023 for ASI1 and for a date, to be confirmed, during the period between 20 – 30 March 2023 for ASI2.

The ExA has already suggested the sites it wishes to visit and have access to for ASI1 in Section 10 of the Rule 6 letter. Interested Parties who wish to attend ASI1, it is important that you register at the latest by **Procedural Deadline A, Thursday 5 January 2023**. An itinerary from the Applicant is expected by **Procedural Deadline A, 5 January 2023** to confirm the route and timings for ASI1. The ExA's final itinerary will be published on the [project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website \(project webpage\)](#) at least one week before the ASI.

5. Accompanied Site Inspection 2

In respect of a potential ASI2, the ExA requests that Interested Parties to nominate locations for the ExA to visit as part of an ASI by **Monday 20 February 2023**, which is Deadline 1 in the draft Examination timetable set out at **Annex D**. The request must include:

- sufficient information to identify the location;
- the issues to be observed at the location;
- information on whether the site can be accessed via public land; and
- the reason why the location has been suggested.

Interested Parties should be aware that ASIs are not an opportunity to make any oral representations to the ExA about the Proposed Development.

However, participants may be invited by the ExA to indicate specific features or sites of interest.

The Applicant is requested to prepare a draft itinerary for ASI2, to be submitted on **Tuesday 7 March 2023**, which is Deadline 2 in the draft Examination timetable set out at **Annex D**. This should include:

- locations nominated by Interested Parties at Deadline 1; and
- any other locations proposed by the Applicant for specific reasons relevant to the Examination of the case.

The ExA will consider in the sites nominated by Interested Parties and the Applicant's draft itinerary, to determine if the visit is required on an accompanied basis. The ExA will also consider if it would be appropriate to make arrangements for access only to be provided to specific sites such that they could be inspected as part of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection on an access required basis. Final discretion in relation to the extent of ASI and USI throughout the Examination rests with the ExA.

The ExA will publish its final itinerary at least five working days before the date of the ASI.

6. Requests for a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing

Affected Persons who wish to be heard at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) should make their requests to the Inspectorate by **Monday 20 February 2023**, which is Deadline 1 in the draft Examination timetable set out at **Annex D**. If the ExA receives one or more requests for a CAH from affected persons within the date specified, we will hold one or more Hearings on the relevant dates in the Examination Timetable (**Annex D**). The ExA may choose to hold a CAH even if it receives no requests. If the ExA decides to hold a Hearing then it will give adequate notice to all parties, in line with Rule 13 of the EPR.

7. Requests for an Open Floor Hearing

Annex E contains notifications of an Open Floor Hearing (OFH) 1 that the ExA intends to hold at the outset of the Examination. Interested Parties who wish to attend and be heard at an OFH1, you must register by **Procedural Deadline A, Thursday 5 January 2023** and provide all the information requested.

The ExA requests submissions by Interested Parties of their wish to attend and participate in a further OFH by **Monday 20 February 2023**, which is Deadline 1 in the draft Examination timetable set out at **Annex D**. Your request must be accompanied with clear reasons setting out why a further OFH is required. If the ExA receives one or more requests for an OFH, we will hold a Hearing on the relevant dates in the Examination Timetable (**Annex D**) and give adequate notice to all parties, in line with Rule 13 of the EPR.

8. Additional Submissions

Since acceptance of the application, the ExA has exercised its discretion to accept the following Additional Submissions into the Examination:

- Relevant Representation by South Norfolk Council;
- Relevant Representation by Broadland District Council;
- Relevant Representation by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation; and
- Relevant Representation by National Highways Limited.

9. Responses to Relevant Representations

The Applicant is requested to respond to all of the Relevant Representations received into Examination [RR-001 to RR-124] by **Monday 20 February 2023**, which is Deadline 1 in the draft Examination timetable set out at Annex D. The

Applicant is requested to respond to the matters raised in each Relevant Representation individually. The Applicant may also provide a summary response organised by topics and themes as they emerge across all the Relevant Representations, if they wish.

Interested Parties may also respond to or comment on the Relevant Representations, if they wish.

10. Application Documents

The ExA, in pursuit of making the application documents more accessible and readable for Interested Parties, requests the following application documents by **Procedural Deadline A, 5 January 2023**:

- A coloured flow diagram supporting figures 8-1ff to show the four proposed scenarios (and the infrastructure involved in each scenario);
- Clearer offshore works plans (without so much hatching), differentiated by each proposed scenario; and
- A table separately depicting the anticipated adverse effects for each proposed scenario corresponding to the individual receiving environments assessed in the Environmental Statement [[APP-089, APP-092 to APP-115](#)].

ANNEX G: Availability of Examination Documents

The application documents and Relevant Representations are available on the [project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website \(project webpage\)](#). All further documents submitted in the course of the Examination will also be published under the [Documents tab](#) of the [project webpage](#).

The Examination Library

For ease of navigation, please refer to the [Examination Library](#) (EL) which is accessible by clicking the 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. **Please quote the unique reference number from the EL when referring to any Examination Documents in any future submissions that you make.**

Electronic deposit locations

Documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge, at the electronic deposit locations listed in the table below. Please note that you may need to bring a form of identification and register as a member in order to use a computer at these locations.

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Aylsham Library 7 Hungate Street Aylsham NR11 6AA	Monday 10:00 – 19:00 Tuesday 10:00 – 19:00 Wednesday 14:00 – 19:00 Thursday 10:00 – 19:00 Friday 10:00 – 19:00 Saturday 10:00 – 16:00 Sunday 10:00 – 16:00	Black and White: A4 20p A3 30p Colour :A4 - 50p A3 - £1
Costessey Library Breckland Road New Costessey Norwich NR5 0RW	Monday 09:30 – 17:30 Tuesday 14:00 – 19:00 Wednesday 09:30 – 19:00 Thursday 08:00 – 19:00 Friday 14:00 – 19:00 Saturday 11:00 – 16:00 Sunday 10:00 – 16:00	Black and White: A4 20p A3 30p Colour :A4 - 50p A3 - £1
Cromer Library Prince of Wales Road Cromer NR27 9HS	Monday 10:30 – 19:00 Tuesday 10:30 – 19:00 Wednesday 08:00 – 19:00 Thursday 10:30 – 19:00	Black and White: A4 20p A3 30p

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	Friday 10:30 – 19:00 Saturday 12:00 – 16:00 Sunday 10:00 – 16:00	Colour :A4 - 50p A3 - £1
Fakenham Library Oak Street Fakenham NR21 9DY	Monday 10:00 – 19:00 Tuesday 10:00 – 19:00 Wednesday 08:00 – 19:00 Thursday 10:00 – 19:00 Friday 14:00 – 19:00 Saturday 10:00 – 16:00 Sunday 10:00 – 16:00	Black and White: A4 20p A3 30p Colour :A4 - 50p A3 - £1
Hethersett Library 40 Queens Road Hethersett NR9 3DB	Monday 13:30 – 19:00 Tuesday 08:00 – 19:00 Wednesday 11:00 – 19:00 Thursday 13:30 – 19:00 Friday 13:30 – 19:00 Saturday 11:00 – 16:00 Sunday 10:00 – 16:00	Black and White: A4 20p A3 30p Colour :A4 - 50p A3 - £1
Holt Library 9 Church Street Holt NR25 6BB	Monday 08:00 – 19:00 Tuesday 08:00 – 19:00 Wednesday 08:00 – 19:00 Thursday 08:00 – 19:00 Friday 08:00 – 19:00 Saturday 08:00 – 16:00 Sunday 10:00 – 16:00	Black and White: A4 20p A3 30p Colour :A4 - 50p A3 - £1
Hunstanton Library 12-14 Valentine Road Hunstanton PE36 5EF	Monday: Closed Tuesday 09:00 – 19:00 Wednesday 09:00 – 19:00 Thursday: Closed Friday 09:00 – 19:00 Saturday: 09:00 – 16:00 Sunday: Closed	Black and White: A4 20p A3 30p Colour :A4 - 50p A3 - £1
Long Stratton Library The Street Long Stratton NR15 2XJ	Monday 11:00 – 19:00 Tuesday 13:00 – 19:00 Wednesday 08:00 – 19:00 Thursday 13:00 – 19:00 Friday 08:00 – 19:00 Saturday 11:00 – 16:00 Sunday 10:00 – 16:00	Black and White: A4 20p A3 30p Colour :A4 - 50p A3 - £1
Norfolk and Norwich Millenium Library The Forum Millenium Plain Norwich NR2 1AW	Monday to Friday 08:00 – 19:00 Saturday 09:00 – 17:00 Sunday 10:30 – 16:30	Black and White: A4 20p A3 30p Colour :A4 - 50p A3 - £1
Poringland Library Overtons Way Poringland Norwich	Monday 14:00 – 19:00 Tuesday 10:00 – 19:00 Wednesday 10:00 – 19:00 Thursday 08:00 – 19:00	Black and White: A4 20p A3 30p

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Sheringham Library New Road Sheringham NR26 8EB	Monday 10:00 – 19:00 Tuesday 10:00 – 19:00 Wednesday 13:00 – 19:00 Thursday 08:00 – 19:00 Friday 13:00 – 19:00 Saturday 11:00 – 16:00 Sunday 10:00 – 16:00	Black and White: A4 20p A3 30p Colour :A4 - 50p A3 - £1
Taverham Library 9 Sandy Lane Taverham Norwich NR8 6JR	Monday 10:30 – 19:00 Tuesday 12:30 – 19:00 Wednesday 08:00 – 19:00 Thursday 10:30 – 19:00 Friday 10:30 – 19:00 Saturday 10:00 – 16:00 Sunday 10:00 – 16:00	Black and White: A4 20p A3 30p Colour :A4 - 50p A3 - £1
Tuckswood Library Robin Hood Road Norwich NR4 6BX	Monday 08:00 – 19:00 Tuesday 11:00 – 19:00 Wednesday 08:00 – 19:00 Thursday 08:00 – 19:00 Friday 11:00 – 19:00 Saturday 10:00 – 16:00 Sunday 10:00 – 16:00	Black and White: A4 20p A3 30p Colour :A4 - 50p A3 - £1
Wells-next-the-Sea Library Station Road Wells-next-the-Sea NR23 1EA	Monday 11:30 – 19:00 Tuesday 08:00 – 19:00 Wednesday 08:00 – 19:00 Thursday 08:00 – 19:00 Friday 08:00 – 19:00 Saturday 08:00 – 16:00 Sunday 10:00 – 16:00	Black and White: A4 20p A3 30p Colour :A4 - 50p A3 - £1
Wymondham Library Back Lane Wymondham NR18 0QB	Monday – Friday 10:00 – 19:00 Saturday – Sunday 10:00 – 16:00	Black and White: A4 20p A3 30p Colour :A4 - 50p A3 - £1
Boston Library County Hall Boston Lincolnshire PE21 6DY	Monday: 09:00 – 17:00 Tuesday: 09:00 – 17:00 Wednesday: 09:00 – 17:00 Thursday: 09:00 – 18:00 Friday: 09:00 – 17:00 Saturday: 09:00 – 16:00 Sunday: Closed	A4 black and white = 10p per copy A3 black and white = 20p per copy A4 colour = 25p A3 colour = 50p

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Mablethorpe Library Stanley Avenue Mablethorpe LN12 1DP	Monday: 09:00 – 17:00 Tuesday: 09:00 – 17:00 Wednesday: 09:00 – 17:00 Thursday: 09:00 – 18:00 Friday: 09:00 – 17:00 Saturday: 09:00 – 13:00 Sunday: Closed	A4 black and white = 10p per copy A3 black and white = 20p per copy A4 colour = 25p A3 colour = 50p
Skegness Library 23 Roman Bank Skegness PE25 2SA	Monday: 09:00 – 17:00 Tuesday: 09:00 – 17:00 Wednesday: 09:00 – 17:00 Thursday: 09:00 – 18:00 Friday: 09:00 – 17:00 Saturday: 09:00 – 13:00 Sunday: Closed	A4 black and white = 10p per copy A3 black and white = 20p per copy A4 colour = 25p A3 colour = 50p
Wainfleet Library Saint John Street Wainfleet Skegness Lincolnshire PE24 4DL	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 14:00 – 16:00 Wednesday: Closed Thursday: Closed Friday: 10:00 – 13:00 Saturday: 10:00 – 13:00 Sunday: Closed	A4 black and white = 10p per copy A3 black and white = 20p per copy A4 colour = 25p A3 colour = 50p

Hard copies of the application documents can also be viewed at the following locations:

Location	Opening Times
North Norfolk Council Offices, Holt Road, Cromer NR27 9EN	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am-5pm. Wednesday 10am-5pm. Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm (Available from 4 January 2023)
Broadland and South Norfolk Council Offices, Thorpe Lodge, 1 Yarmouth Road, Norwich NR7 0DU.	Monday - Friday 8:30am-5pm.

ANNEX H: Information about the Make a submission tab

The [Make a submission](#) tab is available on the [project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website \(project webpage\)](#).

You will need to enter your unique reference number ('Your ref' found at the top your postcard or email from the Planning Inspectorate) beginning either 2003 or SHDE. 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 appropriate Submission item as described in the Examination Timetable at **Annex D** 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 titled appropriately.

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.