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All right. Thank you very much. Welcome back, everybody. The time is now. 1535. Resuming issue specific hearing for agenda item nine. Can it just be confirmed to me that everyone who wants to join back has.

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Yeah, I'm saying not. That's good. Thank you very much. There are no procedural decisions emerging from today's hearing, but I will now go through the action points that have been drawn up. These action points will, of course, form part of the written questions that will follow this hearing. Unless otherwise specified, all the actions are for the applicants and it is expected these are at deadline three unless I hear dissenting voices. So to run through those points, the first is for the applicant to respond to Mr.

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Elder's concerns regarding the potential abandonment of works and the coupling of that to the pre commencement activities. And of course that builds upon yesterday's action to set out those pre commencement activities and what controls there are over the next section is for the applicant to set out clearly the effects on landowners for onshore construction works and that the period is for their effect. It is maximum of six years. The next action is for the applicant to respond to Mr.

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Aldous query regarding whether the CFD process imposes a completion date upon the developer.

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The next action is for the applicant to flesh out the information regarding the scenarios and the figures submitted a procedural deadline. A And the purpose of that is to prove or explain that if SEP and DEP were developed separately but concurrently, would that result in greater impacts than those assessed in the EAS and that specific to the traffic and transport section? And that also would look at how the the works plans and the DCO tied together in that respect.

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The next action is for the applicant to explain the extent to which it was able to contribute to the consideration of alternatives in the Scion or the COIN process and relate that where practicable to one.

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The next action is for the applicant to provide the Psion guidance and a copy of the Energy Minister's statement if they have not already been submitted into the examination.

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The next action is for the applicant to consider where it where it is appropriate to secure a mechanism for applying thermal resistance mitigation measures to prevent soil overheating. Whether that's

something to put in the project environmental management plan or the outline code of construction practice.

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The next action is for North Norfolk District Council, and that's for them to submit to the examination, the evidence they submitted to Norfolk Borough examination with regards to disputing the findings of the bigger report.

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The next action is for the applicant, and that's for the applicant to consider whether a contribution could be made towards tourism studies and research into tourism to assess offshore wind farm impacts on businesses and tourism.

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The next two actions they'll take together. But it's for the applicant to provide further qualitative evidence regarding bed space affordability and also to revisit the bed space availability. Given that some highway schemes may not have been considered in the cumulative assessment.

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The next action is for the applicant to specify the lowest point of the site. The substation site compared to the height of the platform.

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And the last action I have is for the applicant to consider whether indicative conceptual designs, particularly for the materials and the color of the buildings, but also for including matters such as fencing and screening elements, whether they should be developed and submitted to the examination. That completes my record of actions unless anyone else has another action they wanted to raise or any other comments. Mr. Boswell. Julian Bosworth, the applicant I think we said.

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We would consider possible wording relating to an independent design review for a requirement.

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Yes. No, we can.

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We can do that and add that in as a supplementary action. Okay. Unless there were any further queries.

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Not really impossible for the applicant. Sorry. Um, a couple of times the panel have mentioned April the 12th as the date for the next written second written questions, whereas the rule eight letter says April the 14th. Just wanted to check that it's still the 14th as per the rule eight letter.

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I'm just pulled up the Rule eight letter from the exam library and it does say Wednesday, the 12th of April 2023.

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It was pretty. Are successful.

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It's possible that in the row six letter, it was the 14th of April.

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That's okay. Rather have it clarified now than to leave it to later. So. Excellent. Thank you very much for that. In which case I'll hand over to Ms.. Sahai for the rest of the agenda.

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Thank you. I just had one request regarding the draft track changes and the way that they're submitted. Can I. Can I just confirm how you're dealing with the track changes version? So for instance, when you submit a track change version, a deadline three, will it assume that all the changes you've made up to now as given and then only submit the changes from this point on?

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Yes, ma'am. That's what we've been doing for each deadline.

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That's what I thought. And I was just wondering if it might be possible. Um, to actually, for just the track changes document, you submit a clean document, which is fine, but for the track changes document to have all sets of changes and colour coded by version.

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I might be able to highlight some cases where that's been done. So you can see a sample perhaps.

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Laura. Philip. Sorry, ma'am. I didn't hear that last bit that you said about this.

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Might be able to highlight some cases where that's been done so you can see it.

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Yes, that would be helpful. I would just flag that. That is, um, unfortunately, we're finding that to be quite a difficult task in terms of the comparisons and the compatibility between the template and this being a very large DCO and the comparison

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comparison applications that we have available. My colleague who is assisting with that has just informed me that that would likely involve her having to manually produce that document.

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Unfortunately, I believe require you to manually do that.

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Which is

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which is quite a big task if you're asking that for each.

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All of them. Yeah. And and in fact yeah, I think yeah, I think that's what we're requesting.

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Um, and.

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And yes, my understanding is I have, uh, that it does require manual, manual manipulation of all sets and then to color code them so that I can see what changes were made in revision B, C, D and now the next one would be E.

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Laura, just a query there in terms of there are some instances where a change may get made. And then, for example, the I can think of an example that we had for from yesterday with North Norfolk County Council needing to be reinstated back into the

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what we're trying to think and trying to understand from your perspective in terms of a color coding that would have come out and then come back in. So that's a difficult thing to sort of show.

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So what what I would request you to do then is that say it came out at in revision, see, which is color coded blue. So have a have a have a have a strikethrough in that regard and then put it back in in whatever is the iteration that it comes back in. So it's literally every change that is made to the DCO is then highlighted, even if in some cases you're going back on the change made previously. I'm fully aware that this is a big issue, as are a lot of decisions which have deals in them.

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I think my understanding is that

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with Norfolk Boreas, it was done in the towards the middle of the examination and from that point onwards. But I will double check that and get back to you. I also know it was done for a 4 to 8 black cat to Caxton Gibbet, but that's obviously a smaller DCO which doesn't have HTML. So you could have a look at those two examples, but it would help us enormously. I'm fully aware that the schedule of changes does that anyway, but it's it is difficult to have all sets of track changes open in front of you when you're making these year comparisons.

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Laura Philip. My my colleague has recently been working on a different DCO. And what they committed to there was they provided that full track change as the final version and we're and did do it there. Um, so from our perspective, that is something that we have done and, and can achieve it is a big piece of work. I think we are more uncomfortable with the requests to having to be doing it from this point onwards and doing it for each deadline.

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Um, just as you'll appreciate, there's a lot, a lot of material that we do put together for each deadline and it just adds a further, further complication in terms of that. And it's just a very difficult.

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I appreciate that. Um, take it away and think about it. Um, and if you can find an easier way, perhaps speak to other offshore wind farm colleagues who might be able to tell you how they might have done it. Um, can you think about doing it for deadline three and then potentially and that because then that will cover us till the examining authority's proposed schedule of changes to the draft development consent order.

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You're not submitting a revised DCO before then anyway, so Deadline three before we issue the examining Authority's proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO. Deadline three is the last time you will submit a revised DCO, so if you can do it for deadline three and then if we need it again before the close of examination, we will request it.

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Laura. Philip. Yes. Thanks. We'll take that away. Certainly give it consideration and look at how we can achieve that for deadline three. Okay.

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Thank you. So we'll note it as a hearing action. Yeah. Okay. Um.

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Just,

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uh. So that's it with respect to actions. I'm going to move on to job. Any other business. If anybody has any further comments to make before I close this hearing. And I've got Mr. Betts.

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd just like to make the point that the position of individual parish councils and indeed of the Norfolk Parishes movement for an OTN is likely to be substantially different

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and at variance from the views expressed this afternoon by South Norfolk Council and Broadland District Council on a number of topics discussed today, particularly with regard to the ATL bridge construction compound, for example, the visual impact of the substation and the design review. Um, and we may wish to raise points at future hearings.

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Um, that's noted, Mr. Betts. I don't rely on future hearings. Um, this is the most substantial, substantial round of hearings in this examination. We've already finished with one in January and we may have another one in June. Um, so I would suggest that you put that in writing to us. Um, that's no good.

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Additionally, you can respond to written questions as well. So deadline driven questions will go out before deadline three. So and while written questions are addressed to IPS, if you feel that you have a point to make with to a question which is not addressed to you, your your you're well within your rights to comment on those as well.

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Anything further from any other party?

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Okay. I will go ahead and.

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I would go ahead and close this meeting now. The time now is exactly 3:50 p.m. and close. Issue specific hearing for. Thank you very much for your participation today.