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Good morning, everyone, and welcome.

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So can I just confirm that everyone can hear me clearly? Yes. Everyone in the back as well. Thank you very much. Right. Can I also confirm with Mr. Stuart Avis that two live streaming and a recording of this event has not commenced? Yes. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Davis. Okay, so for those people watching the livestream, can I also advise that should we at any point adjourn proceedings this morning? We'll have to stop the livestream in order to give us clear recording files.

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As a result, at the point at which we recommenced meeting and we start to livestream, you'll need to refresh your browser page to view the restarted stream. I will remind you of this again. Should we need to adjourn. It is now 10:00, and it's time for this meeting to be to begin. I would like to welcome you all to this preliminary meeting for an order granting development consent for the Met with Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power facility, an application made by Midwest CHP Limited who we will refer to as the applicant.

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The development proposed comprises the construction operation and maintenance of the energy from waste combined heat and power facility with associated with connection, CHP, connection, water connections, access improvements, and temporary construction compounds.

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Thank you all for attending this meeting. My name is Andre Pinto and I am a charter town planner employed by the Planning Inspectorate, and I have been appointed by the Secretary of State for levelling up housing in communities as a single examining inspector to examine this application. You'll also hear me being referred to as the examining authority. I will be reporting to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy with a recommendation as to whether the development consent order should be made and granted.

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The case manager for this project is Tracy Williams, who you have met walking into this room if you are here in person and today she's being supported by Attila, both Soares and April Coombes virtually.

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We also have Phoebe Challice providing support remotely. If you have any queries about the examination process, please do not hesitate to contact us and we'll try to help you in any way that we can. The contacts of the case team who should be your first port of call can be found at the top of any letter you have received from us or on the project page of the National Infrastructure website.

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I will first of all deal with a few housekeeping matters for those attending in person. So can I ask if you want to please set their phones or audio devices to silent, please during this meeting and also just to inform those that are here in person. The closest toilets, I believe, are outside this room, just through the same door that you have used to gain access to this meeting room and straight on into your left. As far as I understand, there are no fire or emergency evacuation tests planned for today.

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And should the fire alarm sound, please make your way to the nearest fire exit door and make your way downstairs to the right hand side of the building at the fire. If a question simply point is by the lamp post with the wet sign just outside.

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Today's event is a blend of events and it comprises an in-person meeting as well as a virtual event being held on Microsoft teams platform. For those people observing or participating through teams in order to minimize background noise, can you please make sure that you stay muted unless you are speaking? If you are participating virtually and you wish to speak at a relevant point in the proceedings, please use the hands up function. Please be patient as we may not get to you immediately, but we will will invite you to speak at the appropriate time.

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I would also like to remind people that Chet function on Microsoft's team has been deactivated.

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So please don't try to use this at any point. If you don't manage to ask your question or raise your point at the relevant time, there will be another opportunity attempt of the meeting to raise any further questions. And the item seven of this agenda.

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I am planning for us to take a short break at around 11:30. If appears that we need to continue much beyond that point, if this happens, please just remember those who are participating virtually to turn their cameras and microphones off during the break.

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Thank you very much.

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I will make sure that however you have decided to attend today, you'll be given a fair opportunity to participate. I aim to keep the proceedings as focused and as efficient as possible today and to assist us. I issued an XP to my Rule six letter which invited you to this meeting. That annex sets out an introduction to the preliminary meeting process. I trust you have all read this in advance, and I will only be providing a summary now.

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You'll find information about this application on the Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure Planning website. And we would strongly encourage you to familiarize yourself with this website because the examining authority will be using it to communicate with you and to provide access to documents throughout the whole examination process.

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In addition to the livestream, a recording of today's meeting will be made available on demand with Energy from Waste, Combined Heat and Power Facilities section of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as practicable after the meeting has finished.

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With this in mind, please ensure that you speak clearly into a microphone stating your name, who you are representing each time before you speak for those at the table. You can do that by pressing the launch button that you can find on your microphone or on the base of your microphones. And if you are not at a table with a microphone, there are rolling microphones as well. So please wait for one of those to be brought to you so that you can ask your question. And to use that before you speak.

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If you are attending, virtually you don't and you don't want your image to be recorded. You can switch off your camera for those in the room who do not wish to be recorded. There is an area to the back of the room just by where Tracy's desk is, and I would actually encourage you to use that area that is out of camera shot. If you want to ask a question, but you do not wish to be recorded

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because the digital recording that we make, because the digital recordings that we make are retained and published, they form Part D form of public records that can contain any personal your personal information and to which the general Data Protection regulation supply.

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Only the rarest of circumstances. Might we ask you to provide personal information of this type of type that most of us would prefer to keep private or confidential? Therefore, to avoid the need to edit any digital recordings, please try your best not to add any information to the public records that you wish to keep private or that you feel not comfortable to divulge. If you feel that personal information is necessary to illustrate your points, please provide this in a written document that we can redact before publication.

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The planning Inspectorate's practice is to retain and publish recordings for a period of five years from the Secretary of State's decision.

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Additionally a link to the plan. A link to the planning Inspectorate's private notice was provided in my Rule six letter, and I assume that everybody here today has familiarize themselves with these documents in relation to how the personal data of our customers is handled in accordance with the principles set out in data protection laws. Please speak to Tracy Williams if you have any questions about this. An agenda for this meeting was set out in an A of the rule six letter and it would be helpful if you have a hard copy of this in front of you.

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As we begin the meeting. So I will ask not the case team to please display gender on screen.

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I can't see it on the screen in front of me. Is it viewable for everyone? No.

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Check my hands. But this is no lifetime.

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I ask you to bear with us for a moment.

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You should look for.

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Right. Can I ask if there are people in this room that actually do not have the agenda for today's meeting in front of them?

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Is there anyone that does not have the agenda now?

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Can I ask the case manager if we have any copies of the Rule six letter that we could potentially distribute to people that do not have the agenda in front of them, considering that we're having technical problems in sharing this document?

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Right. I will continue then

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and hopefully we'll be able to share the chat on screen shortly.

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You will note.

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The version of the agenda that you have. I am proposing that we actually do a slight change today, and that change will be to address hearings and accompanied site inspections first and then look at draft examination timetable. So this would mean that hearings and accompanied inspections would now be item four of the agenda and then the draft examination timetable would be item five of the agenda. Do we have any objections to us doing this change from anyone in the room? I'm going to start with the applicant.

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No, No, sir. No. Okay. Thank you very much. In that case, I propose that we actually continue on that basis.

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Let me briefly explain to you the purpose of the preliminary meeting then. The purpose of this morning's meeting is to focus on the way in which this application is proposed to be examined. On that basis, I will only be inviting discussions about procedural matters of the examination. The purpose of this examination is not to discuss either the merits or any concerns that you may have regarding the application itself. The merits of consents can only be considered once the examination of the application begins, which will happen following the close of the preliminary meeting.

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Notes are being taken of this meeting and this will be placed on the project page of the National Infrastructure website and deposited at locations listed in Annex II of the Rule six letter as soon as practicable after the close of the preliminary meeting.

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Thank you very much. Um, are there any questions on any of these points from anyone in the room? No, thank you. I have been provided by the case team with a list of those interested parties who have

expressed a wish to be heard today on the items regarding preliminary meeting only. I am going to now ask those of you who are participating in today's meeting to introduce yourselves. When us to organizations name, please could you introduce yourself stating your name and who you are representing and which agenda items you wish to speak on? If you are not representing an organization, please confirm your name.

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Summarize your interest in the application and confirm the agenda item that you wish to speak on as well. And also, I would be grateful if people could also state how they wish to be addressed. Mr.. Mrs. Mes, how they wish to be addressed through the examination. So can I start with the applicant and their advisors, please, first of all. Thank you.

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Good morning, sir. My name is Alexander Booth claims counsel, and I am instructed on behalf of the applicant Med Wirth CHP Ltd.. In the course of today's preliminary meeting, I think I will be speaking potentially also with to my left, Miss Claire Broderick, my instructing solicitor from Pinsent Masons, and to her left, Mr. Paul Carey, Managing Director of the Applicant. I don't anticipate that anyone else from the claimant of the applicant team that will be speaking this morning.

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Right. Okay. I see that you have quite a number of people there, but I'm assuming that you pull them in and introduce them as and if necessary.

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Absolutely.

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Thank you. Right. So I will now turn to my right. So can I start with Cambridgeshire County Council?

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So good morning. My name is Andrew Fraser Urquhart King's counsel. I am representing both Cambridgeshire County Council and Fenland District Council. I anticipate being the only voice you'll hear from our team this morning. Right. But obviously, if I need other officers who I have present, then I'll introduce them at the time and I anticipate we will be contributing possibly briefly, but we will be contributing on all of the agenda items.

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But thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Court.

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And I also believe that.

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Councillor Alexandra Kemp has

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stated and desire to be heard today in the preliminary meeting.

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Do. Do we know if this. Do we know if Council? Xander Camp has joined us online.

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No. Okay. Um, if. If we have, um. If if counsel wishes to join us later online, please ask him to let me know. Thank you. Uh, I also had requests, um, from to participate today from counsel Steven John Tierney. Welcome.

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Yes. Thank you, sir. After some discussion over the weekend. I would prefer not to speak today, but we'll save my comments on the democratic process for tomorrow because I'm going to leave the experts from the county Council and the district council and the town council to speak instead. If that's okay.

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That's absolutely fine. Yes, that's that. That might be probably the recommended way forward in terms of the sort of themes that you're trying to address. So thank you. Thank you for that.

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And it's Virginia back now. Welcome.

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Thank you, Mr. Pinto. I'm here as the campaign coordinator for West Wing. With speech without incineration. And I wish to raise two questions on process. Thank you.

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Could you please confirm what items of the agenda you are particularly interested in participating?

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I'm sorry, I haven't got the number two here. Right. The original process.

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Um. Okay. If we reached, I will be announcing the items as I go through. If you wish to participate, please do let me know as we reach those items. If. If they are not known in advance. Okay. And could I also confirm to you, please, how we'd like to be addressed?

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Okay. I will do my best. This process tends to be a little bit more formal than that. But I would would.

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Mrs. Buckner is.

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Mrs. Buckner would be acceptable. Thank you. Thank you very much for confirming that. Um, I also have, um, United Kingdom without incineration network. I think.

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Yes. Hello, sir. Thank you. Yes, I am Mr. Josh Darwin from UK in the United Kingdom without incineration network. And I would like to be addressing the new item following the committee hearings. Thank you.

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The new item four. So that would be the hearings into the such inspections.

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That is correct, yes.

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Thank you very much.

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I believe we also have a representative from Front and Frozen Limited. Good morning.

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Good morning, sir. Thank you. My name's Neil John. I'm representing Phantom Frozen Ltd, and I'm quite happy to answer to Neil. Mr. Jones and I will be addressing you on the company's site inspection point.

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Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. John. Thank you.

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And I believe that those are all the people that I have been informed in advance that would like to participate in the PM. Does anyone else in the meeting room here present would like to participate in the PM as well?

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I'll take silences. No, thank you very much. Anyone else on the line whose name? I have not called?

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I don't see any hands raised online, so I would take that as a no as well. So on that basis, I propose that we continue then, um.

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So if anybody else decides that they wish to speak during the course of this morning's proceedings,

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for example, to make comments in response to representations made by other parties at specific items, you can may do so, but please raise your hand either physically or using the function with Microsoft, with Microsoft teams if you wish to speak. Are there any of the comments that anyone wishes to make and or attempt? I might on one.

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No, thank you. So that concludes this agenda item. So I will move us on to agenda item two.

Examining Authorities Remarks about the examining process. So as explained in Rule six letter, it is expected that both blended pot in person, in part, virtual and fully virtual events will form part of the planning structure's future operating model. Please also see the link to the planning structures. Advice Note 8.6 Virtual Examination events included in the Rule six Letter.

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Virtual events may offer wider efficiency benefits, including time and cost savings for people and organisations involved in the examination process.

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Hearings and enquiries that the expected carries out. On this basis, virtual only events may be used more broadly throughout examination. I will therefore confirm the anticipated format of any hearings

to be held during the examination. When I provide formal notification for each one of the hearings at least 21 days in advance of it taking place. In Annex B of the Rule six letter, I provided an introduction to the preliminary meeting in the examination process, explaining how it will be conducted and how you can participate.

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For expediency, I'm assuming that everyone has read this and therefore I don't propose to spend time reading it out now. But it is important that you are clear in your understanding of the process. Therefore, if there is anything that you are unclear about and you wish to clarify, then this is your opportunity to ask. So on this, on the basis of the information set out in writing B in remaining of Rule six letter. Are there any questions about the way in which I propose to examine this application? And if you have any specific points to make regarding the draft timetable, please can I ask trace those later on at the agenda and item now? Item five.

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So any questions from the applicant on this point? No. My right? No. Anyone else in the room? Thank you. As we reach the beginning of the examination stage, consideration is being given to the amount of resources needed to carry the examination in the most efficient and effective way, including the composition of the examining authority. Therefore, the constitution of a panel, as opposed to a single appointed person, is being actively contemplated at the moment. I would now like to invite comments on the size of the examining authority from the applicant first.

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If you have any comments in terms of us looking at the size of the examining authority for this process.

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Certainly. I don't think we currently have any observations on that point. I we understood that you were comprising the entirety of the examining authority.

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At the moment. That is the situation. But as I said, we are actively looking at the amount of resources necessary in light of the responses that we have received prior my appointment, and we are exploring that issue.

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I suppose so. At this point, the only point I'd like to clarify would be when you are expecting to resolve that issue, because I suppose in circumstances where an additional member of the EX-AIDE was going to be introduced partway through the examination, potentially following some of the issue specific hearings, and that might be something that we'd need to and I'm sure others potentially might need to consider.

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Yes, absolutely. I'm I'm very aware of that situation and I would be mindful of making any changes further down the line, significantly further down the line that would actually impact examination. So that that would also be one of my considerations.

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Okay. So if I may, then I might I might just reserve our position formally just.

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So I can support things.

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On the point. But at this stage, I have nothing further.

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Absolutely. You can comment at a later date. Thank you. Any comments from.

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Andrew Fraser Records case, Counsel for the County Council in Fenland. I think I would endorse. What Malone Friends has said is that if you are going to expand the team of inspectors to here this examination, that ought to be done as soon as possible. I think it would be

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undesirable to say the least, if you were to hear all of the evidence and materials and the colleague was only to hear part of it. And therefore, if that decision is going to be made, then it ought to be made promptly. And the new inspector was possibly brought up to speed as soon as possible. And clearly, it's a matter for you and your colleagues as to whether or not the volume of material is such that you need additional members of the panel. But if that decision is made, as I say, as soon as possible, we would say.

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Okay, thank you very much.

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Yes. Just thinking when I of three really Well, while we're talking. Mr. Fraser recognised clearly the same mind that there is a little concern and unease about a member of the outside being brought in who hasn't heard evidence. I appreciate that would be a written record of the evidence at any issue specific or open for a hearing, but as a little concern, I think on both sides of the room that a member of the X would be involved who hadn't actually been there to hear it. So insofar as you say that there are there's a significant volume in terms of written representations and so of course we recognise that is the position.

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But I suppose what I would suggest is that.

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A very significant number of those

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relevant representations do actually raise the same issue or same issues. So it's not so much that there is a vast spectrum of issues raised by the relevant rep that it's just there's a large number of relevant reps saying similar things. So we wouldn't, unless you felt it necessary, consider it necessary for the x ray to expand. We would be happy with you yourself considering the position. But of course, as Mr. Fraser says, that's ultimately a matter for you.

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Thank you. Thank you for that point. I would just like to clarify in terms of a specific point, that it's not just an issue of the volume of relevant representations that we have received. It's wider issues than just that specific point. So I would just like to clarify now for everyone in the room and everyone listening that this is this decision would never be considered or will be taken based just on the volume of relevant reps.

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So I would just like to clarify that point, but I think I have taken both points that have been made today. And as I said, this would be a decision that we would, if any, changes I make to which I am not confirming now, that's why I am raising this issue now. If any changes to the examination panel would be made, those changes would have to obviously take at its core the availability of and the impact of any changes in the examining authority, being able to listen and hear all of the evidence that is being

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participated in and actually analysed from today onwards.

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May I just make a further. Sure.

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Absolutely. Thank you, Mr. Walker.

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I say forget forgive us for, as it were, both of us thinking on our feet. But I think we both are a little bit surprised by this suggestion. I just thinking about the process and the current draft timetable, I have to say I'd have some concern that the open floor hearings, which are very soon in the current timetable, would be heard just by yourself and then another inspector or inspectors come on board to strengthen the team.

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The open floor hearings, obviously a very important part of the process. And you'll be aware already of the strong public feeling there is about this matter. And I think we and I hear murmurs of approval from other parts of the room might be a bit concerned about only you hearing that important part of the process. And I wonder if if and I hate to say this at this stage, if it be the case that the possibility of new inspectors coming on is actually real, then you might have to give some consideration to the timetable.

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Yes, it is. Whether or not the open floor hearings or properly to proceed in the next couple of days if a new inspector is going to come on board. I just put that.

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Thank you. Thank you for that point, Mr. Quotes. There are recordings, as have been mentioned. So there are ways that we could actually go around that specific issue. But I feel that I actually got enough information now from both positions that have been explained now to actually consider that as part of the decision making process. So I would just like to actually open this discussion, this specific point to anyone else in the room that might want to comment on this.

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I see two hands. I believe.

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Ms.. Buckner, I if you would like to start, because you have already introduced yourself.

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Thank you. I was going to raise this probably in item seven, but as it's been raised now, because there has been so many people raising issues.

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One of the big concerns is that with regard to consultation and this is relevant at this time in that we have over a third 30% of the Wisbech population who have been excluded from any information because their first language is not English.

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Ms. Bucknall I've, I've, I've, I'm familiar with your written submission on this point, which I believe you submitted as a response to deadline. A So I am familiar with that point. I, I feel that that specific issue is something that does not really relate directly to what we are discussing in this point in time. But I would just like to assure you that I have reviewed your response to DEADLINE, so I am actually aware of that situation. But I would urge you to please raise that issue as part of the open floor hearing, which I think might be the most appropriate forum, if that will be acceptable.

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Thank you. And there was one more hand in the room, and the gentleman asked.

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If you would like to. Yes. If you would like to take a seat in, please introduce yourself

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and make a submission.

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Thank you. Yes, I'm Councillor Michael Woolly. I was looking to speak at the

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open floor session and the issue specific hearings tomorrow. However, I attended a public examination ten years ago with regard to the settled by Kingsland Waste Incinerator and we were concerned that the inspector was overwhelmed by the technical information that was presented to her. So I would if you feel that you need a second inspector to assist with the technicalities of this examination, I would prefer you to consider that at the earliest opportunity as well.

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I think this will get very technical. Thank you.

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Thank you. Thank you. Castle dwelling. Right. I if there was no other comments to make on this specific point in the room, I would propose that that we move on to the next topic.

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Thank you.

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I now would like to move on to item three of the agenda.

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Initial assessment of principal issues, which is an ex C of the rule six letter.

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For this item it would be useful, as I mentioned, that you have an exit of the rule six letter in front of you and case team will now hopefully be able to display a condensed version of the initial assessment of principal issues on the screens for us.

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Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Bosses. This list provides an initial framework of the issues for the examining going for the examination. Going forward, though it does not preclude us from amending the list by removing or adding to the issues at a later stage in the process. I have nothing further to add at this stage and have had no requests to speak at this specific item of the agenda. Nevertheless, it might be that individuals. Wish to comment on either.

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Excuse me on either broad headings or the individual matters proposed and the principal issues. With that in mind, I will now invite any comments in relation to the initial assessment of principal issues. And as previously mentioned, please remember to introduce yourself and confirm your name and organization that you are representing. If any,

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anyone in the room would like to comment on this specific issue.

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Applicant I'm Alexander Booth for the Applicant No, as far as the applicant is concerned, this is a very comprehensive list and we don't see that there is anything missing from it.

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Thank you. Mr. Court.

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No, sir. I don't have any specific comments to make.

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Thank you. Thank you very much.

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Sorry. Can I have. Forgive me for correcting you. I know that sounds awfully pompous. It's Fraser Burkhardt.

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Oh, apologies.

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No, no. Scottish Origin.

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I shall. I shall. Endeavour. Fraser. Urquhart.

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Fraser. ERCOT.

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Urquhart. Okay. I shall. I shall Endeavour. My best, please. My apologies.

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I understand entirely by no means the first.

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Thank you. Anyone else from the room?

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Okay. Anyone virtually that would like to comment on this topic?

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No hands are being raised right.

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I am mindful that, as I said before, we were aiming to have a break at around 11:30. So keep that in mind as well, but let's just continue for a while longer. I think the next two items are going to be quite significant now. So I will move us to a two agenda item, full hearings and accompanied site inspections. So in addition to hearings this week, we have also reserved the 12th of April for an issue specific hearing.

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Number two, the 13th of April for compulsory acquisitions hearings and dates into week commencing 22nd for further issue specific hearings when the 10th of May and week commencing 26th of June, have also been reserved for additional hearings, including compulsory acquisition hearings if required. You'll be aware from the format of this week's events that the examining authorities are now able to hold meetings as blended events as it is the case today. These include in-person meetings with other parties being able to attend virtually.

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It's our intention to hold some of these proposed future hearings in this manner, where appropriate and where appropriate and where wider efficient benefits can be gained. Virtual only hearings as well. Details in relation to the procedures associated with virtual hearings and how you can get involved can be found in advice. Note 8.6 Virtual examination events as I have mentioned to you all before.

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As mentioned in item two, I will confirm the distributed format of any hearings to be held during the examination stage within 21 days of a farce.

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In terms of the proposed hearings, are there any comments that anyone would wish to make on this specific points as well?

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No.

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Sir. Alexander Booth on behalf of the applicant. Just to confirm, sir, that we responded in writing on the 9th of February. Yes. I just wanted to check that you've received that letter and the representations we make that speak for themselves. I wasn't proposing to read them to the examination, but just to check that you did you?

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I believe that you are referring to the draft comment submitted on the draft timetable.

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Yes, but it's insofar as those comments related to the dates of hearings, because some of them did relate to the hearings, which is what.

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Yes, I propose I propose we actually address that issue on the next item.

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Okay.

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Thank you.

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Anyone else? No. Okay. Thank you very much. One line.

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Yes.

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Yes. Now you're doing it from UK win. So there's kind of two related issues. One is that we would not be able to participate if we had to participate in person. So you came in Strong preference would be that there is always a virtual option in relation to events over there as we went as a blended events or online only events. Obviously, for some events we appreciate that it's important to have meetings in the room for people to be able to attend. You aren't used to doing things online in relation to the earlier matter, in relation to the side, to the examining authority.

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I think I put my hand up. I don't know. For whatever reason it didn't seem too concrete to you in relation to that. I think we very much the perspective of Councillor Doualy that we, we've seen inquiries in relation to incinerators and we personally UK has been involved in various and steps and it can get very technically complicated in relation to some of the concerns raised in relevant issues. And so we are very much advocate for if there is, if there is a desire to ensure that a matter is dealt with as thoroughly as possible, to ensure that all the matters are properly considered, that if there needs to be an expansion of the governing authority, then that should be a priority.

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And I think I find that the recordings are quite comprehensive and easy to follow in relation to being able to watch events, even if ideally we would like to see an examining authority be present in person.

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Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Darwin. On on on that point, in terms of the.

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Composition of the examining authority, whatever the composition is, will always endeavour and will always make sure that we actually examine the issues thoroughly. So that will always be the case, whatever the size of the examining authority will be. But I take your point on this specific item in terms of hearings. I am always wanting to at least have a factual component. So I appreciate that point. Thank you very much, Mr.

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Thank you much.

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Are there any comments that people wish to raise on this specific issue? Anyone else online?

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No. In that case, I'm going to turn this on to accompanied such inspections then

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I have already taken and accompanied such inspection from publicly accessible, public, publicly accessible, and on the 23rd of November 2022. The inspection was principally undertaken in order to view the application site and surrounding area from publicly accessible lens, including highways and public rights of way by car and on foot. The notes of this inspection are available to view on the project page of the national infrastructure websites and to have the examining library reference number EV 001 and accompanied such inspection is provisionally scheduled in the draft timetable for first ideal month of May 2023.

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The final itinerary will be published at least five working days in advance of the event taking place. Provisionally scheduled for Friday the 28th of April 2023 and will include information regarding deadline for confirmation from interested parties of the desire to attend and accompany such inspection. Accompanied such inspections 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.

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The purpose of an accompanying site inspection is familiarisation only, and no discussion of the merits of the proposed development will be entertained during an accompanied such inspection. I have received at headline a suggested locations for a company to enter and accompanied such inspections from the applicant Cambridgeshire County Council, Norfolk County Council and MES, which means Virginia Park noise well, which I will now give an opportunity to comment on. But before I do. It should be noted that submissions mandated I do not preclude any further requests for site visits during the examination.

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It may be that after you've had the opportunity to review what has been said at hearings and any additional documents, interested parties may wish to suggest other or further prospective locations for site inspections during the examination. However, this should be a very good reason for us to do so. It may be that the examining authority also does decide to carry out further and accompanied site inspections at any point during the examination with any notice of such inspections to be placed on a project page of National Infrastructure website.

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I do. As I mentioned, I do know that we have received some comments on this at deadline A from the applicant, so I would turn to Mr. Booth if you would like to comment.

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Alexander Bate On behalf of the applicant. So it was not really just to just to indicate and confirm, rather, that on the 9th of February, I believe we provided you with a draft itinerary for the site inspection. As per the rule six letter. But as you say, it's open to anyone participating in this examination to suggest additional vantage points that should be visited for the purposes of assisting you in the course of your deliberations.

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So, no, sir, I can confirm that we provided we provided you with a draft, but I don't think I have anything further to say.

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Okay. Thank thank you very much for that, Mr. Booth.

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Um, I. I think. I think so. It apologies. You're going to have to correct me again in terms of how to pronounce your name.

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Fraser.

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Fraser. I could thank you, Mr. Fraser. Okay. If you would like to comment, please.

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Again, I would simply echo what my learned friend has said, that in fact we on the 8th of February provided you with a suggested list and I'm sure you'll integrate those suggestions into your final decision.

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Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Fraser. I could.

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Anyone. Ms.. Ms.. Buckner I believe that you also responded on this issue. Would you like to comment?

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Really quite moving neighborliness here. But all the places that the applicant is proposing to accept contracts from the 200 mile radius of this beach and it's necessary for the inspector. This is one of those of a residents which you have to be focus, focus, because you need to visit that to realize the issues that you see of any lorries coming from that route.

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Can I just add if Mrs. Button actually had her microphone on, just just to say, and for the purposes of ensuring that what you say gets on the tape, so to speak, it's important to have that microphone.

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If you would like to continue, Mrs. please.

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I was saying that as the applicants desire to have a 200 mile radius of contracts to support their proposed incinerator, then that obviously would look to the. A left No. One from Freedom Bridge, which is immediately by this house taking a route into Lincolnshire. And I don't believe the inspectorate went and visited that area. And I believe that was included in the County Council's proposals as well.

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And I would urge that that is included in your visits.

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Thank you, Mr. Buckner. Mrs. Buckner. We also received some suggestions from Norfolk County Council. Can I ask if we have anyone in a representative that would like to speak on this? Yes, please.

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Yes, of course.

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Ralph Cox, Norfolk County Council. Nothing further to add beyond the suggested sites I referred to in the letter of the 8th of February.

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Thank you very much, Mr. Cox.

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Yes.

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Could you do Ashworth from the representing the Borough Council of Kingston and West Norfolk? I understand we, the council that I put in a suggested site visit and the Walpole's area. What was mentioned when you talked about you received representations and apologies?

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I will.

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I will, Claire. I will check that situation. But if you'd like to actually talk us through your submission and the reasons why you believe that an accompanied site visit would be required to that specific site, please.

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Yeah. Again it's the areas on the edge of of Wisbech so be the landscape reasons but maybe it'll help if I if we reason the email to your colleague that would that help.

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I would just double check if we have received that email. Just bear with me. Could you confirm if it was part of your submission to Procedural DEADLINE A?

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I think it was still a change in my colleagues sense, but I'm pretty sure it would have been we sent our representations of in time.

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Could I ask could ask Mr. Bosses or Miss Tracy Williams to actually check if we have received that information, Please and let me know before we close to meeting. Thank you.

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Said Alexander. For the applicant, There's one further matter that we have been considering on this side of the room, which is that, as you'll be aware, the applicant, or rather the applicant group of companies operate a number of facilities both here and abroad. And we were we thought it appropriate to invite you to undertake a site visit to another of our facilities, which is an existing operational facility in Plymouth set.

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I don't anticipate that you would look to take any decision about that now. But we would like to ask you to consider whether or not you would be prepared to come and visit our existing operational facility and to arrange for an accompanied site visit to that facility so that any other participating member in this examination or body who wish to be represented at that site visit could accompany you to visits at that facility. So so that is the existing facility in Plymouth.

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And as I say, I don't anticipate that you would reach any decision on that now. But if you'd like to take that away and we can provide details of the facility and how we anticipate the accompanying site visit site inspection might be undertaken subsequent to disciplinary meeting.

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I thank you for that, Mr.. Both. If you could actually put that information in writing is submitted as part of the outline, one that would be greatly appreciated.

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Thank you, sir.

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So. Andrew Fraser Okay. So I'm going to cancel.

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Yes.

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I'm going to abbreviate that just to Cambridge, if I may.

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Yes, of.

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Course. That is clearly understood by everyone. I'm also acting for for Finland,

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the suggestion of visiting another facility is clearly a sensible one, but it might be helpful for the applicants just to demonstrate that it is the facility of theirs because a number were mentioned which would most closely resemble what is proposed here. Saying something which is different in nature from what's proposed is less helpful, I think, than saying something which is as close as possible to what is proposed here.

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Thank you. Mr. Walcott. That that that is actually a very helpful comment. Thank you. I would let the applicant reply to this specific comic now, please.

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Yes. And then friend makes a very valid point. And what we'll look to do when we provide you with the details of that facility, not simply the details of the proposed accompanied site inspection to the facility at Plymouth would be to explain in short form at least the similarities between that facility and what we propose at this examination. But recognizing that there are some distinguishing features, for example, in terms of scale, this proposal is a larger facility

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at this facility is a larger facility to that in Plymouth. But we consider that it would certainly be representative of and would assist you, sir, to understand what it is that we propose to bring forward as part of this development.

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Thank you. Thank you for those comments, Mr. Booth.

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Yes.

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Thank you.

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With regard to the issue raised about the wall polls, that's quite significant and important for you to visit, because that's where the electrical substation is. And I believe the applicant has already suggested in the details of a DCO in that area. So it is particularly significant and vital that you you I would strongly recommend that you visit to.

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Thank you for that for that suggestion. Mrs. Buckner. I believe that that specific site that you have mentioned has actually been mentioned in many submissions that we have received in terms of site visits. So that will definitely be considered very carefully in terms of what type of site visit will be required.

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And yes, if I'm going to ask if anyone else in the room would like to comment on this specific point and to introduce themselves first, please. Thank you.

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Councillor Steve Tierney, representing the people have met with Ward and Wisbech West Wider. I'm sorry, I know I said I was going to comment, but I had to raise this issue in regards to the visit to another one of the sites to see how that is working. You wouldn't visit a country line to see how a motorway was going to affect the town. The size differential is ridiculous. But thank you.

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I thank you for that comment as well. I believe, as I have said, I actually asked the applicant to make a submission for that line one on those specific issues, which I'm expecting to have a detailed justification of why these reasons, they believe that actually examining a party needs to go and visit the site. And we will obviously give opportunity for people to comment on that specific submission. So that dose, that opportunity to look at that and then provide appropriate comments will will be given.

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Anyone else in the room that would. Yes. So I have to my right please. Thank you.

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Thank you, sir. Neil. John Fountain. Frozen. Limited.

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Obviously my client is grateful for the unaccompanied site visit you undertook. And in my reply to DEADLINE one, I suggested that my client would welcome an accompanying site visit to their premises, their own salsas. Why? And if I understand them correctly, and I'm not a cartographer, but

the reception is is fairly close to the back of my client's food preparation factory, which wouldn't be visible from the public road you've you've used.

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And to get a true view of what the proposed development would result in.

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I believe that the reception area was mentioned in your submission, if that's the case.

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Yeah. The reception for the proposed development is behind my client's factory, which wouldn't be visible to see where it is in relation to the factory from from the road. Now I can only speak for Fountain Frozen Limited. I'm sure many of the other local businesses would would welcome a similar site inspection.

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Thank you for that, Mr. John. Thank you. Thank you for that. May I ask you as well as asked the applicant to actually submit a detailed submission of the reasons for that for that line one, please. Thank you very much. Yes, the gentleman with the blue tie. Thank you.

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I'll introduce myself and Councillor Peter, human Leader and Wisbech town council and currently Deputy Mayor. I'd like to endorse the comments made by Mrs. Bucknor and by Councillor Tierney. The traffic system around here is dire. Going to another incinerator will prove nothing.

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I suggest apologies. Apologies, Councillor.

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Human Apology.

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Apologies. Councillor. Human.

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I would just like. I respect what you're saying, sir, and I'll switch the microphone off.

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Apologies, Councillor Human. I understand that and I appreciate your your situation and approving and putting weight on the submission that has actually been made. But as I said, I think that's the appropriate way to deal with this issue will be for us to see the deadline one submission from the applicants and then provide other people a comment, an opportunity to actually comment on that. So for the sake of expediency, I propose that actually if unless anyone else has any other sites that has not been mentioned so far that would like to that would like to put forward for examination, I propose that we actually close this item.

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So do I have any of the sites? Thank you, sir. Thank you. Council Human.

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No.

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Thank you very much. So I propose then. That we actually move on to. Agenda Item five Draft Examination Timetable.

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For this item. It would be useful if you have an SD of the rule six letter in front of you, and the case team will now display a condensed version of the draft timetable and screen as well. Thank you

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again. In the interest of brevity, I don't propose reading this out fully now, but I will highlight some key points.

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And he sets out the draft examination timetable for the next six months from date until completion on Monday, the 31st of August 2023. It includes the draft dates for hearings and deadlines for submission.

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Of written documents. It also includes dates for the examining authority to issue documents such as the Rule eight letter, our first set of written questions, the final itinerary for company satisfactions, our proposed schedule of change to the draft DCO and report on implications for European sites. Please note that the time for submission of each one on each one of the dates included is 2359. One minute to midnight. As you'll see from the draft timetable, there are eight proposed deadlines where the examining authority requires information to be submitted.

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In the interests of brevity, I don't intend to go through the draft timetable in its entirety, but I will highlight some key points.

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Following the start of the examination, the examining authorities proposing to hold an issue specific hearing tomorrow at 10 a.m.. This hearing will consider the scope of the proposed development. The applicants intentions for the land included within the order limits and alternatives considered an agenda for this meeting has been issued with Rule six letter in Annex F. The first issue specific hearing will then be followed by two open floor hearings, one on Wednesday, 22nd of February at 6 p.m.

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and another one on Thursday, 23rd of February at 10 a.m.. This is proposed in order to increase opportunities for all those who wish to participate to do so. An open floor hearing is an opportunity for individuals and community groups to put their views forward verbally to the examining authority. An agenda for these meetings has been issued with Rule six letter in an exchange which explains that all submissions should be based on representations previously made in writing and not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission.

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But where to provide further detail. An explanation to help an informed examining authority in its task as detailed in the timetable as soon as possible after this week's hearings. We will issue our Rule eight letter which finalizes the timetable. At the same time, we will also issue our first set of written questions.

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We can also, if considered necessary at any point during the examination issue, a specific request for information from named parties. This is known as a Rule 17 letter. I have received requests to speak

on this specific item from the applicant, so I would actually like to open the discussion on this point first with the applicant, but I would like to stress that I am conscious that it is a very tight timetable in places, but please note that we have tried to avoid hearings during any of the main school holidays.

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So I have obviously reviewed your submission for procedural deadline. A But can I ask you to explain briefly the point, the points that you have made in relation to the examining timetable? Mr.. Both, Please.

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Certainly, Sir. ALEXANDER. On behalf of the applicant, yes. DEADLINE Eh? On the 9th of February, we provided representations in relation to the draft timetable. We just made a short number of points. The first point we made was that we noted that both issue specific hearing two and also the compulsory acquisition hearings, or at least the first two of them were proposed in the week immediately following Easter. That is to say the Wednesday, the 12th and Thursday the 13th of April.

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And we anticipated that that might not be convenient for some parties participating in the inquiry. We're not formally asking that you move them. It's really a question for you, sir, and the position that others at the examination sorry, may take, but we flagged that as being potentially an issue.

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FRANK. Thank you. Mr.. BOTH. Mr.. Posters, Can I just ask us to perhaps move the agenda on to screen to the dates and the items that Mr. Mr. Bush has mentioned, which I believe are around the eight April May So item 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20?

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No, no, no, no. It's in fact, actually, it's item nine on the draw. Apologies. It's not the May hearings. It's the April hearings, that is to say, issue specific hearing to on Wednesday, the 12th of April. And that's, I think immediately following

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the Easter was the bank holiday Monday, Easter, Monday. We anticipated that that might not be convenient for parties participating in the examination. So we flagged that as the first of our concerns that the Wednesday the 12th and the Thursday the 13th, which is it's items ten and 11.

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Okay. Thank you for that.

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I mean, I've. I can run through, get a point, but I don't know if you wanted to just deal with that one briefly or invite views from the room.

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Yes, I will. I will sort of ask for views from the room on that, on that on those specific dates. So, Mr. Fraser, what can I ask you to comment, please?

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Yes, sir. It's it's always difficult to avoid these sessions becoming a sort of consideration of one's own one one's own diary. And certainly, I know for my part that if the

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the April hearings, nine, eight, not sorry, nine, ten and 11, if they're moved, say, moved back by week, that will give me difficulty. Now, that's something of an overriding consideration. But the timetable has been published in draft and it's usually adhered to and it's relied on from a fairly early stage. Now, that said, it's unlikely that my authorities will have much to say about compulsory acquisition. But I think we would wish to be able to participate on the draft rather than consent order session Item nine.

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So with apologies for this being somewhat the personal submission, nevertheless, that's an observation I make so that you are aware of the position.

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Thank you, Mr. Fraser. We'll cut anyone else from the room that would like to comment on this specific point.

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No. Can I ask if there is anyone online that would like to comment on this specific point as well?

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I don't see any hands up, so I'm assuming that that's a no. If I could then turn to Mr. Boswell to actually finish its comments in relation to the timetable. I believe there are some further dates that you would like to explore.

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Sir? Yes. Alexandra Booth For the applicant. Our next position or representation rather,

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was in relation to deadline four,

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and we note that deadline for which is Wednesday the 31st of May falls three working days after the end of issue specific hearings, three, four and five, which are held in the week of beginning Tuesday, the 23rd of May and after a bank holiday weekend. And we ask that you reconsider the timing of issue specific hearings 3 to 5 or else deadline for because there's going to be quite a lot happening at that point.

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Otherwise, in terms of preparing post hearing submissions and also participating

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well complying with the deadline and participating with the review and discharging the requirements of the issue specific hearings. So yes, the deadline for and is two, three, four and five

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for the purposes of the examination screen. That is for 17, 17.

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17, 18, 19 and 20.

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Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Smith. Mr. Frazier, if I can ask you to comment, please.

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Yes, I can see some force to friends point in that the the writing um in particular of the oral cases on what will be I suspect, the main body of representations you're going to hear about environmental issues in that sort of timescale will be quite a burden to all parties. I suspect.

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For what it's worth, my inclination would be that one perhaps ought to move deadline for back rather than seeking to alter the dates of the hearings themselves with. That's purely an off the cuff observation, but that's how I would see it.

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Thank you. Thank you for that. May I ask if your suggestion to do that is based on the needs? If you could just confirm, which I believe is the point that you were making, it is based on sort of the number of days between the last issue specific hearing and deadline for. So just provide a little bit more space in that part of the timetable.

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Precisely.

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That's yeah.

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Thank you. The the process of writing up the submissions, which tends to consist of gathering together in a single coherent document,

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thoughts and ideas and evidence that's come out over the course of a discursive day can be quite burdensome, and some additional time, I think, would be welcomed.

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Yes, It's that it's the point that Mr. Fraser makes about those three days being potentially the most substantive that you have in terms of issue specific here, and certainly not only in terms of what we and I'm sure Mr. Fraser client wish to say, but also members of the public participating. There's potentially going to be quite a lot to write up.

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Thank you for that submission. Mr.. Both. And I would also like to invite any comments from Norfolk perhaps.

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But you said don't have any substantive comments to make on the timetable.

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No further comments. Okay. Thank you very much, Woods. Mr. Stewart Ashworth would like to comment as well on this point.

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No, no, no comment on that.

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Anyone else would like to comment on this point from the room?

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Now, anyone online would like to make any further comments on this specific item of the proposed timetable, which will be the dates around. Item 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 and particularly enforcing deadline for.

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No. Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you for those comments. I will take those submissions into consideration. And obviously before we published a Rule eight letter, the timetable will then be confirmed, but I will take those pointed to consideration.

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Is there anything else that anyone would like to add in relation to this timetable?

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So, yes, there were a couple of further points that we had raised in our letter. And the first of those does actually relate to one of those issues, specific hearings, the one on the 23rd of May. And what we've informed the examining authority of is that I myself will not be available on Tuesday by the 23rd of May because I've got a pre-existing commitment. That's a matter for the applicant. I shall not be here and Mr. Brodrick will be leading the team on that occasion. But in circumstances where I am not able to participate, what we've sought to do is seek to agree

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with the examining authority. So the topics that are going to be considered on that day, because there are certain matters that my assistance would be necessary for and there are other matters where my participation is more easily put aside, where I have less value, so to speak. So we're looking to

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request, as we say in a letter, that the agenda for the environmental matters to be to be dealt with on to any further may be discussed with us in advance.

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Thank you for that. Mr.. Both and I have read your written submission on that specific point. And as I have mentioned, agenda for any meetings will be published 21 days in advance. So it will give you notice of the meetings that are proposed to be discussed on each one of those meetings.

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Would anyone else like to comment on this specific point?

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No. Okay. Anyone online?

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Any further points on the timetable, please.

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Well, again, sir, I hesitate to bring up matters that you clearly read, because I know you've read our submission. But.

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The penultimate point that we raised related to the publication of your commentary on the draft DCO on the schedule of changes to the DCO, and that is currently due to be

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published. It's item 14 in the draft timetable.

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It did not change.

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Overnight for May, that being before issue specific hearings three, four and five, the ones we've just been talking about and what we suggested, given that there may well be a number of changes proposed to the DCO following those specific hearings is that we respectfully suggest it might be more appropriate for your commentary on or that suggested or the schedule of changes to that draft ECA be published after deadline four or five instead of deadline instead of the 9th of May?

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Yes, that's that's a very helpful suggestion. Thank you, Mr.. Both. Would anyone like to comment on this specific point?

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Cambridgeshire.

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Some say that that does seem very sensible because otherwise it'll just be duplication of work.

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Thank you.

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Anyone else would like to comment on this point? No, thank you, Vernon, very much. Anyone online?

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Okay. Any further comments that anyone would like to make on timetable? Mr..

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Both may again, I me again, if the last point of our letter, which is to say that on the 12th of April and we don't have this room, so on all other dates for issue specific hearings or open floor hearings or compulsory acquisition hearings, I believe we have this room available, but this room is booked by others on that date. So what we've done is to book the Lady Alice Lampton room in this building on the 12th of April.

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But you, sir, would need to satisfy yourself that you consider that room as being suitable, because if you don't consider that alternative accommodation as being suitable, then we'll need to look elsewhere. Find somewhere else to go for the 12th of April.

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That's very useful. Can I suggest that perhaps the applicant liaises with the case team to research that situation fully and then we can make a more informed decision in terms of the suitability of the venue?

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Certainly, sir. Thank you.

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Thank you. Would anyone else like to make any further comments on the timetable?

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And you went online.

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I don't see any hands raised. So with that in mind, then I propose that we move forward from this specific item.

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Before we do, I would just like to take two quick points. Additionally, all parties should be aware that at any time after the last deadline or events that are scheduled out in the timetable, we may decide under section 1999 of the ACT, that examination is complete. This may be before the end of the six month period, which is a statutory period for the completion of the examination. In any case, when the examining authority has completed its examination of the application, it must inform each of the interested parties.

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I wanted to take the opportunity to also highlight the importance of ensuring that information is submitted in accordance with the set deadlines. Whilst the examining authority does have the ability to accept late submissions into the examination. This is at the discretion of the examining authority and should only be done in exceptional circumstances as light submissions restrict the ability of other parties involved in the examination to respond to the information and therefore jeopardise the examination, timetable and process. The same applies for information submitted in advance of the respective deadline or information being submitted outside of the prescribed deadlines.

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Before I move on to the next item, can I check if there is anything else that anyone would like to add on this specific point?

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Okay, I will. I take sunsets now, so move us on to the next item. Item six, Procedural decisions.

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So we now turn to item six of the agenda procedural decisions. I now ask you to turn your attention to Annex H of the Rule eight letter where you will note the examining authority has made a number of procedural decisions on following matters the setting of deadlines for submission of statements of common ground and local impact reports. Submission from interested parties of suggested locations for a company site inspection, including justification for the consideration of the examining authority for the nominations.

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The examining authorities request for responses to all of the relevant representations received by deadline one. The request of A to the applicant to provide a compulsory acquisition schedule. The request to the applicant to provide an updated application Document Tracker. And a national policy statement tracker at each deadline. And the acceptance of additional submissions from the applicant and other persons, including Section 51. I would anyone like to make any comments or observations on this specific point.

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Procedural decisions next are not from the applicant time.

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Cambridgeshire County Council.

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Sir.

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Thank you. Norfolk County Council.

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No, sir. No.

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Thank you very much. Anyone else from the room that would like to comment on this issue?

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Anyone online.

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Okay. Thank you very much. Then I don't see any hands raised, so I'll move on to agenda item seven. Any other business, Item seven of the agenda? Any other business? I have no further matters notified to me from people that wish to rise and this item or myself. But I would like to ask if there are any other relevant items that anyone wishes to revise at this point.

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No, sir. Not for the applicant.

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Cambridgeshire County Council?

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No. From us, sir. Thank you.

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No. No, I'm not.

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From Norfolk County calculator, sir.

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Anyone else in the room.

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Ms.. Buckner.

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Thank you, sir. I would just like to make an observation regarding the timetable which is currently rolling on now, but I do wish to raise that

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in the early stages. When the applicant first made this submission, they decided to make it during a general election and during a Christmas period. They then decided to have their consultation with residents during a worldwide pandemic where people were advised not to meet in groups. But they they decided through their legal team that that still would be acceptable because it's educational.

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And and I appreciate that you now have a timetable that is working to now.

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Yet the question that I have asked I apologize for for interrupting. The question that I have asked, it's linked with the timetable is it is set for the examination. The point that you have made obviously linked to a timetable, but it's not the timetable that I have actually set for the examination. I would ask you again to perhaps submit that point on the open floor hearing. I think that that would be the most appropriate forum. If you still like to make a comment on that specific issue.

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I do appreciate.

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That. Thank you.

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It's it's the primary concern that residents have not had a voice in this in an opportunity and perhaps some will in the open forum, but some people would not be confident at that time.

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A big thank you, Mr. Bagnall. I understand that you have signed up to attend open floor hearing. Therefore, I would urge you to please make the point that you are making now. But on the open floor, hearing, that would be the most appropriate forum where we can actually have a substantive discussion about that. Thank you.

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Any other points?

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Any other issues. Okay.

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Online. Is there anyone online that would like to raise any of the matters starkly? I do not see any hands raised. So in that case, I would like to say thank you to everyone for contributing so usefully to the meeting this morning, including those people who attended virtually. Very much looking forward to commencing the examination of this application. May I remind you that both the notes of individual recording of the proceedings today will be made available as soon as practicable on the Project page of National Infrastructure website.

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May I remind you that we have an issue specific hearing on scope of the proposed development here at 10 a.m. tomorrow, followed by an open floor hearing at 6 p.m. and then another open floor hearing the following day, Thursday, the 23rd of February at 10 a.m.. I am mindful that we had one specific issue that was hanging, which I believe was Mr. Ashworth's submission regarding the confirmation of of the reception of that. I would just like to ask the case team if we have any further information on that.

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I don't have confirmation of that from the case team. So I would please ask Mr. Ashworth if it is possible for four on your deadline one submissions. If you are thinking about making any further submissions to resubmit that that that piece of information. And if you are not, if you are not thinking

about making a further submission, just submit a piece of information again, please, on deadline one, which would be on the 10th of March if that's possible.

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Thank you very much. I don't think that we have any items left standing now, but no. Yes.

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So I appreciate to advance the clarification on when you the panel sorry. I'd appreciate your clarification to advise when people can speak and how I believe the secretary of state for health is already here at the moment. But and no doubt you will advise him or he'll advise you what time he can speak.

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But obviously, many people who've notified you, who do want to speak do not know whether they should come to the evening one or the afternoon one or just turn up and they may have a chance. So if you could explain that process, that that will.

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Certainly, certainly. Mrs. BUCHAN Thank you for that comment. As I have mentioned, this, the process is actually explained in set out legally in the Rule six letter. But I would just clarify some of the points here now with the hope that that will clarify some of the information for you. The purpose of the preliminary meeting, this meeting that we are in is to actually discuss the process through which the seven proposal will be the proposal will be examined, and it is a procedural meeting.

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So we are only discussing the process through which we are going to do that. There are two opportunities, as you have mentioned before, orally as well. Now there are two two opportunities for any person that has registered an interest in this specific application to come in and speak to the examining authority and delves out, invites any issues that they might have. And those are the open floor hearings to open floor hearings was scheduled at different times.

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Exactly. To allow participation from the widest group of the community that we possibly could have within the constraints of the timetable. Hence, why one of those open floor meetings is scheduled for 6 p.m. in the afternoon. For those people that might not be able to so easily or readily attend meetings during during the day and there will be another one at 10 a.m. as well to provide another opportunity for people that might not want to attend a meeting in the evening.

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So those two meetings were actually scheduled as part of the process. I would also like to highlight that it. Those are the key opportunities on any N.C. project for members of the community to come forward and put their views across issue specific hearings, which are the hearings that are going to follow, and also hearings on a development consent order or see a compulsory acquisition in hearings tend to be more technical.

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Nevertheless, the open floor hearings are that at the beginning of the examination. Exactly. To give people an opportunity to put any point across that they might wish in an open manner. And two different opportunities have actually been scheduled and programmed into examination process to allow local communities to do that and interested parties to do that. Thank you.

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Are there any further comments that people would like to make on this specific issue?

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So the time is now. 11.

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Yes. One further comment.

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I think I the question about when people speak and tell them all.

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Our apologies so that the question in terms of the open floor hearings, when it will be at the first open floor hearing will be Wednesday, the 22nd of February 6 p.m.. The second one will be Thursday, 23rd of February 10 a.m. And it is customary to give people around 5 minutes to actually expose the case.

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Does that answer your your clarification? Yes.

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Okay. Hold on.

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So the process is we have set out with rule six letter. We have set out a request with a questionnaire for people to sign up that want to participate and speak at any of the open floor hearings. I have a register of those people, those interested parties that have actually expressed a desire. We'll be calling those people first because we have a record that those people have already expressed desire to do that. It's an open floor hearing.

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Therefore, it is open to anyone that would like to attend and and come in. But those people that have obviously registered their interest in have it registered as an IP and have an interest in participating, we will have priority. And obviously it will be subject to the requirements of time constraints.

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So that the people can speak.

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If there is time, other people can provide points. Yes. For the sake of the recordings, can I just please ask you to identify yourself with your first name and last name, please?

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And then.

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Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Collins. Thank you very much. Right. Is there any other questions on this issue? Okay. The time is now. 1128. And this preliminary meeting for the Midwest Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power Facility project is now closed. So thank you very much, all of you, for attending. Thank you.