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Good morning, everybody.

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It's now 10:00 and time for this meeting to begin. I would like to welcome you all to this preliminary meeting across Croix, a key gate. Ichabod Crane, the OBA. Can I just confirm that everybody can hear me clearly, please?

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Okay. Thank you. I'm going to confirm with Mr. Stevens, please, that livestreaming the event has commenced. Thank you, Mr. Stevens. For those people who are watching us, joining us online and watching the live stream can also advise you that should we at any point adjourn proceedings this morning? We will have to stop the live stream in order to give us clear recording files as a result point at which we recommence the meeting and restart the live stream. You will need to refresh your browser to view the restarted screen. I'll remind you of this again should we need to adjourn this preliminary meeting? As for the application made by one or more offshore Wind Farm Ltd, who we refer to as the applicant for an older granting development consent for the available offshore wind farm project development proposed is described as an offshore wind farm to generate in excess of 500 megawatts.

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The project will be comprised of, but not limited to, an offshore wind farm, including wind turbine generators and associated foundations, wind measurement equipment and the right cables, transmission infrastructure, including offshore substations and associated foundations. Offshore and onshore export cables underground including a six year transition base and joint base and onshore substation and connection infrastructure into the national grid. Thank you all very much for attending this meeting. My name is John Hopley. I'm a chartered town planner, planning inspector employed by the Planning Inspectorate, and I've been appointed by the Secretary of State for levelling up Housing and Communities to be the lead member of the panel to examine this application.

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I'm not got to ask the other panel members who are also planning inspectors and appointed by the same secretary of state to examine this application to introduce themselves

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for it.

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Good morning. My name is Alex Hutson. I'm a chartered landscape architect and the chartered town planner. And I have academic qualifications in these areas. I'm also a professional member of the Upper Cultural Association.

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Pardon? Good. Good morning. My name is Richard Morgan. I'm a chartered civil engineer and also a planning inspector.

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But it I think it. Good morning to you all. My name is Jason Roland. I'm a chartered civil engineer. I'm also a chartered environmentalist and a planning inspector.

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Battelle. Good morning. My name's Cassini. I'm also a chartered town planner and planning inspector. And I'll now hand back to Mr. Hockley.

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Thank you very much. Together, we constitute examining authority for this application, and we 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. The case manager for this project is Jake Stevens. At the rear of the room has been supported here today by having Jones and Martin Almond page, Hanlon is providing support remotely. As I mentioned, Mr. Stevens is a case manager and if potentially the person you are most likely to come into contact with during the course of the examination. So if you have any questions or queries about the examination process or the technology that we're using for blended or virtual events, then he should be of first place should contact the case team.

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Contact details can be found at the top of any letter you have received from us on the Project page of the National Infrastructure website. Please don't hesitate to contact a member of the team if you need help at today's today's event or waive the technology. This is a blended event comprising an in-person meeting as well as being held on the Microsoft teams platform. It is being both livestreamed and recorded for those people observing or participating through teams in order to maximise sorry, to minimise background noise, can you please make sure that you stay muted unless you are speaking? And if you are participating virtually and you wish to speak at a relevant point in the proceedings, please use the Microsoft teams hand up function.

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They will be advised there may be a delay before we see it and please wait to be invited to speak or ask to speak at the appropriate time. Alternatively, you can turn on your camera so that we can wish to see that you wish to speak. Can I also remind people online that the chat function of Microsoft teams won't work? So please don't try to use this to ask any questions or comments. If you don't manage to ask your question or raise your point at a relevant point in time, there'll be an opportunity at the end of the meeting under item seven on the agenda, any other matters?

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Because the digital recordings that we make are retained and published, they form a public record that can contain your personal information and to which the General Data Protection Regulation applies to planning inspectors practices to retain and publish recordings for a period of five years through the Secretary of State's decision. Consequently, if you participate in today's meeting, it's important that you understand that you'll be livestreamed and recorded and that the digital recording will be published. If you don't want your image to be recorded, you can switch off your camera.

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We will only ever ask for information to be placed on the public record that is important and relevant to the planning decision. Therefore, to avoid the need to edit the digital recordings, what we would

ask is that you try your best not to add information to the public record that you wish to be kept private or that is confidential. If you feel that personal information is necessary, please provide this in a written document that we can redact before publication. Does anyone have any questions with regard to GDPR?

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Okay. I will move on that. I'll just deal with a few preserving matters for those of us attending in person. Could I have one place that all that devices and phones decide in place? This is a point I checked my own for about a fifth time.

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Well, good. Thank you. I'm not aware of any fire alarm tests or drills today. So in the event of a fire alarm, it be the real thing. So if you can please exit via two doors behind us and congregate across the road on the promenade. Toilets are located in the corridor to the rear of the room.

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We'll take a short break. Around 1130 this morning, if it appears that we need to continue much beyond that time. If this happens, those of you who are participating virtually will need to ensure that your cameras and microphones are turned off during the break. And as I mentioned before, for those of you watching a livestream, we'll have to stop that at the break in a restart, at the resumption of the meeting. So as a result, you'll need to refresh your browser screen that

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an audio recording of today's meeting will be available now on the bore section of the National Infrastructure Pages of the Planning Inspectorate website as soon as practicable after this hearing. With this in mind, please ensure that you speak clearly into a microphone when you speak,

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if any. Oh, yes, sorry. If you're not at a table with a microphone, then if you do wish to speak, we have plenty of room to come up and speaking to the tables, microphones, if any individual or group wishes to use social media, report, film or record during today's meeting, then you are free to do so. But please do so responsibly and with proper consideration for other parties. This must not be disruptive and the material must not be misused.

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I'd also like briefly to address language. We aim to make this meeting and the subsequent examination as open and inclusive as possible. We have translation facilities available this meeting, and they will also be available for all subsequent hearings. You will have seen all documents issued by ourselves are being published in both Welsh and English, and this will continue throughout the examination. Mr. Rowlands on the panel is a native Welsh speaker. Mr. Stevens, the case manager, and Mr. Jones, who is here today, can also speak Welsh. The rest is on. The panel will endeavour to pronounce places and names correctly, but I'd like to apologize in advance for any mistakes we do make.

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But if we do, please feel free to put them out if and when we make them.

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So we welcome contributions in both English and Welsh and with this in mind. So anybody with us today who would wish to address this in Welsh.

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Okay. I'm not saying any hands up anyway. Of course, if anyone does wish to address this in Welsh the appropriate point in time that's completely fine. I just want to check that this is not on the panel

and if sit in the room, we can pop headphones on quickly. And what they told you up you need to speak but. Okay. So moving on. You're all here today because you are in one of the following categories. You are the applicant or representative of the applicant. You represent the host local authority or naming authority. You represent bodies at statutory parties.

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You have sent to the relevant representation and have therefore become an interested party. You have been invited to the body examining authority to the meeting. As an other person, you're an individual or a body affected by the application for compulsory acquisition or temporary possession of land or rights over land. Or you are a combination of any of these categories. There may also be people here or not covered by any of these descriptions. Whichever you are, whoever you are, you're all very welcome. The meeting will follow the agenda set out in our letter of the 23rd of August 2020 to which we now share now referred to from now on as the Rule six letter.

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I do have a copy of that letter to hand. If you do, if you could turn to the agenda. Sorry, Annex A, which sets out the agenda for this morning's meeting and you'll see that we're currently on item one of the agenda. The letter and agenda also available on the project page of the National Infrastructure website when it can be found in the examination library at reference page seven.

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Let me play briefly explain the purpose of this every meeting. We're here to focus on the way in which we intend to examine this application. Today, we'll be discussing only the procedural aspects of this examination this morning. We're not taking any evidence at this meeting, and we're not discussing even a merits or any concerns that you might have regarding this application. We'd like to emphasize that we have taken no decisions yet about the merits of this application. The concerns or merits will only be considered once the examination of the application begins, which happens following the close of disciplinary meeting.

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Notes are being taken at this meeting and these will be placed on the project page of the National Infrastructure Website and deposited at locations listed in Annex J. After all, six letter as soon as practicable after the close of this meeting, together with recordings of today's meeting. With this in mind, it would be enormously beneficial to us. Each time you speak, you could state your name. If you are representing someone who matters, you represent. Please also bear in mind that the only official record of today's proceedings are the notes and the digital recordings. Tweets, blogs and similar communications arising out of this meeting will not be accepted as evidence in the examination of his application.

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Thank you. So I'm now going to ask those of you who are participating in today's meeting to introduce yourself. And when I state your organization's name, could you introduce yourself stating your name and who you represent? And also, if you could let me know how you got somebody.

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Who.

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Is now joining.

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I said, Do you want put a virtual base in joining? Please also, could you state how you wish to be addressed? Mr.. Mrs.. Ms.. Ms.. Dr. OZAWA. So if we could start with the applicant place and any of their advisors, thank you for it.

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My name is Liz Dunn, Mrs. and I am a partner at Burgess Salmon and I am representing the applicant Offshore Wind Farm Ltd at these hearings. Challenges everybody down the table and probably be the quickest way to do it. So to my right, I have Paul Carter, who is the hourly more senior consents manager. Next to him, Alex Herbert, who is the animal offshore consents manager. Next to him, Karen Aldgate, who is the hourly more onshore consents manager.

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Then we have Ryan McManus, who is a senior consultant from Gobi Consultants. Next to Ryan is Antonia Peacock, who is a consultant from Gobi Consultants. And at the end, we have Milo James, who is a solicitor, Mr. some representing our team.

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Thank you very much, Mr.

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OCH. We then move on to the organisations who have expressed a wish to speak now virtually on this matter. The information I have on this isn't the best. So I think the best thing for me to do will be to ask for representatives and councils present today to introduce themselves. Let me know if they wish to speak today. You may not or I know which agenda item you wish to speak on if you do so. I think if we could start with the host authority today, Denbighshire County Council police, who i believe are joining us virtually today.

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Hi. Yeah, I'll go first. I'm Tony Shaw. I'm planning officer representing Denbighshire Council. I'm here with my colleague, Bethan Morris. Yeah. I don't think we want to make any representation at today's hearing.

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Thanks.

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Thank you very much, Michel.

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Yes. Morris On behalf of Denbighshire County Council.

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I don't want to make any representations on you.

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Thank you, Ms.. Marsh.

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Okay. And then if we could move onto County County Borough Council place.

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Kerry Thomas, Principal Planning Officer of Conwy County Borough Council. We're not intending to make representations this morning.

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But we may have procedural questions depending on what transpires in the meeting.

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Of course. Thank you very much, Mr. Thomas. Welcome all of Anglesey County Council.

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Looking for that. Good morning. Trump I'll say program delivery manager. I don't think we'll be participating today at all, but I've got my colleague Van Jones with me today, who's the lead officer. Thank you.

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Thank you very much. Okay. And I believe we have Gwynedd council joining us virtually today. Please.

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Although. Good morning. I'm Kier Sweeney. I'm the product manager for Gwynedd Council. My colleagues artillery house is also participating. I can't even talk participating this morning and I don't think we will have any representations to make, but we may have some procedural questions. Thank you.

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Bardell Thank you very much.

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Okay. I also have, I believe we have Natural Resources Wales who may wish to speak tonight. Thank you.

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Florida. Everyone, a very good morning to you. I'm William Lewis. That's GW, I O and lewis. And for November, I'm a king's counsel. I appear on behalf of Natural Resources Wales Material Company in the examination. I'm joining virtually this morning but will be present in person from tomorrow. I'm joined by four colleagues from Natural Resources Wales on this call this morning.

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I might just ask them to turn on their cameras briefly just so that you can see their faces. I won't ask them to speak, but just for introduction purposes, I'm joined by American senior specialist lawyer Nir Phillips, senior Marine adviser within the Offshore Renewable Renewable Energy Programme. And our W and she is the overarching case lead now W for the application at Bryn Griffiths, a senior adviser within the Development Planning Advice Service at A.W.

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and Peter Morrison, who is the lead specialist officer at dealing with marine licensing. I hope that's helpful.

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Thank you very much, Mr. Lewis.

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Okay.

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Now, if I could ask if there's anyone else in the room today who wish to speak, if they could let me know now and again. If you could introduce yourself and let me know, let us know which agenda item you'd like to wish to speak.

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Good morning, first of all. Thank you. It's Stephen Edwards from ESP Energy Networks.

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I've just no representations. But I might have a procedural issue for tomorrow.

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Okay. See? So you might wish to speak today. Yes, but it's relating to tomorrow's event. Yeah, I got my key.

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Sorry. Anyone else in the room today? We should speak

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again. Hopefully that doesn't preclude you from speaking later on. You're perfectly welcome to. If you could just let us know at the correct time that we get. Thank you. And if I can just move on to the virtual attendees. If you with us today on Microsoft teams and you wish to speak today, could you just raise your virtual hand, please?

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So.

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And we have one hand. I'm afraid I can't read who it is. So if you could turn your camera on, please. And wonderful. Thank you.

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Good morning. Good morning, sir. My name is Michael Grigg from DLA Piper Solicitors on behalf of the Flats Offshore Wind Farm. May potentially have something to say in relation to item three defence. I think perhaps.

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Thank you very much, Mr. Grech.

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Was there anybody else online who wishes to speak today?

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Okay. I'm not seeing any other hands. So we'll move up. And again, as I mentioned before, it doesn't preclude you from speaking later on. That's fine if you want to respond to comments made by other parties. Are there any other comments anyone wishes to make under it? Agenda Item one.

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Okay. Thank you. So that concludes the item on the agenda. We'll move on to agenda item two, which are remarks about the examination process. I'll keep this fairly brief because in order to streamline in running an event, this event in Annex B about Rule six letter. We provided an introduction to the preliminary meeting and the examination process explaining how it will be conducted and how you can participate. For expediency. I'm assuming that everyone has read this and therefore I don't

propose to spend time reading it out now. It's important to the examining authority that you are clear in your understanding of the process.

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And therefore, if there is anything that you are unclear about or in which you require clarity, then please feel free to ask. One of the advantages of holding the meeting and hearings as physical events is that when the formal proceedings have ended, the parties who have attended the event can take the opportunity to talk face to face. People seem to find this informal interaction to be a useful way to discuss matters which may have been outstanding for some time. Being in the same room as each other can be a spur to action for those who are attending the event virtually.

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Obviously the same opportunities won't occur. Nevertheless, we would ask the applicant to engage in dialogue. Both parties are attending today's event and with others attending virtually to try to make progress with matters of still in dispute. This is particularly important in relation to matters of compulsory acquisition and temporary possession.

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As the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions have been lifted, we decided to hold blended events this week, but the examining authority will continue to review the most appropriate format for future events, which may be blended or fully virtual. And we'd welcome any comments on how events should be conducted. And these can be dealt with under item six of the agenda today. If you have any specific points to make regarding the draft timetable, these will be considered later in the agenda under item five. So on the basis of the information set out in Annex B of our Rule six letter, are there any questions about the way in which the examining authority intends to examine this application?

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Okay. Thank you very much. So she'll now move on and I'll hand over now to Mr. Hudson, who will deal with item free, the initial assessment of principal issues.

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Thank you for this item abuse. If you had annexed the Rule six letter in front of you, please.

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We're not going to share the screen. Share the list of the main headings of the principal issues on the screens. But you can find details annexed. See?

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Thank you.

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This list provides an initial framework of issues for the examination of this application, though it does not preclude us from amending the list by removing or adding to the proposed principal issues at a later stage in the process. I have nothing further at this stage. Nevertheless, individuals here today may wish to comment on either the broad headings or the individual matters.

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If the case could please remove the list.

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By inviting you to speak. Please remember that we are not looking for submissions on the merits of the scheme that will form part of the detailed examination of the application, which commences after

this preliminary meeting. We are only considering comments on the broad principles issues as identified at this stage.

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With that in mind, I'll now invite submissions and please remember to introduce yourself and state your name and your organization each time you speak.

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So. I think the only person who's requested to speak on this topic was Mr. Gray from Spanish networks. Does the Edwards

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secure Mr. Edwards sorry, and the applicants as well. Okay. So maybe we start with the applicants. Thank you.

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Thank you, sir. On behalf of the applicant, it's a very comprehensive list, which is which is helpful, though, with just a few points that we we wanted to note in respect of point two, biodiversity, ecology and the natural environment. It's a slightly tacky point, but biodiversity net gain is not something that is recognised in Wales in the same way as it is in England. In Wales the reference tends to be to biodiversity benefits.

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I think it was just a point of note in terms of that not going forward. There are a couple of areas that have been picked up that certainly from the applicant's perspective weren't matters that we felt were were of issue in terms of the the material that has been put together. And I think the two I would flag that just understanding that the examining authority are looking for a comprehensive review of all the issues. But on point four, in respect of construction, construction and contaminated land, not an issue that's been raised of concern as far as we are aware by any parties through the PRE-APPLICATION or the EIA process.

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And similarly, at point six on flood risk and water quality effects on potable and non-potable water supply. Again, recognise this is a very comprehensive list but they aren't matters that that have been of the Appleby has been aware to date has have been of issue. And then the final point I wanted to make was in respect of 17 socioeconomics, the reference to community benefits.

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These are matters that are being dealt with by the applicant outside of the DCO process to reflect the fact that legally they can't be material to the decision making on this application. So there has been there has been consultation by our and more in respect of a community benefit fund, but that's being done separately to the DCO process. If it's helpful for the examining authority for us to update you on that in terms of where progress is, we're happy to do that, but we wouldn't consider it to be a material matter for this examination.

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Okay.

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Thank you. Thank you.

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Not nothing else from the applicants. Okay. Goldman, please. Thank you. I'll bring you closer to myself rather than making Lean into the light. Okay. Um. Well, but I just,

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um.

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Just my duty to say your name and who you represent. Sorry.

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Thank you. If you could just say your name and who you represent. Thank you. Thank you. Steven Edwards, SVP Energy Networks.

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And so when I interrupted just now, it was too, I had a kryptonite.

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Mr. Green, did you say. Sorry. I thought I heard Mr. Green was on. Was virtual. Yes. So apologies from Ashby Energy Networks as no know from the right. Yeah. So I think um. So the key meeting for me to see if the flow. Yeah I'm sorry I didn't hear you say you specifically want to speak of item number three, but if you do, then please go ahead. Okay. Thank you. Well, as it turns out, yeah, I mean, I didn't as I mentioned when I introduced myself first thing, it was on procedural matters.

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I just want to clarify that. So I sort of provided some further information, how that gets circulated sort of case, what came about coming on today. So I referred to talking to items tomorrow, three, four and five.

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So I don't know that letter at least doesn't mention that I I've not seen any reference to any items on item four being raised, but I mentioned it before, so I would like to include item four tomorrow.

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Okay. That's absolutely fine. Was there anything specific to do with the initial assessments of principal issues? Yeah. Yeah. Which you want to talk about now? No. No. Okay.

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That's why I will make note of that. You wish to speak. Thanks. Tomorrow. Thank you.

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Okay. And Mr. Greig.

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If someone is virtual for a select paper.

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Yes. Thank you, sir. That's actually great.

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I am delighted to critique the composer, but I am afraid Greg, the family name changed. The way I look at it was just in relation to principal issue 15 and other projects and schools, which it just just just a flag, a point that I think

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you may well take the view that it's probably more appropriate to address at tomorrow's hearing.

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It's just that in relation to

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operational impacts, that is something, as I understand it at the moment, a key area of difference between the applicants and my clients in relation to operational impacts on or on my clients wind farm in relation to the issue when we close, what should be require some consideration as to how to tackle the issue within the scope of the examination. So I just raise that point that seven so it's like to you and I consideration can be given to it.

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Okay. Thank you. If we look at the compulsory acquisition section on the principal issues, there is a part in that to do with statutory undertakers the effects on those. So.

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They'll probably fall within that section.

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Can you see that?

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Yes, either that or we've got a section on protective provisions as well, sir.

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Yes, that's right. Yes. Okay. Thank you. Was there anything else you wanted to.

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Know that was this was just a flight issue. So it said since it's before you.

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Okay. Thank you very much.

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Would like to respond to that.

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Thank you, sir. Donald Hoff, the Afghan it is also already referenced in item 15. Other projects and proposals, the effects of the proposed development on other constructed and proposed major projects, including offshore wind farms. So whilst I agree there remains some disagreement with us in respect of that matter, I think it is already covered within the list of principle issues.

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Okay. Thank you. I've no further points or questions on this agenda item. Does anybody else wish to speak on this particular agenda item today?

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Kerry. Thomas. Connor County Borough Council. I'm not sure whether this is the appropriate item on which to raise it, but in relation to the agenda for tomorrow's meeting, I notice that the agenda for

tomorrow's meeting refers to specific provisions in the schedule of requirements Conwy County Borough Council has made in its relevant representation of particular race, particular.

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Concerns in.

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Relation to requirements never before in relation to noise. We do have an Environmental Health Officer who is registered to attend tomorrow.

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And I would like to.

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Ask whether tomorrow would.

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Be the appropriate.

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Time to raise that concern?

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Yes. So first of all, I think noise is covered with in the initial assessments, principal issues is listed. Tomorrow we will be looking at the draft development consent order. So, yes, we've looked at the requirements. So yes, we can discuss requirements for at that point. Thank you.

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Is there anybody else who'd like to raise any? Thing on this particular agenda item.

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Okay. I can see no hands up virtually either. If anything does arise, can you please put that in writing to us by draft deadline on Monday, the 24th of October 2022. Thank you for your participation. And I'm not going to hand over to Mr. Rowlands, who will deal with item four on the agenda, which relates to procedural decisions taken by the examining authority.

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Thank you. I would now ask that you turn to an exchange of the Rule six letter where you will see that we have made a number of procedural decisions above the management of the examination. An issue specific hearing will be held tomorrow to consider the draft issue, and an open floor hearing will be held on Thursday morning. Further information on these hearings can be found in annexes F and G of the Rule six letter on the detailed draft hearing agenda for tomorrow's hearing has been published on the project website.

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Annex H explains in depth the reason for these procedural decisions. I have assumed that you have all read the Annex and so I am not going to go through them all in detail. However, I will comment on some of these decisions before inviting questions or comments.

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I will now run through the requests for statements of common ground. The aim of the statement of common ground at an early stage. This to record areas of agreement and identify areas of differences. It should help identify matters which are not in dispute or need not be the subject of further evidence.

It can also identify areas of differences to facilitate further discussions between parties which can be expanded upon during examination.

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I will share the list of the statements that we are expecting on the screen, but you can find the details for each one of these in Section one of and exchange of the Rule six letter.

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So if I can ask the case team to put up the list on screen for me.

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You'll see that the slide shows a number of parties with whom we would expect the applicants to prepare statements of common ground. These include relevant local authorities, consultees and affected statutory undertakers. The range of topics that we would expect to see included in these statements is also set out in the table. Town Exchange of the Rule six letter.

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Does anyone have any comments that they want to make on the statements of common ground on sexual health? An exchange.

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Thank you, sir. Always done on behalf of the applicant.

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Quite a long list of 29 requested statements of common ground, including others that we will be working on. So I just thought it might be helpful to just sort of set a framework around how we're intending to approach those statements of common ground

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for the local planning authorities. They are clearly a priority for us, but our expectation is that really until the local planning authorities have published their local impact reports, it's going to be difficult for them to make a sort of public position in respect of matters that are agreed or not agreed. So I think just recognising that that I think the local impact reports will be that focus for the local authorities for some time and for other parties where other types of agreement will be in place.

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One example would be maps the National Air Traffic Services Limited. We are in the process of negotiating an agreement with them, so we think it's unlikely that there will need to be a statement of common ground there because effectively that will be superseded by that commercial agreement. It'll probably if there is a sort of agreed, agreed document put in, it'll look something more like an agreed position statement rather than a very detailed statement of common ground. The same, I suggest, will be for the statutory undertakers and Mr.

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Edwards from Spend may have some comments on this, but again, the focus will be on the negotiation of the protected provisions and side agreements where those are needed in terms of formalising the position. So we will be updating put on progress with each of those for each of the deadlines.

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But I suggest that that rather than the statement of common ground, it will be easier to look at that through. These are the areas where there's still disagreement as we negotiate those protected provisions and side agreements in respect of and notably of marine licensing team. We've had some significant engagement with them in Pre-application. It's our understanding that they don't. This is the

Marine licensing team, not the advisory team for and notably that the Marine licensing team don't want to progress the statement of common ground.

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We will check that again. And we would suggest that actually the way to best document progress with the Marine licence application, which as everyone will know, is running separately to the DCO, will be through updates to the Marine Licence Principles document, which is a document we've worked closely with the Marine licensing team on up till now and we will be providing that statement of common ground. Chuck I think it's referred to as a statement of commonality in the in the letter at each deadline to be able to update on progress where there's been agreement and disagreement.

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And I also just wanted to make points around submission of and the request for statements of common ground at deadline one

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from experience.

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It. It's not generally helpful to be submitting statements of common ground to the examination unless they've been agreed. It's been agreed by both parties that that can be done.

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You will appreciate that that negotiation of them can be quite sensitive with the parties needing to work through issues, being before being able to make a public position. I think the example of the local authorities allows is a good one in that context. So the applicant certainly won't be submitting any statements of common ground unless it's agreed by both parties that they can be submitted at that point. And therefore, I think I know there's a request for statements of common ground at deadline one.

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We will do our best to meet those, but I think it has to be within the context of those being agree. Both parties been happy for them to be submitted at that point and actually there being something substantive to be putting before the examining authority in the examination.

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Thank you.

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Thank you very much. Listen, this is done.

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Is there anybody else that would like to comment?

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Okay.

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Stranded on the virtual. Yeah. Sorry. Is it possible to. If you can introduce yourself to the camera.

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Yeah. It's Jenny Emmett from going to school planning service.

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Consultees and with whom a statement of common ground might be prepared. But through discussions with the applicant team and with the local authorities, we've agreed that I will feed into the local.

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Authorities statements of common ground rather than.

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Preparing a separate one.

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Okay.

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Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you.

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Mr. Owens.

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Thank you. How to come from I love to see county council and my understanding as of the other comments, I mean the relation to ask for visual impact from discussions with the applicant last week, my understanding was that it would be a joint statement, common ground between the North Wales Planning Officers Group. As you recall, we've previously submitted sort of collective comments into the process. So our understanding is that there will be one stable common ground with all those sorts of parties. And just to agree with this list as well as well, it's just hard sometimes for us to agree, as they say, on a common ground, but that we won't because we're all effectively prepared and will come and propose representations, etc..

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Thank you.

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Thank

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you.

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Thank you, Mr. Right. Could I just check so that do you say to North Wales Planning Officer, so that would cover all of the councils who joined us today and others such as Snowdonia, for instance?

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Yes, it does. So in terms of deadline one, we will collectively submit a single representation for landscape. The visual impact matters as well as provide comments from gaps as well.

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Okay. Thank you.

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Thank you. Can I just follow up briefly on that particular point is the North Wales authorities, so this includes Wrexham and Flintshire as well.

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certainly done on behalf of the applicant. I think I can answer that. It doesn't include Wrexham and Flintshire. The local authorities that have been engaged through that process are Denbighshire County, Gwyneth and Anglesey and Snowdonia National Park. It's those five authorities and they are the five authorities that we will be working with on the Joint Statement of Common Ground in respect of landscape and fishing matters. Okay.

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Thank you. Thank you very much. And if I can just check to see if Denbighshire County Council have got any further comments to make.

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No, not really. I think we're happy to entrance that joint statement of Common Ground with regards to seascape, landscape and visual impacts with respect to the offshore wind farm. But yeah, we've had discussions with the developers. Well, if necessary, we're happy to enter into a specific onshore statement of common ground if necessary. That would help kind of unpick the issues offshore. So the onshore works are particular to Denbighshire, where they the offshore impacts are regional.

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Okay.

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Okay. Thanks. Yeah, I believe there's something else virtually trying to join. So, yeah, if you could put your camera on and introduce yourself would be appreciated.

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Thank you, sir Michael Grant in Belfast. And it was really just to support what the applicant said. I think in terms of the practicality in relation to deadline one, certainly as far as my clients are concerned, I suspect that we still want to assist the examination as much as we can. But it may be tricky as aspect of a statement of common ground ready for deadline. While in particular my my client consists of

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a corporate body made up of several different companies, all of which you have to sign the document of. And just the practicality of getting that done in the time frame with everything else obviously needs to be done at our deadline one. And I'm not sure how much this will get and whether we'll get in place for or that deadline.

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Okay. Thank you for putting on me.

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Of it. Obviously we have Cassini joining us later to go through that the timetable, but your point has been noted. Thank you.

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Okay. Any other show of hands? No.

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Sure. So it kind of just confirms that there'll be statements coming out from all the local authorities as well. Just one joint, obviously, scope, landscape and visual amenity. Yeah.

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So certainly Donald Huff, the applicant, there will be the landscape and seascape. I'm a statement of common ground which will cover all local authorities and then where it's relevant that there are other there are other issues to be discussed that will be separate of statements of common ground with those local authorities. So Miss Lois mentioned in respect of Denbighshire, we're obviously the onshore infrastructure is located. That will be a separate we'll be working for statements, separate statement of common ground with Denbighshire Council as well in respect of onshore matters.

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Okay. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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I'll move on to my second point then on the acceptance of additional submissions into the examination following the acceptance of the application. The applicant submitted a range of documents which have been published on the project website. These additional submissions can be accessed through the examination library and the references as 1 to 34. We also have additional submissions from others and they have been accepted and been published.

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The references are as certified to as 38.

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If anyone has any comments to make on any of the additional submissions, please do so by draft deadline, which is the 24th of October. While we have accepted and published these documents prior to the examination commencing, we would advise parties that any documents submitted between deadlines will not normally be published until the subsequent deadline has passed. Does anyone have any comments that they want to make on the acceptance of additional submissions into the examination.

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Sites list done on behalf of the applicant? I don't have comments on that, but I did have some comments on some of the other points in respect of the procedural matters, not the additional submissions, but the reference to, for example, the national policy statement checker and just providing updated documents.

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Okay. We have them coming up in the process.

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Thank you.

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Yeah, we can maybe tick those off as we come to. Okay. Just checking if there's any show of hands on the additional submissions into the examination. There.

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Okay. We'll then move on to the National Policy Statement tracker. The examining authority requests that the applicant provides a comprehensive national policy statement Accordance Table, an M.P.s structure for the overarching national policy statements for energy, and one national policy statements for renewable energy infrastructure. And three. And National Policy Statements for electricity networks.

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Infrastructure P and five. This ANP structure cross-references the relevant APS to documents together with any subsequent updates during the examination. The updated tracker is to be submitted to each examination deadline as specified in the examination timetable. So with this is done, I believe you have made some comments.

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Thank you, sir. It is done on behalf of the applicant.

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This isn't something I've been requested to do before in the DCI examination. So it's an interesting request and I think it will be useful in terms of tracking those national policy statements. And the applicant's suggestion was that we would provide that deadline plan and definitely provide it at the close of the examination, but would only actually provide updates if there is something to update to take at each subsequent deadline. And we're very aware of the volume of documentation that can be generated by by development consent order examinations.

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And I think it's probably a general point on all the documents that that we will provide updates where there's been a change or will confirm that there's been no change at each deadline, but wouldn't be intending to submit documents where there hasn't been a change from that just to try and manage the volume of documents at each deadline to hopefully that is acceptable. Okay.

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Just checking if there's anybody in the room online, if anybody's got any comments to make on the structure.

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Can I see it? They haven't understood you. Okay, we'll go on to the Marine licence updates. The examining authority requests that the applicant provides an update on the submission and progress of the Marine licence draft deadline one, which is Monday, the 24th of October, and subsequent deadlines where relevant required. Should progress be Made? In the meantime, the final update should be submitted the draft deadline eight Wednesday, the 15th of March, before the close of the examination.

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So I'll go first over to the applicant. Have you any comments that you would like to make?

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Thank you, sir. Les Dunn, on behalf of the applicant, just to note that we have been working very closely with the Marine licensing team on the alignment of the DCO examination and the marine

licence considerations. We're aware that for the for the panel and for those participating, the fact that those are running in separate processes is, is it's I think it's the first the first offshore wind farm to be done under the Planning Act regime in Wales, and therefore it's the first with a separate marine licence.

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As I say, we've, we've spent a lot of time with another marine licensing team and have really valued their input in terms of working out how those processes can be aligned as far as possible, but obviously without affecting due process for each of them once they find the timetables published and we have the first questions, we're going to be coordinating with the Marine licensing team in terms of how information is provided across from the DCO examination to the Marine licence consideration to make sure that we're really assisting the determination of those and avoiding duplication as far as possible in terms of of what's going on.

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We have the Marine Licence Principles document which as I said, we've worked we've worked very closely with the Marine licensing team on and we will be working through that and updating that as we go through. So we anticipate giving an update at every deadline and we'll be providing that information to the Marine licensing team so that fully and fully aware of what's going on. And we also hope that they and that and as much as possible the examination.

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Thank you. Are there any comments and I would like to make on this particular.

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Thank you very much. I'll just briefly endorse what this town has just said about the importance of cooperation in relation to these matters. I'm also grateful for your confirmation, sir, of of what exactly is meant by final version in Annex H, because we weren't quite sure what that meant. But if we understand it to mean a final update as to where we've reached in the process by that point, in the hope and expectation that we will have made progress, then we we we will read that sentence in that way.

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We did just want to manage expectations in case it was intended to suggest in that statement that or in that sentence that there would be somehow a final executed Marine licence ready for you to see by deadline. That is not something we anticipate, irrespective of the of the progress that we make. But certainly, as I say, a final update as to where we are in relation to the Marine licensing process. That should certainly be achievable.

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Thank you very much for that confirmation. It's appreciated.

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Has anybody else got any comments to make on this particular issue?

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Yeah. Okay. We'll go on to Local Impact reports. So Section five of Annex H sets up our request for a local impact report from Denbighshire County Council. And we also welcome local impact reports from other relevant local authorities who may wish to separate, such as Cornwall County Borough Council. Gwynedd Council.

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Isle of Anglesey County Council. Flintshire County Council and Snowdonia National Park. So if I can start off with the applicants, if you've got any comments to make a list and then we'll come to the County Council's thank you.

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So list on behalf of the applicant, we don't have a comment in respect of the first provision of local impact reports, but did have a comment in respect of the request for updated local impact reports at deadline eight. Would it be helpful for me to just speak to that now, or was that something you were going to come to later? Yeah. Yeah. So

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it again,

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generally we've seen a local impact report being produced by the local planning authority. And certainly my understanding is that that's what the Planning Act envisages in that section 60 refers to Rnli are not multiple alliance from a local authority.

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I just wondered whether rather than updating the LIRR, which potentially needs to then go back to committee and have all sorts of process around it, it might be more useful for the local authorities to be at that date effectively commenting on the ally on those matters that are still outstanding, those matters that have been resolved insofar as as as those are relevant, rather than requesting a formal ally off from the local authority.

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Because I think I mean, the council as well will make that submissions, but I think procedurally that might be difficult for them. And I also and there are time issues in that. I think I'd also just put a note down around whether that's something that is

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foreseen under Section 60 of the Planning Act. And I think it's also worth noting that we will also have statements of common ground, clearly that we've been working with through the local authority. So there may just be a duplication. That's I think just I'm suggesting there may be a way of achieving the same objective of getting a formal understanding of the local authority's position at the end of the examination without it straying into actually being a new ally or effectively at that stage.

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Thank you, sir.

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Thank you.

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So I can maybe now ask Denbighshire County Council to comment on the local impact reports.

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Hi. Yeah. We are intending on submitting a local impact report which would be proportionate to the ambitious interests. We haven't had a situation before. We have been asked to update it. To be honest, when we've done a loss previously, it's just been a static document. So yeah, I would like some clarity on what what you would expect from the updated document that they the statement of common ground wouldn't resolve.

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Okay. And just for the purpose of the recording of the meeting, can you just confirm your name?

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Oh, yes. Sorry, sir. It's any show, any officer.

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Thank you very much. Thanks.

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If I could go over to Conway

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County Borough Council, if you have any comments to make. And Gary Thomas Conway County Borough Council, we're not envisaging that we'll be producing a separate saleyard.

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But none of the onshore elements of the scheme are.

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In the county but have Conway. So we.

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Is a particular need to do for Conway to produce its own layer.

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Thank you.

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Anglesey. I live on Anglesey County Council.

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They are saying this more so than, say, my economy that we do not intend to the that report. We do intend to submit a collective written wrap as a North Wales Planning Officers Group in relation to matters concerning the visual impact of onshore etc.. It's a written wrap solely for us in relation to matters concerning socio economic impacts. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Gwynedd Council. If you could introduce yourself and.

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Do you care, sweetie? Pie manager for Gwynedd Council. Just confirm where you will fall, as I wrote, says Common Council on Angus Council, and that we will be submitting our own statements but will submit the statements with the other councils. Thank you.

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Thank you very much.

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Has anybody else any comments to make on the local impact proposals? Go back to the applicants if that is an anybody else that's going to come to me.

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How are you going to fill it out after hearing from the councils?

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No further comments. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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As a reminder, the Oakland Park report should be submitted in final form by draft deadline one, which is Monday, the 24th of October. Thank you to all. Hello. I will now hand you over to Ms.. Cassini, who will talk about the draft timetable for the examination.

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Thank you.

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For this agenda item, it be useful to have our next day of our six letter in front of you and the case team will also share this on the screen. Think Annex D sets out our draft examination timetable for the next six months from today to completion. On Monday at the 20th March 2023, the annex sets out the draft dates for hearings and deadlines for the submission of written documents. It also includes date

the examining authority to issue documents such as have further written questions, a proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO and the report on implications for European sites.

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Please note that the time for submission on the each of stated date is 2359, which is one minute to midnight, as you can see from the draft timetable, which of hope you've had an opportunity to have a look at. There are eight proposed deadlines where the examining authority requires information to be submitted. In the interest of brevity, I don't intend to go through the draft timetable in its entirety, but I'm going to highlight some of the key points. We're going to hold our first issue specific hearing tomorrow at 10 a.m..

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This hearing will relate to the draft. DCO will be a high level overview of the draft DCO on Thursday morning, which is the 22nd of September. We will hold the open floor hearing. This is an opportunity for individuals and any community groups to speak directly to the examining authority. As the name suggests, they are open to any interested party to attend and are not about a particular location or topic in relation to the proposed development.

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As soon as possible. After this week's draft DCO hearing, an open floor hearing, we will show Rule eight letter, which will finalize the timetable. At the same time, we will issue our first set of written questions. DEADLINE one is timetable for Monday, the 24th of October. In a slight change to the draft timetable that you've seen along with the listed submissions, this deadline will also include the submission of any requests to attend an accompanied site inspection.

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So this is a slight change to the current draft timetable and we intend making this change to the final version. And the company site inspection may be held during the week commencing the 5th of December. And we'll talk about site inspections shortly. You'll also see from the draft timetable that if required, a second set of written questions is currently pencilled in for Monday, the 23rd of January 2023, and a third set on Wednesday, the 1st of March 2023.

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We may also, at any point during the examination issue, specific request for information from then parties, but will only do this if necessary. And this is known as a Rule 17 letter. We are conscious that as ever it is a tight timetable in some places. But note we have aim to avoid hearings during any main school holidays. We have noted the comments made by the applicant in respect of the timetable. A procedural deadline which is examination live.

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You reference PDA 002 and for those interested parties who may not have an opportunity to see this document, could I ask the applicant to briefly, briefly summarize their main suggested changes and reasoning for the changes at this point? Please, I think the case team are going to share the applicants procedural deadline, a document just in case people haven't seen it. Just give them a moment, please.

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Mr. Stevens, is that a sort of technical issue? There is a lot.

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How does.

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It work? Okay. I think then so the examination library reference is PDA 002 and it is unfortunate they were having issues sharing it. But I think if we could ask the system for the applicant's comments and then if people do have issues, we can we can go back.

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Thank you.

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Thank you. I think we are. Yeah. Yeah.

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Thank you, ma'am. So, Liz, done on behalf of the applicant. So essentially there were there was sort of two or three reasons for proposing the changes that we did to the the timetable. The first one was really was to try and make use of the time between the week commencing the 5th of December, which is identified as a week for and potentially issue specific hearings on the 23rd of January, which seemed to be the next substantive deadline. And whilst appreciating that it's nice to have some time off over Christmas, I think we felt that perhaps moving the hearings slightly earlier and then some of those deadlines earlier would actually ensure that that more could be done before Christmas.

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And there wasn't that long gap, which seemed to us between between those hearings and then the deadlines. And also to try and avoid that, there was a suggested the date for the second hearings, which was scheduled for the week commencing the 6th of March, overlapped with responses to the examining authority's third written questions, which were due on the 8th of March, which is clearly part way through that week. I think from our side and perhaps from others, participating in hearings and submitting responses to written questions in the same week would be quite challenging for us.

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I'm very happy just to to talk through our proposal and not having set out a DCI timetable before. It may not be perfect, but it was trying to to really identify where where we felt that we could also reduce the pressure on those final deadlines at the end of the examination, knowing that there are always issues that come up at the end of the examination and to sort of try and move things more into December and January. So could you scroll just to the start of the document for me, please? And I'll just I'll very quickly run.

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That would be. Are was that the. The astronauts. Sorry, sorry. Could you carry on scrolling through. Oh sorry. I've got it on here. It starts on page it, page 12. First page is page 12. Thank you. And so we weren't proposing any change to the first deadline

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and the open floor hearings, obviously, which are taking place tomorrow. If you could go onto the next page, please, and then no change for the first four deadline one, which is set for Monday, the 24th of October. If you could go along, please.

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No changes to deadline to. I'm saving respective deadline, too. At the moment, there's no confirmation of the accompanied site inspection listed in the timetable and that would I think would be helpful to include because we will need to make arrangements with landowners where there is access to private land. So if that could be included as well, that would be very helpful at the line to you can scroll on to the next page. So deadline three, currently at

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the 23rd of November, we were suggesting moving that to the 15th of November because the only significant material that seemed to be requested there from parties other than the applicant was comments, comments by the local authority on comments to the alliance. So it was effectively the local authority responding to any comments that had been made on the alliance. And we weren't anticipating that being a very substantive piece of work.

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And I think now that we've found out that it's probably only denbighshire that will be doing a local impact report, perhaps there could be some time saved there. And I think just noting that we've not typically seen comments followed on comments from local authorities on comments to local impact reports, and that is just a sort of minor point there.

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So that would be moving that deadline five days earlier if we down to the next page plays

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and then the week resolved for the hearings and the accompanied site inspection, we were suggesting moving that to the 21st of November rather than the 5th of December, which sort of buys I think it's about two weeks

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because it's impossible to be able to do that. And it will in terms of marginally more daylight perhaps for the site not so the site not not a huge amount, but moving that to the 21st of November, which then allowed for that to be a few deadlines before Christmas that don't actually impede into Christmas, but effectively would mean that that following the hearings, that could be a sort of round up of the information that had been produced at those hearings and then the things that were outstanding before the Christmas break.

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So we were suggesting that if the hearings took place in the week of the 21st of November, and I think we've checked on availability for venues, and I think that

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it's not school holidays now, now. So it's outside of holidays.

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So that was the reason for suggesting the 21st of November for the hearings and then giving what would normally be sort of 5 to 10 days post those hearings for the written summaries of oral submissions and any post hearing submissions requested by the examining authority that's currently in on the 30th of January 2023, which we felt was quite a long time after the hearings in the wake of the 5th of December and raised some concerns about actually being able to respond to that material,

whether you'd get the written summaries in or whether, as we said in the note, additional material would be would be put in at that stage.

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So we were sort of aiming to come up with a proposal that allowed that first round of questions and then hearings to be effectively almost closed off before Christmas. So deadline for that was where we were suggesting Friday, the 2nd of December. Could you scroll onto the next page, please?

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Yes. So that would be. So again that be the updated documents produced there for that for that deadline and before Christmas. Could you go onto the next page, please?

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And then we were suggesting that the second written questions could be issued before Christmas. I appreciate that. That may be putting some pressure on the examining authority, but again, it would be I think it would be very helpful for the applicant and all parties to have those in advance of Christmas rather than afterwards while still having a Christmas break. And that just to ensure that that we can kind of be making progress with those issues and in discussions with with the other parties during that period.

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And then the deadline for response to those we were suggesting would either be the 18th or the 20th of January, giving parties plenty of time for weeks in response. I think at present, responses to Examining Authority second questions is the 6th of February, which again we felt was was kind of eating into that second part of the of the sort of post-Christmas period. If you could scroll on to the next page, please.

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And then 3rd of February for comments and responses to the examining authorities. Second questions. So, again, giving two or two and a half weeks for that and moving that from what's currently scheduled for the 20th of February.

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And then I think the other key date here was moving the date reserve, the second set of issues, specific hearings from the 6th of March to the week of the 13th of February on the reasons for this thing. We have checked it's not school half term in denbighshire during that week,

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but we felt that having the hearings the week of the 6th of March gave very, very little time for before the close of the examination on the 20th of March. There will be a lot of material to tie together at the end of that, at the end of that period. And as I said at the outset, we're concerned that there was a request for responses to third questions on the 8th of March and the hearings being scheduled for that week of the 6th of March, which I think will be very difficult for all parties involved to fully participate in the hearings and be producing responses to written questions at that at that time.

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So so if we've moved those those dates have that that earlier week for hearings then.

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The some written hearings of summaries would be the 24th of February, and then the following deadlines all sort of move from there. So 27th of February for DCO changes. And then with the final deadlines, we sought to just spread out some of the some of the requirements for that very final deadline in order that there was an ability for parties to comment on some of the documents that were being provided. So essentially that was that was what we sought to do was just sort of move things earlier in the timetable and and really try and move those that second set of hearings of this issue.

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I mean, they need to be they need to happen to earlier in the in the timetable, because I think we'd have some concerns about them taking place that late and then examination closing at the on the 22nd of March 20th March.

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Thank you. That was helpful. Do you have any further comments to make in respect of the draft timetable at this stage, or is that.

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No, just that point around the confirmation of a accompanied site inspection and make sure that that is built in.

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Okay. I thank you very much. Thank you. Oh, you've already beat me to it. You've taken it down. And are there any comments from Denbighshire County Council on the timetable, please?

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Hi. It's any show? No, I don't think we've got any particular observations to make at this time. Thank you very much. Conway County Borough Council.

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Carrie Thomas. No, we don't.

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Have any comments on the draft timetable.

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Thank you. Are there any comments from other local authorities?

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Any comments from other interested parties, I believe, and notably may have their hand up.

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Yes, madam. Thank you. John Lewis speaking on behalf of Natural Resources Wales. We are content with the original timetable and broadly content also with the changes proposed by the applicant, with one relatively minor exception. And that is that point 15. In relation to deadline seven, where it's proposed to move at deadline seven to Friday, the 24th of February, and as you'll no doubt aware, already examined, just because you've looked at this in looking at the the wider timetable, the February half term in Wales is between the 20th and the 24th of February, and we understand that's not just one or two local authority areas that's pretty much across the board in Wales that that is the the February half term.

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So because quite a few members of our team do have young families and to have a deadline within that week is challenging for us and somewhat problematic. So our strong preference would be for that suggested date of deadline seven, either to remain as it is in the original timetable or because of the other changes made to that date could be moved to the subsequent week.

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We might suggest the 3rd of March and then the subsequent changes to follow on from that. Then that would, from our perspective, be be more achievable.

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Thank you. I don't see any of the hands up.

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Mrs. Dundee, I was sorry. Sorry. I didn't see your hand.

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That's quite all right. Michael Gregg, for real? That's the only I don't have any comments. The original timetable, only one comment on the proposed changes and that was in relation to item nine with moving the hearings from the week commencing fifth December to to 21st November. I suppose a slight concern that we've got deadline to on on Wednesday the ninth and. It seems to be the consequence of moving the hearings to the 21st of Ember is really only in practical terms, got a week between deadline to the hearings, and obviously we don't know what the stages is, what material will be coming in it deadline.

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And I suppose I'm a little concerned as to whether that's really giving enough time between a deadline to and the hearings.

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Okay. Thank you very much.

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I'm correct in thinking nobody else has a hand up or comments from in the room. Mr. Stone, do you have any final comments for the applicant?

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Thank you, ma'am. Done and helped out. And I'm just having to check my diary at the same time. It's looking at the said apologies in respect of the points made by Mr. Lewis on our suggested item 15. So

that would be deadline seven. I think we we'd suggested it was the end of that week prior to the 24th of February. I think he was suggesting the 3rd of March, which is a week later. I think.

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From our perspective, that starts to move in using our timetable, I have to say now, but that starts to move into those other deadlines. So we would be happy for that to be moved to say early in that week of the 27th of February. So maybe the 28th of February rather than the 24th as we've got it set now, which which possibly would overlap with with our point 16 in terms of publication of changes to the the DCO. But I think those two those two could be managed.

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And then the other suggestion or the other concern I think was around the hearings on the 9th of November that Mr. Mr. Grant raised and saying they were shortly after.

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So it was our suggestion was that on point nine that the hearings were moved to the 21st and that was

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not long after the deadline to that is just.

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That's a few weeks so 9th of November would be deadline to for comment and then that's effectively ten days before those hearings. So I don't think we'd have concerns with that in terms of timing.

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Thank you.

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Thank you. No other comments.

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Thank you. And as I'm sure you're all the way, there are many competing aspects when drafting a timetable, including several internal deadlines for the inspectorate, which also needs to be built into the timetable. And these include, for example, publication of notifications. As such, it's a difficult task to draft a timetable which everyone is 100% happy with. We will, however, take into consideration all the comments made here today and obviously the comments made by the applicant at procedural deadline A when producing our really late letter with a final timetable that is ultimately up to the examining authority to decide the final timetable.

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Additionally, all parties should be aware that at any time after the last deadline or events set out in the timetable, we may decide under Section 99 of the Act that the examination is complete. This may therefore be before the end of the six month period, which is the statutory period for the completion of the examination. In any case, when the examination of the examining authority is completed, it is examination of the application. It must inform each of the interested parties don't like to highlight the importance of ensuring that information is submitted in accordance with set deadlines.

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And it may presently seem like the end of the examination on Monday, the 20th of March 2023, is a long way in the future. However, the examination period does pass quickly. Whilst we do have the

ability to accept late submissions into the examination. This is our discretion and should only be done in exceptional circumstances. As late submissions restrict the ability of the parties involved to respond to the information which can jeopardise the examination timetable. It is therefore important for you to note that if you do submit something late, there is always the possibility that it may not be accepted into the examination.

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Are there any other thoughts or questions anybody needs to raise now on what I just went through? Before we move onto the next agenda item.

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No. Could I just ask Mr. Grech if he could just clarify just for our understanding what you were referring to, deadline two or deadline three?

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But then I was deferring to the applicants proposed change to deadline three and. The relationship between that and deadline to.

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Thank you just for something that's very helpful.

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I'm also now bearing in mind what you what you said as well, and also it's not just about the difficulties that may be for the participants in the hearing. It's also it was also thinking about the examining authority and the need for you to prepare for the hearings and issue agendas and how that would fit in with with that timescale.

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Thank you. If there are no other comments, I thank you for your participation in that agenda item. I'll now hand over to Dr. Morgan for agenda item number six.

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Thank you, Mr. Cassini. I'm now going to run through item six, which is initial hearings, including site inspections, starting with site inspections. The exam authority has already undertaken three and a complete site inspections from publicly accessible land, the first between the 27th and 29th of June, the second between the first and 4th of August and the third between the fifth and 7th of September.

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The inspections were principally undertaken in order to view the proposed offshore development and onshore substation on their surroundings through identified viewpoints with the aid of photo montages and other visualizations. The area of the proposed Cape Route Landfill and sections of the proposed onshore cable route and proposed sites of the onshore substation. The notes for these inspections are available to view on the project page of the website, and the reference numbers are IVA 00123006.

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The applicant's proposed itinerary for unaccompanied site inspection was published on the 12th of September. Any comments and suggestions on these proposals, together with the request to attend the complete site inspection should be provided to the examining authority by deadline one last Monday, the 24th of October. The latter is a change, as Ms.. Cassini pointed out, to the current draft timetable, which we intend making to the final version and the company site inspection, if required, is scheduled in the draft timetable for the week, commencing the 5th of December.

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The final itinerary will be published at least three weeks in advance of the event taking place. A company site inspections ensure that the examining authority has an understanding of the proposed development within its sites and surroundings as well as its effects. There's no discussion on its merits in the course of the inspection. It should be noted that any submission that deadline one does not preclude any further requests for site visits, including suggestions of prospective locations during examination.

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This may be after you had the opportunity to review what is being said, the hearings and any additional documents. However, there should be good reason for doing so. It may be that the examining authority also decides to carry out further unaccompanied site inspections at any point during examination. Any notes from such inspections will be placed on the project page of the website.

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Does anyone have any comments or questions relating to slide the inspections? If I could go to you. We stand as the applicant first. Thank you. Denbighshire County Council.

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From white Mr. Thomas, no observations and Anglesey.

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No, thank you.

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Thank you. Any other parties wish to comment on such inspections?

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Know this, and he comes up. So I'll go on to hearings.

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You'll be away from the for much of this week's events that the examining authority is now able to hold hearings as a blended event in person with other parties able to attend virtually if they wish. Our draft timetable makes no assumptions how future hearings will be held, but we'll give as much notice as possible regarding whether they will take place as a blended event like today or fully virtual via Microsoft Teams. And I'll seek your views on this on this shortly.

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I'd like to remind you that oral submissions in all hearings should be based on representations previously made in writing and not simply repeat matters previously covered in written submissions. They should rather provide further detail on issues previously raised to help inform the examining authority. You will have received notification that an early issue specific hearing on the draft development consent order will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, 21st September.

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In addition, open floor hearing is scheduled for Thursday, the 22nd of September. We have also received two further weeks for additional issue, specific compulsory acquisition and open floor hearings if required.

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In the draft timetable. These are scheduled for the weeks commencing the 5th of December and 6th of March 2023. If any interested parties anticipate that you wish to be heard at any future open floor or compulsory acquisition hearing, please notify us in writing by deadline one, which is Monday, the 24th of October.

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So I go to the applicant and he comments on that. Mr..

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Thank you, sir. And it's done on behalf of the applicant. I think the only comment we would make is we would request that, if possible or hearings have an in-person element to them. I think endorsing the comments that were made this morning about the importance of people being in a room together and all the good work.

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Hello. Yes, I was just asking if there's a comment from the applicant, Mr. Done on the hearing information that I just provided.

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Thank you, sir. And it's done on behalf of the applicant. We would fully endorse in-person hearings and would request that all hearings that take place have an in-person element to them. So there aren't any solely virtual hearings. It would be, which is the applicant's intention to attend or hearings. And I think we just endorse what we said earlier about the importance of people attending in-person and how valuable it can be to get to get matters discussed and done. And I would encourage people to come along and attend because I think I think they're very useful for everyone.

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So we would request that any future hearings do have an in-person element to them and that they're not done so virtually.

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Okay. Thanks for those comments. They noted. If I go to the councils now, then they should.

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Higher yet to. Sure. So I think the only observation really if he weren't anticipating to have specific hearings in advance of deadline one. So I just wanted reassurance. I mean, I've spoken with Opinions team previously and they said that we're not going to be prejudiced if we don't write something tomorrow that we then raise in our deadline one written submission. I just want to clarify. Say that, um. Yeah, written representation will be given equal weight where we have raised something up the ADA to issue surface specific hearings that are scheduled this week.

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Yes. Yes. Your comments noted and absolutely that assurance is given.

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Thank you.

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Thanks. Okay. Thank you for that contribution. If I go to Conway

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Carey Thomas. No, we have no comments to make on the further hearings. Thank you, Mr. Thomas and Anglesea.

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Think he's from any other party. Like to make any comments about the hearings.

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Thank you. Stephen it will just be energy networks. And I was reading for tomorrow the incentive discussion of the draft each year to cover

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a number of matters, one of which we're interested in, which is the provisions that you come up. I suppose the thought that goes through my mind is that, as I appreciate, tomorrow will be an exploratory session around many issues. But to talk about some issues in the draft year, we really need to cover other issues,

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which I think one point for me to say now it's going to set tomorrow, save time was really requesting meetings with information that enables, in my case, us as an interested party to respond to the seemingly same information that we're engaging with today, that more so is needed, then we can move to progressing matters of relation to the draft issue.

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I suppose I'm. If I can take this moment to sort of reflect on a couple of issues that have been said this morning, I appreciate there's a long list of messages and we're in that list. And it's done say that, you know, we're because we're interested in the provisions then hopefully will be early on in the list to look at progressing that of. And I think that again with having that much information to go through

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that will feed into. And we need to see that information first before we can sign off on SOCOG. And a similar thought with the timetabling. I just wanted to clarify as well that I didn't hear objections and then we have ready either. So from the potential other issue specific hearing in the week on the 5th of December. It was being suggested to bring that forward to the 21st of November.

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If that is the case, then similarly, there's a lot more information that I think would suggest needs to be forthcoming for interested parties to review and make progress on where we want to be on important matters such as the draft issue. Otherwise, I can just push him back to the program and deadlines.

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And if we're shortening that the number of deadlines, then we will need to move quickly. Otherwise, I would ask that it's something that we take into account in reviewing the program. So providing that information from at least this submission,

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then we can look to move forward. I would also suggest one thing I'll cover tomorrow to give you an idea. It's about grouping issues. So appreciate not have to take issues one by one, but from an interested parties point of view, you might not always be

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available or working to different deadlines. And we approach it from a an issue that we're interested in that might cover a number of issues that are being raised through the format of the examination. So it

might be that we just wish to raise issues that at once different issues rather than come back to them issue by issue. So ask the panel, please, to take that into account. Okay. Thank you, Mr.. Edwards. Thank you. If I can go to Mr.. And perhaps to respond to that.

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Thank you, sir. Done on behalf of the applicant. We certainly are engaged with Mr. Edwards and I've spent as he's well aware. So perhaps if we have a conversation outside this meeting again, why it's good for everybody to be here in person to talk about the issues that you're concerned with, as we have done previously. We can we can certainly look at how we take those forward. Thank you.

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Okay. Thank you. Ms.. Dunn, any final comments on the hearings?

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I can't see any hands up.

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Okay. Thank you for all your comments. We'll be considering your requests and suggestions when finalizing the timetable in our forthcoming Rule eight letter. So I'll now hand back to Mr. Hockley for any of the matters and agenda item seven.

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Thank you, Dr. Morgan. So any other matters? Item seven. I've had no other matters notified to me under this agenda item anybody wishes to raise at this meeting. But are there any items in relation to procedural or other relevant matters that anyone wishes to raise after what they have heard today?

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No. Said nothing for the.

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Thank you.

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And I also have any. Any other matters.

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Not seeing any hands in the room or lines, sir. Thank you. So, in which case, I'll move to close the meeting. Thank you all very much for contributing so fully and usefully to this meeting today. Both those in the room and virtually we very much look forward to commencing examination termination of this application and may remind you that both notes and a digital recording of the proceedings today will be made available as soon as practicable on the project page of the National Infrastructure website. If I could just go over again the next stages of the process.

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So we have issue specific hearing one on the draft development consent order. That's here at 10:00 tomorrow morning, open floor hearing, one at 10 a.m. on Thursday, which is in this venue but in a different room. The craft in that room of that end of the building that's notified in the Rule six letter and issue of the examination timetable and our first written questions as soon as practicable. This is probably likely to be next week at some point, and then again, deadline one Monday to 24th of October. Okay. So the time is now 1140 and this meeting for the Elbow project is now closed.

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Malc available to Wendy or Noa or Katy. Thank you very much, doc.

