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It's now 315. Time to reconvene before I move on to agenda item number seven. Mr. Stern, have you had an opportunity to discuss weak issues?

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Thank you, ma'am. I think we were just seeking to go back to our previous representations to be able to summarize those, and I'd refer back to our deadline three submission. It's our documents, 3.2 apologies. I don't have the examination reference. So we've set out in that our remorse position in respect of potential impacts on real flat that the site is more than five kilometres from the Array's site, it's more than five kilometres from road flats, Wind Farm, which is in accordance with the Crown Estate 2017 siting criteria for offshore wind farm extensions.

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And it was the applicant. So it is the applicant's understanding that this distance was set by the Crown Estate to provide a suitable stand off from existing operational wind farms and therefore that was considered that part of the identification process. We've noted real flat wind farms, limited submissions in relation to national policy statement and three and particularly paragraph 2.2, 6.184, and that is the paragraph that states that the IPC hear the Secretary of State should be satisfied that the site selection and site design of a proposed offshore wind farm has been made with a view to avoiding or minimising disruption or ecological economic loss or any adverse effect on safety to other offshore industries.

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The IPC Secretary of State should not consent applications which pose unacceptable risks to safety after mitigation measures being considered. It's the applicant's position that that reference in this paragraph and indeed in other paragraphs in the national policy statements to other offshore industries does not is not intended or designed to include other offshore wind farms. Our view is that had that been the intention, it would very clearly have been stated and would have been listed in the list of other example activities which are actually listed in paragraph 2.6.176 of and three.

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That's effectively our position and.

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Thank you very much.

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Thank you. And I move on to a review of issues and actions arising. And Mr. Stone, as as usual, I'm afraid a lot of these fall to the applicants. So as I think we did in the last issues specific hearings, I'll if it's all right, there will be three them. You either disagree agree and then yeah, the first one was Mr. DAVIES who spoke first thing this morning. He raised some concern over requiring larger scale plans in respect to the substation in general.

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Now, I have to admit, I wasn't 100% clear about who who was going to provide that. I do believe Mr. DAVIES may be attending tomorrow. So my suggestion is that Mr. Stevens from the Planning Inspectorate speaks to him, and then maybe you could liaise with Mr. Stevens as to what his requirements are and who's going to provide.

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Yes, ma'am. I think that's a good sign.

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Next section is the applicant to review documents provided at deadlines and clarify the naming, boating, etc., and to provide clean and truck change versions of documents.

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Yes, ma'am. We will certainly review. That cannot be clear. Are you looking for truck change versions of things that have been put in previously, or is it just that going forward you would like track changed versions of documents moving forward?

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Moving forward? Yeah. Thank you. There are two list. I know you said that that was quite a sizable task. We were requesting that you would review what we had requested and revert back to us.

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I suggest if we review the errata list and do take the points around those documents that are going to be certified needing as far as possible to be full drafts of those.

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If we come back with a with a proposition in terms of how we'll be updating those documents and at what point, it probably makes no sense to do that. So as I said, there aren't hundreds of documents being circulated that continue to be superseded.

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Is it possible to do that for deadline three A?

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We'll do our best. Thank you.

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So just on that matter, could could you append that throughout list to the so each.

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Yes chapter. Would that be an option that we actually want to

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just something else to think about.

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I think that's a very good idea. And so we will certainly have a look at that.

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I might just see what see what the rest of the public think about that first item, because that at least that's contained within. Yeah. And then maybe you could just references at the beginning, say, see?

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We'll set the rules. We'll certainly take that away as a good suggestion.

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Thank you. And Mr. Hudson provided a list of documents that perhaps were missing in his section. He provided a list. And you said that you would liaise with parties to provide either up to date or the documents. I have a list. Of the documents. Do you want me to run through them now?

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Those are the policy documents, aren't they? Requested? Yes, the OMB management plan. It may be sensible for the local authorities. And then notably. And Snowdonia National areas, National Park Authority to be providing those rather than us. But in the absence of that, we can certainly draw from the website, but aren't guaranteeing that they necessarily all that up to date document.

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Just bear with me.

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Yet. We will ask at the next round of written questions, I think is the easiest way to do that. And then if there are any issues, we can come back. I think

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in turn you're going to consider adding wording to the draft eco inspector confirming that all turbines will be the same height. I know that's when you're going to go away and

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I will certainly look at the wording of whether we could include something like that.

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And provide an update to ourselves in respect of progress made regarding landscape of site enhancement. Yes, I deadline for I believe that was the case and gaps and you requested to be included in discussions regarding any heritage mitigation proposals.

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Tourism funds. You're going to advise on the progress and what evidence would be put into examination. And my request that factors that are deemed to be mitigation and enhancement across the whole project were clarified. I don't have any other action points and there's any body else on the X. I

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know anybody else in the room.

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Mrs. Dunn, have you got anything?

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No, not. Thank you.

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Thank you. I'll now hand over to Mr. Hockey for agenda item eight.

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Thank you very much. Just on any other matter. So.

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Just just a point. That was a slight bit of common ground that we just mentioned

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and what we've just discussed.

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I thought the actions of those various actions that Mr. McMahon has set, you know, they'll be invited back for of them.

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So yes. So it's the updates on statements to common ground for deadline for. Yes.

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Thank you.

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Yes. Any other matters? Mr. Hudson, just add a couple of points here that you wish to raise followed up on this morning session.

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Yeah. Thank you. Yeah. Going back to the major Morgan offshore wind farms. And the cumulative assessment points that I raised. The applicant has insufficient information to make such an assessment, despite having the scoping opinions.

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What further information would the applicant need in order to make such an assessment?

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Over and above and beyond what's contained in the scoping opinion scoping opinions.

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I certainly stand on behalf of the applicant, and that would need to be a defined project

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in terms of a scheme where there was sufficient information around the proposed project and

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potentially its impact both offshore and onshore, to be able to do anything that is any form of meaningful cumulative assessment.

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But the scoping opinions tell you how many turbines themselves are. The area for probably tells you a lot. Landfall the heights.

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I'm not sure at. It doesn't say anything around the landfill site is perhaps it's a zone that's been identified there's no there's no information around onshore elements including certainty of landfall, certainty on any cable corridor, substation site and public consultation on this consultation going on on those matters at the moment. So those those elements are not defined at this stage.

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And as I said, there is no as far as I know, there's very little information around where the offshore export cable corridor would come out. And as I said previously, the Ouray area at this stage or the array that went into scoping is essentially the area that was included within the bid to the Crown state. There's been

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it is it is as it is. And there's no

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there was insufficient information to carry out meaningful payments to the assessment.

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Okay. Thank you. And the other thing I wanted to go back to was the Landscape Improvement Fund.

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Similarly to the community fund of the tourism fund. Is it considered mitigation or enhancement?

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So we've very clearly said it's enhancement.

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Okay. So in terms so we are we going to see anything about that later in the examination?

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Yes.

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Yes, I think we said it would be so. So whilst it's enhancement, not mitigation, it's clearly an important consideration for. And I'll tell you and the local authorities and we will be progressing that. I think Mr. Carter explains how that would be progressed. And and our aim is that that is resolved before the end of the examination.

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Okay. And in terms of ways that the examining authority can give to that.

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Interesting question. I suspect it will come down to the view of the local authorities and then our view as to what impact that fund has on their assessment of the project.

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Okay. Thank you very much.

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Okay. Thank you very much. I just have one quick point to raise. This wasn't a matter, but I'm sure everybody everybody is well aware that there's been discussions about various matters today, such as tourism, fun landscape, heritage, possible enhancement skills and employment strategy. And I'm sure everyone's acutely aware, but we're about halfway through the examination now, and obviously Christmas is on its way. Time's ticking. So it's just if anything has to be submitted to an examination and considered by ourselves that it obviously needs to be submitted in good time as well to allow for parties the time to comment on those submissions as well.

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So just just to reiterate that point, ready.

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So we are very aware of that and are seeking to to progress those things as far as possible. And I think hopefully it was also clear that we're doing quite a lot of discussion outside of the examination so that documents that are submitted are agreed as far as possible when they go in rather than that consultation. Well, there clearly be consultation and engagement on them as part of the examination, but that will have reached the position with the parties that are involved before that goes in, because that also saves time for everyone in the examination.

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Thank you, as usual. Okay. I've got no other matters notified to me under this agenda item. Are there any items anyone wishes to raise after what they've heard today?

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No one in the room. Oh.

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Just a minor housekeeping matter for our service that we will be here tomorrow, but we will be joining online tomorrow. There might be an issue as to whether I'm available at 10:00. Precisely. In which case there'll be others to take over. But I hope to be here at ten. Thank you.

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Thank you very much. Noted Nova matters,

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not online. I'm not seeing any hands. Okay. Thank you. So in that case, I'll move to close a meeting. Thank you once again for all your contributions today. It's been very useful for us. Just to remind you, a digital recording of the proceedings today will be made available as soon as practicable on the project page of National Infrastructure website. Next stages of the process. We have fish free at 10:00 tomorrow in this room again and deadline Friday, Friday, December two. That's all week on Friday. So the time is now 1604 and this is to for a little more project is now closed.

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Malcolm about current leader Matt Panadol Oman now. Okay. Thank you, Doctor.