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Okay. Thank you very much. But it's now a quarter to four and will resume before we just recommence with Mr. Romney's questions. I just wanted to take the views of the parties yesterday about timings and you'll see that we still got quite a bit on the agenda to get through. We've still got quite a few questions,

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but we're very aware that these days are very intense for everybody here. There's a lot of listening, a lot of concentrating, a lot of talking for quite a few of us.

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Our initial thoughts as a panel, and this is what I'm asking your views on, that we wouldn't go past 6 p.m. today. So would that be acceptable to people or do people have other commitments? I'll finish out here. I'm completely open to people's views. I could perhaps ask the outcome first.

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Certainly is done on behalf of the applicant. We would certainly appreciate not going beyond 6 p.m.. Some of us have got some quite significant distances to travel this course and so 6 p.m., I would ask would be probably the latest that we'd finished if there was an opportunity to finish. Before that we would appreciate it, but we recognise the importance of everybody being here and getting through as much as we can.

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Okay. Thank you. Would anyone else like to make any comments? Mr. Beattie. Yes, I would concur with the ladies viewpoint. Thank you very much. Thank you very much, Mr. Davis.

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Okay. I'm sorry. I thought only that. Can I please cut out your pain pathway address? I think you should caravan those who say we're not going to be replaced with where we are all round the horn with the work. I starting in favour of a relative of that

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Thank you, doc. And certainly all of our comments from anybody online about possible finishing times.

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No. Okay. Thank you. So if we take that, we'll finish at six at the very latest. We'll endeavor to try and get finished earlier. And if necessary, then obviously, we may need to move some of our subjects to

written questions or potentially to have hearing week in February if we go. But we'll take it from that. So thank you, everybody, for your consideration and for your acceptance. Okay. Mr. OATES.

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Thank you, Mr. Whole. Quick. So there's a couple of phrases that come up today. Maybe if I could just ask the applicant to clarify a couple of phrases. I'll take that on

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the first basis,

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because the applicants confirm if the lifetime of the project includes the decommissioning phase.

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So it is done on behalf of the applicant when reference has been made to the lifetime of the project, that is the operational lifetime of the project. It doesn't include decommissioning because that date is not known at this stage at this time.

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So in the context of, say, aftercare or maintenance or planting, yeah, refurbishments, it's during the operation, not the decommissioning. Yes, sir. Okay. Thank you very much. The second phrase I've picked up on is about maintaining the value of biodiversity. So if you could maybe just elaborate on how value has been. What criteria is it used to define a value of biodiversity enhancement in particular?

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And so in Wales currently there's no requirement for a metric. And so within the ecological impact assessment, we haven't quantified losses and gains. That approach was agreed within RW in December 2021 at three 0:03 a.m.. The Welsh Government recently confirmed its approach to net benefits for biodiversity.

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And in its document the approach to net benefits of biodiversity and the DEC framework. And so that aligns with the qualitative approach, the applicant's assessment and.

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The app can confirm with another view in December 2021 at 303 that the mitigation, compensation and biodiversity enhancement quantum for the application is agreed and therefore meets the relevant policy requirements.

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Enhancements clearly have to be additional to the compensation and mitigation that we've shown. So the initial proposals at the onshore substation include the erection of timber boxes, including the two pole mounted vinyl boxes we spoke about earlier and the creation and ongoing management of five new ponds, creation of 9.8 hectares of species, rich lowland meadow, creation of additional hedgerows and areas of locally native broadleaf woodland.

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That's an outline this is on. The illustrative plan would be currently shown would be subject to further agreement

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and also be confirmed through bilateral discussion in November 2021 and confirmed via subsequent agreement on minutes, as well as the relevant reps and written reps and the statement of Common Ground and that concrete action is required to move this massive business park population of great crested needs towards favourable conservation status. So the creation of those plans is clearly an enhancement for that local population. Great precedence as well.

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Okay. Okay. So in terms of, say, set criteria, I understand what you're saying in terms of no metric, but the enhancements that are the principles of the enhancements outlined in the all and there's no further set criteria to say, for example,

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a barn owl requires criteria X, Y and Z in order to then for that value to be retained. There's nothing like that in terms of a set of criteria to define value.

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No, but I think perhaps what you're alluding to is the need for targets and objectives within a management plan as it's in its final form so that we know when we have achieved those enhancements, perhaps, and those kinds of details would be included in the final plan.

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Okay. Again, can I just try and maybe I'm not defining it in the right context.

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If you were looking to do ongoing management, which you've outlined today,

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to maintain the value of the biodiversity enhancement. Could you maybe just give me an example of how that ongoing management would lead to maintaining the value of the biodiversity enhancements?

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So currently the area around the substation location is managed with an agricultural objective. If we were to move that towards an ecological and biodiversity objective, notwithstanding the fact it has to meet landscape and other agencies to and the types of measures that would be

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employed would be a management of the grazing or cutting regime to increase structural diversity across the site so that there are an increased number of ecological niches and therefore species across the site. And we'd be seeking to increase the sward diversity and hopefully therefore the soil biodiversity is as well. That would increase invertebrate prey, which would cascade up the food chain.

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There are other measures as well. I could go.

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On, but no, that's fine. That's fine. Let's clarify that. Thank you very much.

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If I can maybe go on to the second topic area, which is Pre-commencement Construction programme. It would be helpful if we could have figure two upon the screen. Oh, sorry. If I can just maybe pause for a moment.

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To vote on the question. If I can maybe ask the applicant to respond to that please.

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Sorry, sir. I missed that. What? You asked me to respond to that. Yes. Is done on behalf of the applicant. The. The land around the substation and where the ecological and landscape management will be will be within the ownership of the the substation owner. So initially, as I explained earlier, the project will be developed by our law and there will be as part of the of the process in the event that consent is granted, that land will be acquired and the substation will be will be built, plus the landscaping put in place.

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And that would that there will be there are obligations, as we have discussed, within the consent that is granted for the whole project and the details that are approved around the ongoing care and maintenance of that as that is then sold to the offshore transmission network of operator the OFTO later on those obligations will transfer to that body, who will be responsible, who will own the substation and be responsible for maintaining it. And those obligations will continue and be passed on to that subsequent owner.

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List done on behalf of the applicant. It will include all the land that is acquired by by our law to develop this. So it will include all the. It would include all the land within the red area. So. So with the orange, the light green, the dark green, the blue, the land at the top. And all of that will be will be acquired and will be maintained as part of the substation, as will the cables to the north and the south and the access as well.

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So it will all go together and be in the responsibility of a single party.

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Okay. Thank you. Yeah. If we can maybe have figure two up on the screen. And that's the indicative construction program.

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That's from the On Shore Project Description approach 62.

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So it's thicker, too, which is the indicative construction program.

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Thank you.

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Um, if you could maybe just zoom in a little bit more, if possible.

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Okay. So you'll notice on the first line there, it makes reference to preliminary works. I just want to clarify, because obviously we've got definition terms within the DCO. Is PRE-COMMENCEMENT works the same as preliminary works.

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So it's done on behalf of the applicant. This table was put together before we did the refinement of explaining what the PRE-COMMENCEMENT works were, and they had been reference through the documentation to preliminary works. These are the pre-construction works that we've now clarified in respect of the sorry, I don't know if we've called them pre commenced pre-commencement works that we've clarified for the purposes of the DCF.

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Thank you for clarifying that.

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if I could ask a further question then could the applicant explain the programming approach at the substation for Pre-commencement work? So for example, archaeological investigation, site clearance, ground investigation.

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So that's going to be helpful to sort of understand what is it on a timing basis? Is it sequential?

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So, yeah, it's in the context of this program. So if you look at year one, it's saying if we say preliminary works are the same as pre-commencement works, you know, so Pre-commencement works would involve archaeological works. So it's the intention, for example, to start archaeological investigation works in one year or

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as indicated in the.

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So I wonder if this might be a question for Steve to deal with in writing. I think I think I think just to make clear, we have and we have explained and I think we did explain following on from the development consent order, hearing how the PRE-COMMENCEMENT works would operate effectively. And the elements that we would be seeking to do that wouldn't trigger, as we've talked about, commencement and therefore the discharge of the DCO requirements, but could be done in advance of that and certainly archaeological investigation, initial archaeological investigation to then inform the written scheme of investigation would be works that we would be seeking to do, plus pre-commencement site clearance and some more ecological survey work.

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And I think we've also explained through through the material put in, through to the last few deadlines how the outline landscape and the ecology management plan, how the provisions that are included within there would be the elements that would be relied upon for the pre-construction ecological surveys to ensure that there are suitable controls in place for that and the requirement in respect of the archaeological investigation and the funds to come to the farm and

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specifies that any pre-construction archaeological surveys have to be done in accordance with the outline WSI, which has been submitted as part of this application. So there are, whilst whilst the PRE-COMMENCEMENT works

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are taking place before those detailed schemes have been discharged, we've sought to ensure that within the outline documentation that's been provided to the examination and that will will be certified by the Secretary of State. There are sufficient controls in place that will be adhered to to ensure that those are done with, with the with the appropriate controls in place before the detailed design, before the detailed plans have been signed off.

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Thank you. Mrs. Dunne. If I could possibly elaborate and put it more into context, that might help in terms of a written response. So hypothetically, as it's not clear currently

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for the PRE-COMMENCEMENT works, if, for example, archaeological investigations were starting in Q one year one,

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where would the temporary construction compound be for those works? Is it your intention to use the temporary construction compound that you have for the main substation works, or would the temporary construction compound be elsewhere? If you bear in mind also that you're looking to undertake further pre-commencement works such as ground investigation. Is the intention to have one temporary construction compound for the ground investigation and the archaeological investigation? Or because of programming constraints, you might be looking to have several temporary construction compounds within the substation site.

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The site clearance presumably will be undertaken

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by maybe a different party to archaeological investigations. So it's the intention for all of these Pre-commencement works to utilize the temporary construction component that you've indicated in the hall and or a few earmarked a different place on the site.

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Thank you, sir. I understand The question, I suspect, is one we should take away. Come back.

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Could you confirm a tie deadline for.

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Yes, that's fine.

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Okay, great.

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This next set of questions I have in that context as well, if you could give consideration to what you will be doing with Earthworks. So for the archaeological investigation, I know you've indicated in the outline WSI within scheme of investigation that you'll be doing trial trenching. But if you do undertake trial trenching and find that you've got to do further investigative work, that then means obviously, you know, stripping the topsoil and going down to subsoil level.

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What's the intention? Would you do that? Are you looking to put it aside to do the works and then bring that material back and reinstate or because you've got the temporary construction compound in one location, earthworks in another location, you'll just set it all aside and then put it all back up in due course following the construction.

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If I could maybe go on to the trust issue. Rep 3006.

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And again, this is in the context of Pre-commencement requirement 15 where you make note regarding

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construction. Start and finish times. So the question is, in the context of pre commencements, are you looking to

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have a different requirements to preclude commencement or would that requirement apply to

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all of the work?

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And if you feel you need to respond in a written response.

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So listen on behalf of the applicant. As that is drafted that relates, there is no reference to commencement there it is in relation to construction of the on shore work. So that would cover all works including pre-commencement. What?

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Okay, so the intention is for pre-convention works.

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To be to be covered within the company. Okay.

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Okay. And yeah. Requirement 17 as well. If you could maybe just clarify if that applies, if it's a similar approach because if it says it's saying that must be reinstated within six months of completion, so is a completion of the pre commencement. So completion of the construction.

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Is done on behalf of the applicant. That is by reference to the relevant stage of the works and the stages are those. So if you refer back to a requirement five

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pre-commencement works can take can take place outside of the approval of staging.

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So it would.

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Yes. So? So at the moment, Pre-commencement works would not be covered, I think, by that requirement as it's drafted. So if they could be wrapped in with the stages as they come forward.

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Okay. Thank you.

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If I can maybe explore briefly what would happen in the context of it. Say Pre-commencement works such as site clearance

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or completed, so vegetation clearance was complete. But for whatever reason, the commencement works were either delayed or for whatever reason, not undertaken. What would be the approach then?

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So it is done on behalf of the applicant. It's certainly not the intention to stop to do pre-commencement works and then not continue. Excuse me. I think I suggest that we have a look at the drafting of requirements 17 as you're clearly looking for some certainty that if there was then not commencement that those pre-commencement works insofar as they needed to would be reinstated. The land would be reinstated.

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Okay. Yeah.

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Thank you.

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right. I'd like to bring in now the overarching national policy statement for energy. And one under paragraph 4.2.3, kind of read what it says just to help. It's for the purpose of this NPS and the technology specific NPS. The IRS should cover the environment, social and economic effects arising from pre-construction, construction, operation and decommissioning of the project.

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So could the applicant therefore explain where the significance of the fact during the pre commencement, i.e. the pre construction has been presented?

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If I can maybe just highlight the environmental impact assessment methodology within that. Obviously, bullet points environmental assessments on this in the context of during construction operation and decommissioning. But if you could maybe just clarify where, according to the NPS, where the pre-construction, i.e. pre commencement is addressed

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and if if you need to do a written response to that, I.

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Sallies down on behalf of the applicant that free commencement is dealt with in the construction phase. So rather than referring to the stages as they are set out. So so for the purposes of the assessment that's been undertaken here, preconstruction and construction are effectively the same, the same phase. So it's wrapped up within. That operation's clearly been considered and decommissioning insofar as it can be at this stage.

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If, say, an interested party wanted to just isolates the particular stages phases and wanted to see what the significant effects in the context of pre-construction would be, how could they identify that information within the documents in the examination library?

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So so that would be that would be included in the construction effects of the project. And you'd need to go through the separate chapters to identify those elements.

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If that's something that an interested party could easily undertake.

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If you feel it's better, maybe just.

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I think perhaps we should come back.

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Yeah, yeah, yeah. I appreciate. It's not something easy to answer in this setting.

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Okay.

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If we can move on to the construction phase next. Is it possible for us to have the hour via visualization? It's figure 2.18, the last few point one. So it's looking up from the bridle path near vinyl proper. And if you can have a look up, maybe the air as well.

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Yeah. If you could possibly just zoom in to the left hand side where we have the slope of the embankment.

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The image above. Not that long. Yeah.

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Yeah. So we see obviously the substation platform and then

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the top of the platform and the gradient coming down to existing ground level. So could the applicant maybe just clarify what the gradient of that is?

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The justices. Williams On behalf of the applicant, the slope shown in this visualization is a three in one slope, one in 3.2.

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So we're going to have to swap over a couple of images and then maybe.

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Okay. So.

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It's possible for us to have a look at the construction compound in the case of layout so that that's appendix E, and that was in

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the response to examining authorities first written question. So if we can go to that 1007 and Appendix C, which shows the construction compound indicated layout.

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Yes. Réponse 007. And Appendix C.

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So it's not. Let me get that one. Thank you.

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So 2 to 2 on the right hand side. It shows the cable corridor, which is indicators like yellow.

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Which appears to be something like

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40 metres wide when it comes to the northeastern part of the substation. And then it's sort of the question that I had was this sure seems to reduce in width by 20 meters or does it go under the corner of the substation at that point?

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John Sims Williams on behalf of the applicant. As you note, this is an indicative cable corridor of 40 meter width within what is within the work plans, a wider zone. And there is some uncertainty as to the final position of the cable corridor. The what's perhaps not so clear on this image is that there is another cable corridor coming from the south of the substation up that eastern side, which is for the 400 KV cables going out from the substation towards the national grid substation.

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And there's some uncertainty as to which point on the substation those two corridors should meet with where the cables interface into the substation. The particular point that I think you're narrowing in on there is an environmental feature, I believe a tree just adjacent to that point, which was the reason for

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for the step that you see in the cable corridor that.

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Possibly might help you as I just try and continue with my thought process, maybe that will maybe address maybe the query that I have. So it's that particular

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extent of the cable corridor doesn't go further eastwards because there is a class called nature reserve. So that's why I was asking if the cable corridor there is either going to be 20 metres or I have likely to offset the cable corridor by a further 20 metres. That's what's shown there. Will you need 40 metres of a cable corridor going around the.

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Paul Carter on behalf of the applicant, I think you're asking where it's showing indicative me is 20 meters that would actually need to come another 20 meters further east. Yeah. Yeah. No. And we are obviously constrained by the works plans and by the site here. Yeah. We have access to the whole of that northern edge of the substation in the works, plans to bring cables in. So we would just necessarily bring them in slightly further west along that northern edge than you can see here.

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We wouldn't step outside the works plans to take them further east. There are lots there's lots of opportunity for flexibility to deliver it in a way that doesn't require us to go further east national on that plan. A subsequent point, of course, is that we're showing the cable corridor here in yellow outside of the substation footprint. But of course a substation includes cables as well. And you could deliver this option by bringing the cables through the very corner of the substation that cables run through substations.

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It's a natural part of them.

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Okay. Thank you.

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I think you mentioned sites loop of one in three from the substation. So that would in effect,

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if you're looking at when we were out on sites, something like a difference of four and a half metres in height. So one in three would probably protrude out, leaving maybe a five meter corridor to the eastern northeastern part of the of the site. So within that five meter corridor is not considered a sufficient buffer. Bearing in mind you'll be looking to put any pre construction earthworks drainage in place.

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So is there any contemplation for a buffer of classical nature reserve? Is that nature required?

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Are you building right up to the face of Costco? That nature is a.

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John Sims Williams on behalf of the applicant. So just to note that the one in three slope discussed earlier is the indicative design at this stage, as you would imagine, and that within the works plans there is the the zoning term, the substation construction zone work number 31, which includes that sloped element. And to reiterate that any work that we do would be bounded within the area shown on the works plans.

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But as you say, in theory, that could mean that that slope extends to the limit of the work spans, which is in this location, the fenceline boundary with the nature reserve. Yes.

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So in the context of mitigation or buffers, are there any provisions consideration to ensure or does it need anything to protect the Costcos nature reserve do.

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That is just on behalf of the applicant. The protection of retained habitat is included, is not of the outline, lamp and glass good nature reserves given specific mention in there in respect to that.

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To go into level of detail, for example, could the construction of say,

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a drainage ditch for the previous works have been put in place prior to the boundary of Cascade Nature Reserve?

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Currently the plat the overlap doesn't go into that level of detail. It describes in more detail how retained trees would be dealt with, but it doesn't have that. We don't know where the drainage is yet, so no, it doesn't go into that.

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So essentially one could go right up to the boundary of glass quite a lot. And the measures in place to.

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Well, I'm happy if you want to maybe take that as a written response. The question really is looking at where the levels that you have for the construction of the platform on the side slope, possibly a pinch point. How near can you go to a classical nature reserve and whether are there any protective measures required to limit the extent of construction work?

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Thank you. So we'll take Adam on the line. Okay.

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Thank you.

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And is it possible to get response by design for will that be feasible?

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Yes, you can assume unless we say otherwise. DEADLINE for build our response date for.

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Out from the action list. Okay.

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Okay. If you.

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Yes. The applicant could maybe just summarize its assumptions that it has regarding topsoil. So

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what does it intend to do? And what is its approach to topsoil? So, yeah.

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Faulkner on behalf of the applicant. As part of the Code of Construction Practice opening Dependencies. To this, the ACP is the Soil Management Plan, which includes pre-construction soil conditions, surveys that will be undertaken and will then be used to inform the management of soils during construction for the cable quarter and the substation site. So those conditions service would be done. A final soil management plan would be produced that would be informed by those that would include measures to prevent mixing of cells and handling of cells and reinstatement that would be agreed by the membership.

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I think that summarizes how soils would be managed and condition built in for the for the substation site. Those sort condition surveys would also inform then the suitability of soils for the mitigation that proposed because that's that's a slightly different objective potentially to agricultural reinstatement. Okay.

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From the approx quantities have been outlined in your application, it appears that something like 87,500 square meters of topsoil is mentioned. Obviously there would be some assumption regarding the thickness of that topsoil. But in terms of the area that appears to be well, if I was trying to equate it to something like a 12 or 15 size football pitches.

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So the soil management plan that you mentioned doesn't go into that. Again, I recognize it's outline on a high level, but the approach to.

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Where you would store topsoil. And it doesn't go into really a lot of detail in terms of the earthworks facing us as a whole. So is the intention for the soil management plan. How does that relates to the phasing of the US looks, the topsoil and subsoil?

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Matt Faulkner on behalf of the applicant. It certainly is the intention that the Foreign Soil management plan was set, that the management of materials, including storage areas, to to make sure that there were sufficient storage areas allocated in terms of the level of detail at the moment, given that it is an outline document, it doesn't say that those out for for this area currently.

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Okay. And could it be a consideration maybe to have some sort of phasing approach drawing within the soil management plan.

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Certainly within the final soil management plan, are you suggesting?

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Yeah.

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Well.

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For the final one, perhaps if we take that away and and see if that document could be updated to clarify that point. Okay.

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Thank.

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Oh, yeah.

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Can I just confirm again where there is reference to preliminary works throughout the documentation, not just to the particular document I made reference earlier of the preliminary works is the same as the PRE-COMMENCEMENT works.

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So it's done on behalf of the applicant. It's certainly the intention that the same I think we need to do a check through just to make sure that they are consistent. That's consistent.

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And then in terms of the overlap of figure two, if you could just maybe confirm what stage that shows. So obviously it shows it's mitigation, which presumably will be probably post-construction from the discussion that we've had today. But it also shows the temporary construction compound. So

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this is it? Yeah.

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Certainly someone popped up that was just meant to show the areas that were relevant in terms of it shows the temporary construction compound. It also shows the substation footprint and the cables and other things. So it was designed to sort of indicate where the planting would be by reference to the various features that would be there. As we've said, this is an outline plan which is just seeking to identify which areas might be used for which things at this stage.

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Okay. Good. Thank you.

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Okay. If I could make reference to the draft development consent order, again,

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there's reference to Pre-commencement works whereby we still only take place, but that actually referencing to the details sets up an outline. So could be outline code of construction practice or outline landscape and ecology management plan. So the question I have are those sufficient control documents very in the mind that their outline.

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However, the scale of works form part of the pre-commencement such as archeological investigation, clearing the whole site of vegetation. Are those outlines considered sufficient?

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So it is done on behalf of the applicant. We've certainly sought to include details within those outline plans such that it's clear as to what what would be adhered to. The point I made earlier in terms of the sufficiency I suspect, is for others to comment on that rather than us, particularly Dempsey, County Council and and other consultees as to whether they consider those measures or are sufficient.

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Would it be possible for me to maybe ask Denbighshire County Council if they're on the call, if they if we can have some feedback from them regarding the outline code of construction practice on the outline or whether they're sufficiently developed in the context of pre-commencement works such as clearing the whole site of vegetation.

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It's be sure if it's MP Sherlock Holmes council. Yeah. So it is difficult to answer really. We haven't considered the extent of the Pre-commencement works in our representations. I think it's possibly something we'll have to come back to you on.

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Okay. And could you possibly come back by a deadline for Would that be feasible?

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Yeah, I can try. Yeah.

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Okay. Thank you very much.

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Thank you.

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If we could maybe briefly run over to the resilience of ecological network ecosystems.

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please, could the applicant explain how the application considers the Environment Wales Act 2016 Sustainable Management of Natural Resources. Sections three two. The objective is to maintain and harness the resilience of ecosystems and the benefits they provide.

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Yes. Thank you. Just Kovac on behalf of the applicant. So

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we provided some response to this for the first set of questions in 2.4, page 24 of that document and expanding on an earlier response, I'd point out firstly, a fundamentally the. The whole project assists towards global ecosystem resilience by reducing reliance on carbon for energy and minimizing impacts on climate. Specifically in relation to the substation area, nature based principles for the design of the substation area were developed from the outset through the evidence plan process in collaboration with A.W.

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and DENBIGHSHIRE. Setting aside the hard engineering constraints such as the water main and the outline scheme illustrated in yellow that minimizes hedgerow and tree loss and retains all the ponds to maintain the existing ecological networks as far as possible. The design then builds off that in line with future else definition of resilient ecological networks

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and the ecological measures. That's the mitigation, compensation and enhancement have been located in areas where they will bring most ecological benefit in accordance with the definition within

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the trails and document.

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they also meet the other specific requirements in relation to European protected species landscape and hydrology. So they extend out beyond ecology.

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And in terms of the rules of thumb related to

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terrestrial and freshwater resilient ecological networks within and out of the EU's guidance document, those are diversity extent conditions and connectivity. The project is sought to meet all of those, so the hedgerows woodlands and ponds are proposed locations which link into the existing green and blue infrastructure, and they help link together and expand important species populations such as the great crested Newt population to the east and some as a business park and habitat types like the ancient

Semi-natural woodland, which at the moment is is completely bounded by agricultural landscapes and historical features such as the walls around water within a state.

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And yet one design says to increase links to nature reserve and the adjacent Semi-natural Woodland site assists in resilience beyond beyond the red line boundary, beyond the limits of the scheme

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Post-construction. And once all the habitats are established and the area at the substation location is considered likely to be much more ecologically resilient as a result than at the current time. And that's mainly due to the the increase in links across the landscape, the increase in the number of ponds and the increase in the numbers and types of habitats present.

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Okay, thank you very much.

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Oh, probably leaves. The other questions I have for you too. If I can ask if any other party now wishes to make any comments before I hand over to my colleague, Dr. Marlin.

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Oh, Mr. Bailey? Yeah.

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Thank you very much.

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If I start just by making an observation, if I may just have a note to the applicant's response to the examining authorities. First questions, including items. 9.19.79.8. In nearly 30 years of practicing in this locality, I present nearly everything I have come across where land classification plans show land in the vicinity as having been downgraded from what was categorized on the mass plans of the 1960s, where virtually all of the subject land that's our client's property of federal proper is classified as great to.

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And subsequent to all the schemes for improving agricultural productivity, those since taken place. The same land we find is now classified by the Welsh Government as mainly grade three, the southwestern corner being grade three. B seems incredibly strange. That's obviously out of the hands of the applicant and of the hands of the examining authority, but it's merely an observation initially. If I may continue, whilst I very much appreciate I'm not an ecologist, I'd also ask the applicants response to an item.

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rep11 of 322. The written representations that line two is noted. It is considered necessary to question the applicant's approach and seeking to justify and legitimize mitigation of biodiversity enhancement significantly beyond what is deemed necessary to deliver the proposed substation developments with regard to the number of species rich, crystalline grassland and lowland meadow that is planned. This is not replacing impacted existing habitats but creating new habitat

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as is identified on the surveys. Volume five Unexposed Point 200,000 Hedgerows Survey Report Pages 55 5657. The majority of the fields on farm or unimproved grassland if the species which grassland was not there before. Whilst there may be some foundation for a slight uplift, why so much?

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Connected to this post. Its appreciated biodiversity net gain uplift of 10% is not mandatory in Wales being England only from potentially Nov 2023. I understand looking at Chapter seven of the Climate Landscape and Ecology Management plan, the all and much of the habitat of various on short substation sites appears to have been earmarked for biodiversity enhancements. From the applicant's own assessment, existing mitigation works are already to deliver biodiversity gains.

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Again. Chapter seven, Paragraph one, four seven.

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Accordingly, it is on sets and why the additional instruments are needed, but why they are needed to be undertaken around the proposed substation. Sites are not, as has been alluded to earlier, discussions today elsewhere. For instance, couldn't they be accommodated at the Clwyd Estuary Local Wildlife site? Given that the intended scheme is impacting the same all along parts of the cable corridor? Those are my remarks at this moment in time.

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Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Bailey. Just the applicable to respond.

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Jess Kovac on behalf of the applicant. And so there's a few points to cover. It's why is the compensation needed? Why is so much need not compensation? What was enhancement needed? Why there and why? Why the amount and. So to begin with, I'm going to start with why the compensation is needed, because the two are related.

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So the area for compensation and enhancement is about 18.8 hectares. That comprises lowland meadow, 9.8 hectares of that, just over six hectares of diverse natural grassland, native broadleaf woodland and tree planting and about 770 metres of new hedgerows, five additional new ponds, creation of reptiles and amphibians, vernacular creation of refugia for those same species, and an erection of bird and bat boxes.

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The compensation is needed for the permanent loss of eight trees of potential used to roosting bats within the substation footprint and potentially five further trees in the batter slope around the substation. The loss of the 540 metres of hedgerow also on shore substation,

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potentially an additional 130 metres of hedgerow on the batter slope around the substation and habitat for pasturing bird species. Now just taken great crested newts to start with. To compensate for the permanent impacts to existing terrestrial habitat use by great crested newts. There, we need to compensate for the five hectares terrestrial habitat permanently lost and a further 0.38 hectares as a result of the permanent access route. This coming in. The removal of the hedgerows around the substation also severs links to potential habitat and that would be foraging and sheltering habitats within 500 metres of the population at St Asaph Business Park.

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So until such time as the reinstated or created hedgerows in which the substation are ecologically functional, the functional loss of habitat as a result of those barriers and fragmentation must also be compensated for. It's necessary to provide that at the point that construction starts or prior, if possible, and to maintain it until such time as the habitat links are re-established. It can't therefore be within the construction footprint. So that's in part explains why the compensation is happening.

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Is the location of the compensation habitat must be contiguous with the habitats used by the great crested Newt in order that the local great Crested Butte population has access to it and it has to be as close as possible to that loss in order to minimize impacts in all cases, that has to be within 500 meters of the great crested Newt population. And that's because that's the accepted distance that great crested newts will disperse from their breeding ponds.

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Given that there is a requirement to provide this compensation for. Primarily great crested newts, but also bats around the substation location, There's also a requirement to provide landscape planting in the same location.

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Providing those two elements together is it's. Um, doesn't none of that counts as enhancement. We have to do that regardless. So that does not count towards. Any biodiversity enhancement, those measures whatsoever.

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Notwithstanding that fact.

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And referencing back to the rules of thumb where we need to increase one of those measures and the extent and then the connectivity of habitats, it makes sense for the project to implement enhancements in the same locations that it is implementing landscaping and compensation habitats that it will have to manage anyway. This minimizes the overall antic take of the project.

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The the ecological enhancements are located in the areas where they will bring the most ecological benefit. So in general, that would mean linking into the existing habitat networks. And because they will require the enhancements as well as the compensation and mitigation measures, will require monitoring for the life of the development to ensure. We've already spoken about look to ensure that they actually happen and are successful and.

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It makes sense to all be in the same, same area and.

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That will bring them. They will all be included within. They are already included within the island. And the fine details of that would be agreed and discussed with and notably Michigan and other stakeholders. The final details again agreed under DCO requirement 13.

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All of that has a bearing on the occasion, particularly given AWB intends to take freehold possession of the area around the onshore substation because it will then be able to secure the management necessary to realise those. Those those measures. So does that help answer your query?

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Thank you. If I just may continue and say

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I appreciate the response, but the impression given is that, in fact, when I ask whether the applicant's metaphorically attempting to drive coach and horse to take advantage of the lack of definitive protection in Wales on this particular matters. Is the applicant attempting to community amass together enhancements deemed necessary from other parts of the scheme on available proper land? That's the impression that I've got from the responses that we have heard today. I appreciate some of the points that you've made on the compensation. And whilst we're not sort of undermining the points that you're putting forward, it's just a question as to whether it's in fact amassing from other parts of the scheme on this particular land.

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And whilst it's notice of the that the people referred to there being no need for metrics, what grounds are there to duly calibrate the extent of mitigation and biodiversity enhancement that is necessary Wells. I presume that there isn't at the moment. I presume it's an open canvas and in this or blank canvas in this instance, what one would be pleased to establish is the minimum requirements necessary to deliver satisfactory, satisfactory mitigation and biodiversity enhancements for the substation site.

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So less done on behalf of the applicant. I think we have explained the reasoning for the mitigation and compensation being proposed around the substation site. I think matters of the extent of enhancement and the degrees that are required are probably matters for Natural Resources Wales in that they are the ones that set the requirements in this extent and clearly we've had detailed discussions with them in respect to that.

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So I suspect this is probably not much more we can say at this stage on that matter.

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Can I just continue for a moment and thank you for your response and I appreciate that. The Senator, you are obviously a stakeholder and a significant stakeholder in this particular respect.

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Those who were at the

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accompany site inspection of bingo proper on Tuesday afternoon. And I appreciate that remarks are being made on this this morning. As I will have noted, my question. Represents to the applicants in respect of clarification as to whether the temporary construction compound area referred to in figure two to the All I am documents as light blue would be surplus subsequent to construction being

completed. Now, again, whilst I appreciate the discussion on this this morning, the answer at the time was that it was that its subsequent requirement is uncertain.

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That gave the impression that we are seeking to hedge one's bets, so to speak, which begs the question as to the legitimate justification for its permanent acquisition in the public interest.

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This area on its own, referred to as works number 38 and the draft eco equates to 11.95 acres being 8% of our client's field agricultural units. That's why it is such a significant question to our clients.

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Surely there's a real danger that the position is arbitrary instead of being truly justified, leading to danger of potential exploitation, which is obviously something that I guess everybody would want to try and avoid. Thank you very much

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for that.

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And I believe we have answered this this morning. The land is included in it. There are works included within that as well as the in the work area, as well as it being shown as a temporary construction compound. And it is part of the land that will be over which the the final landscaping and ecological ecology management will be resolved.

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And on that basis, it is needed and permanent acquisition is required. I'd also note that this isn't a compulsory acquisition hearing and therefore matters relating to acquisition of land are not matters that I suggest we should be discussing today.

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Can I possibly come back and say, while I appreciate Mr. Dunn's remarks that this is not a compulsory purchase hearing, the reason why it is proposed to be acquired I think applies to the points that are being discussed at the moment and are already being raised by by the panel. And therefore I think they are legitimate questions to be raised of legitimate points to be formed from parts of this discussion.

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Since the Second World War, I remember. Can I just point out that the first two years of this decade is already showing abundantly clear that the of food production supplies in the UK and a carefully justified principle is necessary to balance the requirements of land use with equivalent imperative needs for environmental protection as well as other demands.

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So these are,

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as I say, our clients runs an agricultural business. And every bit of land in that particular locality is very significant to them. There has been mentioned today a possibility of a pond being located in that particular vicinity and drainage. We have not been made aware of in previous discussions of that being a pond potentially being located in that particular vicinity or drainage. So we just wonder whether this is, again, as I mentioned, just an opportunity just to

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retain or acquire this particular parcel of land where it is not necessarily justifiable. Thank you very much.

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Can I ask if the applicant has got any further comments to make? Your comment regarding compulsory acquisition hearing is noted as well. Is.

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You certainly don't have to adapt, and I don't have anything to add to what's been said previously.

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Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Can I ask if anybody else has any further observations to make? If not, I will hand over or shall we have a five minute break? Okay. I'll hand over to Dr. Morgan. No.

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Not at all. Thank you, Mr. Holland.

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We. We've been made aware that she would not have translation facilities available. Say, at the outset of the meeting. We explained in terms of language, we we need to make this meeting an examination as open, as inclusive as possible. And we committed to having translation facilities available at this meeting. So I'm also conscious that it has been a long day and there are numerous members who have a long way to travel. So subsequently I think we need to move to close this meeting now rather than 6 p.m.

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as we previously said.

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So we'll now get through to item seven of the agenda, which is the review of actions and the examining authority. The panel ourselves will consider the question of subjects that were remaining on the agenda today and decide whether these can be dealt with in writing. And I ask you to which is the 23rd of January will be published or a subsequent hearing in our third hearing week, which is the end of February.

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Okay. Thank you. So I'll now Pastor Ms.. Casini for review of the actions. Thank you.

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Thank you. I'm now going to run through briefly the list of actions we've identified today and the deadlines of such actions. I do have three that are not for the applicants. I'll start with those first. And the first is to Natural Resource Wales. They made a commitment to share the environmental

assessment document with the applicant. I'm not sure whether Natural Resource Wales is still with us virtually. If they are, would it be possible to do this by deadline? Three, please.

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Ma'am, I understand it's been sent to us already. That's very efficient. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Natural Resource Wales, for doing that. Over the next section is for them to show county council. So make sure you said you were going to consider whether outline plans are sufficiently developed in respect to Pre-commencement works and if that would be possible for that to be received by deadline fall. Please

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if you are online still.

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Yeah, yeah, yeah. That's fine. Thank you. Onto this action for ourselves. Regarding the transcript, we do note the issue with the transcript raised by both Mr. DAVIES and Welsh Government, and we review the issue and as a caveat in the transcript description on the project web page as soon as we possibly can. The rest of the actions of the applicant. Now I've assumed all of them are deadline for unless I say otherwise. So I'll start.

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And as usual, Mr. and Mrs. Dunne, if you just want to nod and I'll take the first three, relate to the design principles document. If you receive representations on the document, these will be considered and appropriate, will be acted upon. You know that there's an opportunity through the discharge process for requirements for individuals and parties to get involved at that stage as well. And you also stated that you'll set out more detail regarding how the design panel will work, how thoughts will be fed back and acted upon, and also commented that you consider a framework for potential local level engagement to be included in the document and consideration is to be given to the wider state wide use of colour of proposed buildings and structures within the document, and particular potential options relating to colour choices reflecting the local environment will also be considered

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in response to the representations made by Mr. DAVIES. Today the applicant is going to respond in writing to these. Moving on to the temporary construction compound Applicant is to review whether details of the temporary office or welfare facilities within the TCC during construction are secured within the Design Principles document and draft DCO.

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Moving to longer term maintenance, the applicant is to review drafting of the OH lamp in respect of long term maintenance. Advance planting applicant is to consider advance planting in the south, east and west area of the substation site as part of the alignment review. Every revised work plan is to be put in to clearly depict work 29 on work sheet ten.

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In terms of comments made by Mr. Bibby to discuss landowner engagement at detailed design stage. And that is not a deadline for I think that's discussion outside of the consenting process. Well, examination process, I'll leave that with the applicant to determine. Requirement eight The applicant to look at drafting to ensure clarity in respect of which landscaping works requirement relates to and to opt out the requirement if it's deemed necessary. Requirement nine to amend the wording to refer to scheme and not schemes.

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Requirement 17 The purpose and extent of the requirement is to be clarified. Substation and agricultural land. Table eight of the elephant in the LPA is to be revisited in respect of agricultural land. Requirements seven The applicant is to review table four the requirement in respect of whether it's necessary to include the maximum built height for the I. S option for montage from viewpoint one currently shows same platform extents for both GIS and areas.

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The applicant is to review and confirm whether this is correct. Viewpoint three The applicant is to review the possibility of providing further detail in respect of lighting in this location

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in response to the key one. 10.25. The applicant is to add further clarity to the response already provided. National Grid Fencing requirements. The applicant is to confirm with national grid fencing requirements includes colour considerations. Again, the applicant to liaise with the agent for Mr. and Mrs. Evans regarding meetings held and visual effects for the occupiers of the land.

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Screening. The applicant is to further consider

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screening from the north between the substation and Mr. Mrs. Evans property.

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But on our behavior, the applicant is to provide a written response in respect of barn owl behavior near substations, a pre-commencement construction and program. The applicant is to provide clarification regarding programming approach at the substation site for archaeological works and grant investigation and details regarding the TCC and site clearance. Pre-Construction of fence affects the applicant to confirm how an interested party would be able to consider pre-construction effects and the construction of sections of the relevant East chapters.

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Indicative construction compound layout. The applicant consider if a payoff of the nature reserve a protective measures are required and finally the outline Soil Management plan. The applicant is to review and potentially update the plan in respect of phasing. Do these correlate with the actions you have recorded today?

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Yes, ma'am. I think the only one I wasn't certain about was around the national grid fencing requirement. I think we just made a comment around it. I'm not sure there was anything further we were going to look at. I don't miss that point.

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I think you did say you would consider whether color of fencing was a consideration. We can look at it in that in that respect. Yeah. Thank you. Thank you. Does anybody else have any comments in the room or virtually on the actions?

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I am afraid I missed that. If one of my colleagues,

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Thank you.

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A deadline for is Monday, the 30th of January.

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Thank you. Any other comments?

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I'll hand over to Mr. Hockey.

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Thank you, Mr. Scott. Any other matters? I have no other matters notified to be under this agenda item that people wish to write at this meeting. Are there any items that anyone wishes to raise after what they've heard today?

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Mr. Bibby. Sorry, you shouldn't have asked the question anyway.

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Just to general points, if I may. Just points of observation on the process. Don't forget. Perhaps it's my lack of experience with DCO processes, but if I can just make a couple of observations, I do find that I appreciate that the online facilities, whilst helpful in a particular way, is, I must admit I find it quite unwieldy.

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If I can make two particular suggestions with complete sincerity, if I may. One I feel that the online updates a document bundle being a collective package of the latest revised information and to one help could be made available would be very useful for interested parties of specific stages. For instance, price deadlines, for written representations, and also hearings of officially written representation period is gone. Secondly, if there are specific questions that the examining authority require interested parties to answer, it would be very helpful if arrangements could be made for those interested parties to be alerted to the same as otherwise, there's a real risk of missing the opportunity to engage.

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sort of points that were raised for our attention previously. So and with those observations, those are the only points that I would like to put forward. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Bibby. I've noted both of those. Thank you.

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Okay, Mr. Davis.

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You are the details. The agency could achieve their goal. Our review.

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Okay. I will now move to close the meeting. Thank you all for contributing so fully and usefully to this meeting, both here in the room and online. And indeed, to this week as well. It's been very useful for Israel. And apologies for the slight truncation to this meeting. From what I've said about an hour and a half ago, I just remind you that a digital recording of proceedings today will be made available as soon as practicable on the project page of National Infrastructure website and remind you of the next stages in a process which is deadline Friday, next Friday.

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That's Friday, 64 December. And issue of our second written questions on the 23rd of January 2022.

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Given the time of year, I should also take the opportunity to wish you all happy Christmas.

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Excuse me for this, but often doing so in Adelaide. Koko Nikki Guide And the time is now 1706 And this issue specific hearing free for all of my project is now closed. Bulk of about a year good I'm told yet matter Panadol Zuma now. Okay thank you very much. The ark.