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All Interested Parties, Statutory Parties and any Other Person invited to the Preliminary Meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010116

Date: 23 November 2022

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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Planning Act 2008 – Sections 88 and 89 The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rules - 8, 13 and 16.**

**Application by North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park Project.**

**Examination Timetable and procedure, Notification of Hearings and Notification of Accompanied Site Inspection**

This letter (the Rule 8 letter) provides important information about the Examination of this application. The letter includes:

- The Examination Timetable
- An invitation to submit Written Representations
- Details of the publication of the Examining Authority's (ExA) written questions
- A request for Statements of Common Ground
- A request for Local Impact Reports from Local Authorities
- Other Procedural Decisions made by the ExA
- Notification of Hearings
- Notification of an Accompanied Site Inspection
- Information about Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspections
- Information about the availability of Examination Documents
- Guidance on the use of the 'Make a submission' tab on the project webpage

All documentation associated with this Examination, including a note of the Preliminary Meeting and the recording of that meeting, can be viewed under the [Documents tab](#) on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website ([project webpage](#)).

## The Examination Timetable

We have made a Procedural Decision about the way the application will be examined. The final Examination Timetable is attached at **Annex A** to this letter.

The Examination Timetable replaces the draft timetable that was included in our [Rule 6 letter](#). In finalising the Examination Timetable, we have sought to accommodate requests and suggestions made orally or in writing to the Preliminary Meeting. A list of the main changes we made to the draft Examination Timetable is set out at **Annex A** to this letter.

Please note that the Examination Timetable contains a number of Deadlines for receipt of information by the Planning Inspectorate. All Deadlines are at 23:59 on the date specified. Please ensure submissions arrive by the Deadline. If you do not make your submissions by the dates specified in the timetable, we may disregard them.

We request that all Interested Parties make their submissions using the [Make a submission tab](#) on the project webpage on or before the applicable Deadline. **Annex E** to this letter provides further information about using the [Make a submission tab](#).

If we consider it necessary to vary the Examination Timetable during the Examination, notification will be sent to Interested Parties, Statutory Parties and Other Persons invited to the Preliminary Meeting. The changes will be published on the [project webpage](#).

## Written Representations

All Interested Parties are now invited to submit Written Representations and any comments on the Relevant Representations already submitted. These should be submitted by **Deadline 2 on 15 December 2022** in the Examination Timetable.

Written Representations can cover any relevant matter and are not restricted to the matters set out in our [Initial Assessment of Principal Issues](#) or to the content of our written questions (see next heading below).

Any person, other than the Applicant, who submits a Written Representation must identify those parts of the application with which they agree and those parts with which they do not agree, explaining the reasons why. Interested Parties should also provide with their Written Representations any data, methodology and assumptions used to support their submissions to avoid delays in the Examination (see paragraph 74 of [Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent](#)).

We have requested further types of written submissions at various points in the Examination (see **Annex A**).

Any Written Representations and any further written submissions requested during the Examination, that exceed 1500 words, should also be accompanied by a summary which should not exceed 10% of the original text. The summary should set out the key facts of the written submission and must be representative of the submission made.

Representations **must not include hyperlinks** to documents/evidence hosted on third party websites. Please see the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.4: The Examination](#) for further information about Written Representations.

We have prepared written questions (ExQ1) about the application and the representations received so far. These questions are published on the project webpage and can be accessed at the following link:

### [Examining Authority's First Written Questions \(ExQ1\)](#)

Responses to ExQ1 must be provided by **Deadline 2** in the Examination Timetable.

If you require an editable Microsoft Word version of ExQ1, please [contact the Case Team](#) using the contact details at the top of this letter.

### **Other Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority**

**Annex B** to this letter contains important details and clarifications about other Procedural Decisions we made at, or following, the Preliminary Meeting. These include:

- Having heard from Interested Parties to confirm that future hearings will take place as blended events
- That the ExA agree to the change to Deadline 7 being moved from 12 April to 14 April 2023
- That the date for Deadline 9 be corrected to 10 May 2023
- Confirm that the ASI is to take place on 27 January 2023

### **Notification of hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection**

As explained in our Rule 6 letter and at the Preliminary Meeting, the Examination will principally be a written process (see [Advice Note 8.4: The Examination](#)), supplemented where necessary by various types of hearings (see [Advice Note 8.5: Hearings and site inspections](#) and [Advice Note 8.6: Virtual Examination events](#)).

We have made a Procedural Decision to hold the following hearings:

- Open Floor Hearing (OFH1) **24 January 2023** (Blended event)
- Issue Specific Hearings on environmental matters (ISH) **25 and 26 January 2023** (Blended event)

We have also made the Procedural Decision to carry out the following Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI1)

- Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI1) on **27 January 2023**

**Annex C** provides details about what Interested Parties should include in a request to be heard at a hearing, and the procedure that will be followed at hearings.

**You must register by 1 December 2022 if you intend to participate in the hearings and provide all the information requested in Annex C to this letter.**

If you simply wish to observe a hearing then you do not need to register as you will be able to either:

1. Attend the physical event to observe the proceedings;
2. watch a livestream of the event. A link to the livestream will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before the event is scheduled to begin, and/or
3. watch the recording of the event which will be published on the [project webpage](#) shortly after the event has finished.

We have also made a Procedural Decision to hold an Accompanied Site Inspection on **27 January 2023**.

Important information about the Accompanied Site Inspection and attendance at the inspection is contained within **Annex C** to this letter.

We will consider each suggested site location, including those provided in the Applicant's draft itinerary, to determine if it could be viewed from public land on an unaccompanied basis or if it is necessary to view it on an accompanied basis. We will also consider if it would be appropriate to make arrangements for access only to be provided to specific sites such that they could be inspected as part of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection on an access required basis.

## Hearings and Site Inspections

On this basis the Examination Timetable at **Annex A** to this letter includes periods of time reserved for any hearings to be held, and we will notify all Interested Parties of any hearings scheduled as part of the Examination at least 21 days in advance of them taking place. That notification will include a Deadline for Interested Parties to inform the Planning Inspectorate if they wish to participate at the notified hearing(s).

We will also undertake site inspections, where we are able to view the site from public land. We are likely to do this unaccompanied and a note of the site inspection will be published on the project webpage. The Examination Timetable also reserves time for us to undertake an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) on 27 January 2023. We will consider each suggested site location, including those provided in the Applicant's draft itinerary, to determine if it could be viewed from public land on an unaccompanied basis or if it is necessary to view it on an accompanied basis. We will also consider if it would be appropriate to make arrangements for access only to be provided to specific sites such that they could be inspected as part of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection on an access required basis.

**Annex C** provides details about what Interested Parties should include in a request to be heard at a hearing, and the procedure that will be followed at hearings. It also provides important information about the Accompanied Site Inspection and attendance at the inspection.

## **Managing Examination correspondence**

Given the volume and frequency of letters the Planning Inspectorate needs to send to Interested Parties during an Examination, we aim to communicate with people by email as electronic communication is more environmentally friendly and cost effective for the taxpayer.

If you have received a letter from the Planning Inspectorate but are able to receive communications by email, please inform the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter as soon as possible.

As the Examination process makes substantial use of electronic documents, it will be useful for you to become familiar with the [project webpage](#).

A [Make a submission tab](#) is available on the website which provides a portal through which parties should make written submissions at relevant deadlines during the Examination. Further information about the 'Make a submission' portal is provided at **Annex E** to this letter.

There is also a function on the right-hand side of the project webpage called 'E-mail updates'. This provides you with an opportunity to register to receive automatic e-mail updates at key stages during the Examination.

## **Your status in the Examination**

You have received this letter because you fall within one of the groups described in the Planning Inspectorate's document [What is My Status in the Examination?](#)

If your reference number begins with '2003', 'NLGE-AFP', 'NLGE-S57' 'REF-APP' you are in Group A. If your reference number begins with 'NLGE-SP' you are in Group B. If your reference number begins with 'NLGE-OP' you are in Group C. The meaning and purpose of those groups are explained in the document published at the link above.

If having read this document you are still unsure about your status, please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter.

## **Awards of costs**

All parties will normally be expected to meet their own costs. Costs can be awarded against a party who has acted unreasonably and has caused the party applying for the award of costs to incur unnecessary or wasted expense during the Examination. You should be aware of the relevant costs guidance [Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders](#).

## Management of information

Information, including representations, submitted in respect of this Examination (if accepted by the Examining Authority) and a record of any advice which has been provided by the Planning Inspectorate is published on the [project webpage](#).

Examination Documents can also be viewed electronically at the locations listed in **Annex D** to this letter.

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair Examination, it is necessary to publish some personal information. To find out how we handle your personal information please view our [Privacy Notice](#).

We look forward to working with all parties in the Examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

*Edwin Maund*

## Lead Member of the Examining Authority

### Annexes

- A** Examination Timetable
- B** Other Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority
- C** Notice of hearings and requests to participate
- D** Availability of Examination Documents
- E** Information about the Make a submission tab

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## Examination Timetable

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty to **complete** the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

The Examination of the application primarily takes the form of the consideration of written submissions. The ExA will also consider any oral representations made at hearings.

Item	Matters	Date
1.	<b>Preliminary Meeting</b>	<b>15 November 2022</b>
2.	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination Timetable</li> </ul> Publication of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ExA's Written Questions (ExQ1)</li> </ul>	<b>23 November 2022</b>
3.	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination Timetable</li> </ul>	<b>23 November 2022</b>
4.	Publication of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ExA's First Written Questions (ExQ1)</li> </ul>	<b>23 November 2022</b>
5.	<b>Deadline 1 (D1)</b> Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written summaries of oral submissions put at Issue Specific Hearings held on the 16 and 17 November 2022</li> <li>• Comments on Relevant Representations (RR)</li> <li>• Summaries of all RR exceeding 1500 words</li> <li>• Local Impact Reports (LIR) from Local Authorities</li> <li>• Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) requested by the ExA (see <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>• Statements of Commonality for SoCG (see <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>• Notification of Statutory Parties of their wish to be considered as an Interested party (IP)</li> <li>• Notification of a wish to speak at ISH1 (see <b>Annex C</b>)</li> <li>• Notification of any Affected Person (AP) of a wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH)</li> </ul>	<b>1 December 2022</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification of an interested party of a wish to speak at an Open Floor Hearing (OFH)</li> <li>• Submission of suggested sites to be included in any Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) or Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) including reasons why the site needs to be visited on an accompanied basis and any access requirements</li> <li>• Notification of wish to attend an ASI</li> <li>• Revised Application Guide</li> <li>• National Policy Statement (NPS) Tracker</li> <li>• A Compulsory Acquisition Schedule/Status of Negotiations Schedule</li> <li>• Comments on any further information/submissions accepted by the ExA</li> <li>• Updated Book of Reference (BoR) and Schedule of Changes to the BoR and tracked versions (if required)</li> <li>• Comments on any updated application documents</li> <li>• Notification of wish to have any future correspondence received electronically</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> <li>• Requests to be heard at any of the hearings notified at <b>Annex D</b> of the Rule 6 letter</li> <li>• Comments on any further information/submissions accepted by the ExA</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Deadline 2 (D2)</b> Deadline for the receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to ExQ1</li> <li>• Responses to comments on Relevant Representations</li> <li>• Written Representations (WRs), including summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words</li> <li>• Comments on LIRs</li> <li>• Updated SoCG</li> <li>• Updated Statement of Commonality for SoCG</li> <li>• Revised Status of Negotiations Schedule</li> <li>• Applicant to provide a draft itinerary for the ASI</li> <li>• Applicant's updated dDCO (clean and tracked versions)</li> <li>• Updated schedule of changes to the Applicant's dDCO</li> </ul>	<p><b>15 December 2022</b></p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised Application Guide (clean and tracked versions)</li> <li>• Comments on any other submissions received at D1</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules</li> </ul>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Deadline 3 (D3)</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on responses to the ExA's ExQ1</li> <li>• Responses to comments on LIRs</li> <li>• Comments on WRs</li> <li>• Comments on any other information submitted at D2</li> <li>• Revised Statement of Negotiations Schedule (clean and tracked versions)</li> <li>• Comments on the Applicants' dDCO</li> <li>• Revised Application Guide (clean and tracked versions)</li> <li>• Comments on the Applicant's draft itinerary for the ASI</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules</li> </ul>	<b>12 January 2023</b>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Hearings</b></p> <p><b>Date reserved for</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Floor Hearing (if requested)</li> </ul>	<b>24 January 2023</b>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Hearings</b></p> <p><b>Date reserved for</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue Specific Hearings on environmental matters (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>25 and 26 January 2023</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI1)</b></p> <p><b>Date reserved for</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI1) (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>27 January 2023</b>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Deadline 4 (D4)</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p>	<b>7 February 2023</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post hearing submissions, including written submission of oral case and any post-hearing notes requested at the hearings held during w/c 23 January 2023. Responses to comments on WRs</li> <li>• Comments on any other information submitted at D3</li> <li>• Updated SoCGs (clean and tracked versions)</li> <li>• Updated Statement of Commonality for SoCGs</li> <li>• Updated dDCO (clean and tracked versions)</li> <li>• Updated schedule of changes to the dDCO</li> <li>• Revised Application Guide (clean and tracked versions)</li> <li>• Revised Statement of Negotiations Schedule (clean and tracked versions)</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules</li> </ul>	
12.	<p><b>Deadline 5 (D5)</b></p> <p>Deadline for the receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on any other information submitted at D4</li> <li>• Updated SoCGs (clean and tracked versions)</li> <li>• Updated Statement of Commonality for SoCGs</li> <li>• Updated NPS Tracker</li> <li>• A Compulsory Acquisition Schedule</li> <li>• Revised Statement of Negotiations Schedule (clean and tracked versions)</li> <li>• Updated Book of Reference (BoR) and Schedule of Changes to the BoR and tracked versions (if required)</li> <li>• Updated dDCO (clean and tracked versions)</li> <li>• Updated schedule of changes to the dDCO</li> <li>• Revised Application Guide (clean and tracked versions)</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<b>21 February 2023</b>
13.	<p><b>Issue by the ExA of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ExA's Second Written Questions (ExQ2) (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>2 March 2023</b>

14.	<p><b>Hearings</b></p> <p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compulsory Acquisition hearings (if required)</li> <li>• Issue Specific Hearings on environmental matters (if required)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Week commencing 6 March 2023</b></p>
15.	<p><b>Deadline 6 (D6)</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written summaries of oral submissions put at any hearings held week commencing 6 March 2023</li> <li>• Responses to the ExA's ExQ2</li> <li>• Comments on the Applicants' proposed changes to the dDCO</li> <li>• Comments on any other information submitted at D5</li> <li>• Revised Statement of Negotiations Schedule (clean and tracked versions)</li> <li>• Revised Application Guide (clean and tracked versions)</li> <li>• Comments on any other information submitted at D5</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules</li> </ul>	<p><b>20 March 2023</b></p>
16.	<p><b>Hearings and ASI</b></p> <p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue Specific Hearings (if required)</li> <li>• Open Floor Hearing (if required)</li> <li>• Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (if required)</li> <li>• Accompanied Site Inspection (if required)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Week commencing 27 March 2023</b></p>
17.	<p><b>Publication by the ExA of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on the Implications for European Species (RIES) and any associated questions (if required)</li> <li>• ExA's dDCO or The ExA's schedule of changes to the dDCO (if required)</li> </ul>	<p><b>6 April 2023</b></p>

18.	<p><b>Deadline 7 (D7)</b></p> <p>Deadline for the receipt of by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on responses to the ExA's ExQ2</li> <li>• Written summaries of oral submissions put at hearings held on week commencing 27 March 2023</li> <li>• An updated version of the dDCO (including final protective provisions)</li> <li>• An updated Mitigation Schedule</li> <li>• An updated version of the Guide to the Application</li> <li>• An updated version of the Land Acquisition and Temporary Possession Negotiations Schedule</li> <li>• Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received on Deadline 6</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules</li> </ul>	<b>14 April 2023</b>
19.	<p><b>Issue by the ExA of:</b></p> <p>ExA's Third Written Questions (ExQ3) (if required)</p>	<b>17 April 2023</b>
20.	<p><b>Deadline 8 (D8)</b></p> <p>Deadline for the receipt of by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to the ExA's ExQ3 (if required)</li> <li>• Comments on the RIES</li> <li>• Comments on the ExA's dDCO</li> <li>• An updated version of the Guide to the Application</li> <li>• An updated version of the Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession Negotiations Schedule</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules</li> <li>• Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 7</li> </ul>	<b>28 April 2023</b>
21.	<p><b>Deadline 9 (D9)</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p>	<b>10 May 2023</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on responses to the ExA's ExQ3 (if required)</li> <li>• Final DCO</li> <li>• Final DCO to be submitted by the Applicant in the SI template with the SI template validation report</li> <li>• Final updated BoR</li> <li>• Final BoR and schedule of changes to BoR and tracked version</li> <li>• Final SoCG</li> <li>• Final Statement of Commonality of SoCG</li> <li>• List of matters not agreed where SoCG could not be finalised</li> <li>• Final Navigation Document/Guide to the application</li> <li>• Final Status of Negotiations CA Schedule</li> <li>• Final Status of Negotiations with Statutory Undertakers</li> <li>• Final NPS tracker</li> <li>• Signed final versions of any Development Consent Obligations associated with the application (if required)</li> <li>• Comments on any further information/submissions received</li> <li>• Comments on any additional information/submissions received at D 8</li> <li>• Any further information requested by ExA</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> <li>• Closing Submissions</li> </ul>	
<b>22.</b>	<p><b>Deadline 10 (D10)</b></p> <p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months</p>	<b>15 May 2023</b>

### Submission times for Deadlines

The time for submission of documents at any Deadline in the timetable is 23:59 on the relevant Deadline date, unless instructed otherwise by the ExA.

## **Publication dates**

All information received will be published on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable after the Deadlines for submissions.

## **Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)**

Where an applicant has provided a No Significant Report or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the application, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the Examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the Examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's Recommendation to the Secretary of State. The ExA may also raise questions in the RIES to confirm or clarify matters that remain outstanding.

The Secretary of State may rely on the consultation on the RIES to meet its obligations under Regulation 63(3) of The Habitats Regulations 2017.

## Other Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority (ExA)

We have made a number of Procedural Decisions following the Preliminary Meeting:

### 1. Examination Timetable

- Change to Deadline 7 requested by the Applicant.
- Issued a correction to Deadline 9
- Interested Parties prior to and during the Preliminary Meeting requested that the times of the Hearings be adjusted to allow people to participate outside of normal working hours. In considering this request, while the ExA acknowledge the Applicant's confirmation of their willingness to work flexibly, the ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination by **15 May 2023**. The Examination process is a written one, with hearings being scheduled to facilitate the ExA's understanding of the Proposed Development. By incorporating the potential for an evening, or evening sessions for Open Floor Hearings as well as utilising blended events for all hearings, the ExA consider that all parties would have reasonable access to, and the ability to participate in the examination process in conjunction with the ExA meeting the statutory timetable.

### 2. Examining Authority's Written Question

Our written questions (ExQ1) have been published alongside this Rule 8 letter. Whilst most of our written questions are directed at specific parties, no other party should feel inhibited or restricted in responding to any question we ask, even if it is directed elsewhere.

Some of our questions are directed to specific Statutory Parties which have not, at the time of writing, confirmed that they wish to become Interested Parties for the purposes of the Examination of the application.

All relevant Statutory Parties are requested to check our Written Questions carefully in order that they may identify and respond to any questions posed to them.

For the avoidance of doubt, Statutory Parties are defined as the parties listed in Schedule 1 to [The Infrastructure Planning \(Interested Parties and Miscellaneous Prescribed Provisions\) Regulations 2015](#). Statutory Parties, including relevant local authorities, that have not already registered to become an Interested Party should consider notifying the ExA of their wish to be considered as an Interested Party, under Section 89(2A)(b) of the Planning Act 2008 as soon as possible.

### 3. Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)

The Applicant is taking the lead in the preparation of SoCGs and it will aid the smooth running of the Examination if all Interested Parties who are participating in

the preparation of SoCGs liaise and co-operate with the Applicant in respect of their production. We set out in **Annex F** of our [Rule 6 letter](#) the SoCGs we request are submitted during the Examination of this application. Final signed versions of the SoCGs listed below are requested to be submitted **by the Applicant at Deadline 9:**

1. SoCG between the Applicant and **Anglian Water Services Limited.**
2. SoCG between the Applicant and **Northern Powergrid Yorkshire plc**
3. SoCG between the Applicant and **Cadent Gas Limited**
4. SoCG between the Applicant and **British Telecommunications plc and Openreach Limited**
5. SoCG between the Applicant and **Network Rail Infrastructure Limited**
6. SoCG between the Applicant and **Scunthorpe and Gainsborough Water Management Board**
7. SoCG between the Applicant and **National Highways**
8. SoCG between the Applicant and **Severn Trent Water Limited**
9. SoCG between the Applicant and **The Environment Agency**
10. SoCG between the Applicant and **Historic England**
11. SoCG between the Applicant and **Natural England**
12. SoCG between the Applicant and **North Lincolnshire Council**
13. SoCG between the Applicant and **Humberside Fire and Rescue Authority**
14. SoCG between the Applicant and **Associated British Ports (Humber)**
15. SoCG between the Applicant and **British Steel Limited**
16. SoCG between the Applicant and **Rainham Steel Company Limited**
17. SoCG between the Applicant and **Jotun Paints (Europe) Limited**
18. SoCG between the Applicant and **AB Agri Limited**
19. SoCG between the Applicant and **Bagnoor Wind Limited**
20. SoCG between the Applicant and **National Grid Carbon Ltd**
21. SoCG between the Applicant and **UKWIN**
22. SoCG between the Applicant and **Enfinium Limited**

**All of the SoCGs listed above should cover the Articles and Requirements in the draft Development Consent Order.** Any Interested Party seeking that an Article or Requirement is reworded should provide the form of words which are being sought.

The content of SoCGs will help to inform us about the need to hold any Issue Specific Hearings during the Examination, and to enable us and the Applicant to give notice of such hearings at least 21 days in advance of them taking place.

#### **4. Local Impact Reports (LIR)**

A LIR is a report in writing giving details of the likely impact of a Proposed Development on a local authority's area (or any part of that area). For more information about the importance and content of LIRs see our [Advice Note One: Local Impact Reports](#).

Local Authorities, defined in section 56A of the Planning Act 2008, are invited to submit LIRs by **Deadline 1 on 1 December 2022.**



## Changes to land interests

When the Applicant becomes aware that there has been a change in ownership, or a new interest, in relevant land the Applicant is requested to make the relevant person aware that they can make a request to the ExA to become an Interested Party under section 102A of the PA2008 by completing the form available on [project webpage](#). The Examination Timetable includes various Deadlines for the submission of an updated Book of Reference and schedule of changes to the Book of Reference, which should include confirmation that relevant persons have been informed of their rights under section 102A.

## 5. Additional Submissions

In addition to the documentation submitted by Procedural Deadlines A and B we have exercised our discretion and made a Procedural Decision to accept Additional Submissions from the following:

1. Relevant Representation from Network Rail [AS-001]
2. Relevant Representation from National Highways [AS-012]
3. The Applicant's Documents dated 28 September 2022 [AS-002-AS-011]

## Notification of hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection

### Notice of hearings and requests to participate

The Examining Authority (ExA) provides notice of the following hearings:

Date	Hearing	Start time	Venue and Joining details
24 January 2023	Open Floor Hearings (OFH1) if requested including the potential to hold evening hearing(s)	<p><b><u>(Afternoon session)</u></b>  <b>Seating available at venue from:</b>  <b>1:15pm</b>  <b>Virtual Arrangements Conference from:</b>  <b>1:30pm</b>  <b>Hearing starts:</b>  <b>2:00pm</b></p> <p><b><u>(Evening session)</u></b>  <b>Seating available at venue from:</b>  <b>6:15pm</b>  <b>Virtual Arrangements Conference from:</b>  <b>6:30pm</b>  <b>Hearing starts:</b>  <b>7:00pm</b></p>	<p>Forest Pines Spa and Golf Resort, Ermine Street, Broughton, Brigg, DN20 0AQ.</p> <p>and</p> <p>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered</p>
25 and 26 January 2023	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) on environmental matters	<p><b>Seating available at venue from:</b>  <b>9:15am</b>  <b>Virtual Arrangements Conference from:</b>  <b>9:30am</b></p>	<p>Forest Pines Spa and Golf Resort, Ermine Street, Broughton, Brigg, DN20 0AQ.</p> <p>and</p> <p>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p>

Date	Hearing	Start time	Venue and Joining details
		<b>Hearing starts:</b> <b>10:00am</b>	Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
<p><b>NOTE:</b> If any of the above hearings are no longer required then notification that a particular date is no longer required will be published as soon as practicable on the <a href="#">project webpage</a>, providing reasonable notice to Interested Parties of the decision to cancel them.</p>			

**You must register by 1 December 2022 if you intend to participate in the hearings and provide all the information requested (see below).**

If you simply wish to observe hearings then you do not need to register as you will be able to either:

1. Attend the physical event to observe the proceedings;
2. watch a livestream of the event - a link to the livestream will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before the event is scheduled to begin; and/or
3. watch the recording of the event which will be published on the project webpage shortly after the event has finished.

Any request to participate in a hearing **should include** the following information:

- Name and unique reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate);
- email address (if available) and contact telephone number;
- name and unique reference number of any person/organisation that you are representing (if applicable);
- for blended events, confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in-person;
- confirmation of the hearing(s) you wish to participate in, the agenda item(s) on which you wish to speak and/or brief details of the topic(s) that you would like to raise;
- for Compulsory Acquisition Hearings, the plot number(s) of the relevant land provided in the [Book of Reference](#) and the [Land Plans](#); and

- the [Examination Library](#) reference number (with paragraph/page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to.

It is important that notifications from Interested Parties to participate in hearings is submitted separately from any other written submission. Please select the appropriate Deadline and Submission Item under the [Make a submission tab](#) and ensure the submission is titled appropriately to allow us to quickly identify which event the notification relates to. **Annex E** provides further information about the [Make a submission tab](#). Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter if you require any support to attend a hearing.

### **Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) and requests to attend**

ASI:

IPs asked to provide suggested locations in by **Deadline 1 on 1 December 2022**.

The draft itinerary should be submitted by **Deadline 2 on 15 December 2022**. Please note that for logistical and safety reasons it may be necessary to limit the numbers of persons who accompany us for the whole ASI, however it should be possible for arrangements to be made for Interested Parties (or their representatives) to join the inspection at specified locations within the itinerary.

Requests by Interested Parties to attend the ASI should be provided by **Deadline 1 on 1 December 2022** and should include confirmation of whether the request is to attend for the whole inspection or just specific locations. The request must be submitted separately from any other written submission. Please select the appropriate Deadline and Submission Item under the [Make a submission tab](#). **Annex E** provides further information about the Make a submission tab.

The Interested Parties attending the ASI will include representatives of the Applicant, and North Lincolnshire Council, together with other Interested Parties (or their representatives). Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it.

**Interested Parties should be aware that ASIs are not an opportunity to make any oral representations to us about the Proposed Development.** However, we may invite participants to indicate specific features or sites of interest.

## Arrangements for hearings

Our Examination will be principally undertaken through the exchange of written submissions however the Examination Timetable reserves periods of time for hearings to be held (if required).

## Requests to participate at hearings

Interested Parties are required to notify the Examining Authority (ExA) in writing of their wish to take part in an Open Floor Hearing (OFH) or Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) on or before **1 December 2022** (see **Deadline 1**).

Any request to participate in a hearing **should include** the following information:

- Name and unique reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate);
- email address (if available) and contact telephone number;
- name and unique reference number of any person/organisation that you are representing (if applicable);
- for blended events, confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in-person;
- confirmation of the hearing(s) you wish to participate in, the agenda item(s) on which you wish to speak and/or brief details of the topic(s) that you would like to raise;
- for Compulsory Acquisition Hearings, the plot number(s) of the relevant land provided in the [Book of Reference](#) and the [Land Plans](#); and
- the [Examination Library](#) reference number (with paragraph/page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to.

It is important that notifications from Interested Parties to participate in hearings is submitted separately from any other written submission. Please select the appropriate Deadline and Submission Item under the [Make a submission tab](#) and ensure the submission is titled appropriately to allow us to quickly identify which event the notification relates to. **Annex E** provides further information about the Make a submission tab. Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter if you require any support to attend a hearing.

If no written requests to take part in an OFH or CAH are received by the above Deadline, we not required to hold such a hearing, although we may choose to do so nonetheless.

We may also choose to hold Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) about topics that we think need to be explored orally. The decision to hold an ISH about a particular topic is not connected to how relevant or important we consider an issue or topic to be.

The time, date and place of any confirmed hearing will be notified in writing to all Interested Parties, providing at least 21 days' notice.

## Hearing agendas

For Issue Specific Hearings and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings the ExA will publish a detailed draft agenda on the project website at least five working days in advance of the hearing date. However, the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA. For Open Floor Hearings an agenda may not be published.

## Procedure at hearings

The Examination will principally be a written process (see the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.4: The Examination](#)), supplemented where necessary by various types of hearings. Please refer to the [Advice Note 8.5: Hearings and site inspections](#) and [Advice Note 8.6: Virtual Examination events](#) as these provide important information about hearing procedures.

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in Rule 14 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. The ExA is responsible for the oral questioning of a person giving evidence and the process affords very limited scope to allow cross-questioning between parties.

## Hearing livestream and recording

A link to a livestream for each hearing will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before any hearing is due to open. The livestream is available to anybody who wishes to observe a hearing in real time.

All hearings are recorded, and the recordings will be made available on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable after the close of the hearing. The recordings allow any member of the public who is interested in the application and the Examination to find out what has been discussed.

## Availability of Examination Documents

The application documents and Relevant Representations are available to view on the [project webpage](#).

All further documents submitted in the course of the Examination will also be published under the [Documents tab](#) of the project webpage.

## The Examination Library

For ease of navigation, please refer to the [Examination Library](#) (EL) which is accessible by clicking the blue button under the Documents tab. The EL is updated regularly throughout the Examination.

The EL records and provides a hyperlink to:

- Each application document;
- each representation and submission made to the Examination; and
- each Procedural Decision made by the Examining Authority.

Each document is given a unique reference number which will be fixed for the duration of the Examination. **Please quote the unique reference number from the EL when referring to any Examination Documents in any future submissions that you make.**

## Electronic deposit locations

Documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge, at the electronic deposit locations listed in the table below. Please note that you may need to bring a form of identification and register as a member/library member in order to use a computer at these locations.

Local authority	Venue/address	Opening hours	Printing Costs
Scunthorpe Central Library	Carlton Street, Scunthorpe, DN15 6TX	Monday: 9am– 12:30pm, 1–5pm Tuesday: 9am– 12:30pm, 1–5pm Wednesday: 9am–12:30pm, 1- 5pm Thursday: 9am– 12:30pm, 1–5pm Friday: 9am– 12:30pm, 1–5pm	Black and white per sheet A4 = £0.15 A3 = £0.30 Colour per sheet A4 = £0.50 A3 = £0.85

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		Saturday: 9am – 1pm Sunday: Closed	
Crowle Community Hub (Library)	The Market Hall, Market PI, Crowle, Scunthorpe DN17 4LA	Monday: 9am–12:30pm, 1–5pm Tuesday: 9am12:30pm, 1-5pm Wednesday: 9am–12:30pm, 1-5pm Thursday: 9am12:30pm, 1-5pm Friday: 9am–12:30pm, 1–5pm Saturday: 9am – 12pm Sunday: Closed	Black and white per sheet A4 = £0.15 Colour per sheet A4 = £0.50
Winterton Library	54 West St, Winterton, Scunthorpe DN15 9QF	Monday: 9am–4pm, 4:30–7pm Tuesday: Closed Wednesday: 9am–4pm, 4:30–7pm Thursday: 9am–4pm, 4:30–7pm Friday: 9am–4pm, 4:30–7pm Saturday: Closed Sunday: 9am12pm	Black and white per sheet A4= £0.15 Colour per sheet A4= £0.50





## Information about the Make a submission tab

The [Make a submission tab](#) is available on the project webpage.

You will need to enter your unique reference number ('Your ref' found at the top your postcard or email from the Planning Inspectorate) beginning either 2003 or NLGE. If you are making a submission on behalf of another person or organisation, and do not have your own unique reference number, then you should enter the unique reference number of the person or organisation you are representing. If you are not a registered Interested Party then it is at the discretion of the Examining Authority whether or not your submission is accepted.

Submissions will be published on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable following the close of the relevant Deadline. For further information about publishing submissions please view our [Privacy Notice](#).

You will be able to submit a document (upload file), make a text representation or both. It is possible to upload multiple files for each individual submission item. Electronic attachments should be clearly labelled with the subject title and not exceed 50MB.

Submissions **must not include hyperlinks** to documents/evidence hosted on a third party website eg technical reports, media articles etc. See the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.4: The Examination](#) for further information about making written submissions. All submissions must be made in a format that can be viewed in full on the National Infrastructure Planning website. Any submissions that exceed 1500 words should also be accompanied by a summary; this summary should not exceed 10% of the original text.

You should select the relevant Deadline for your submission and then, on the next webpage, select the appropriate Submission item as described in the Examination Timetable at **Annex A** to this letter. Please ensure you make a separate submission for each Submission item and **do not duplicate your submission**. If you consider that your submission does not fit the description of any of the Submission items then please select the Submission item 'Other' and ensure that it is titled appropriately.

If you experience any issues when using the [Make a submission tab](#) please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter and they will assist.