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Date: 7 February 2024

Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8 and 9

Application by Rampion Extension Development Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm

Dear Sir/ Madam

Examination Timetable and procedure

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
- A request for Statements of Common Ground
- A request for Local Impact Reports from Local Authorities
- Other Procedural Decisions made by the ExA
- Information about Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspections
- Information about the availability of Examination Documents
- Guidance on the use of the 'Have your say' 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 [Document tab](#) on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website ([project webpage](#)).

The Examination Timetable

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

The ExA requests that all Interested Parties make their submissions using the **Have your say tab** on the project webpage on or before the applicable Deadline. **Annex E** to this letter provides further information about using the Have your say tab.

If the ExA considers it necessary to vary the Examination Timetable during the Examination, notification will be sent to Interested Parties and Statutory Parties 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 1, Wednesday 28 February 2024** in the Examination Timetable.

Written Representations can cover any relevant matter and are not restricted to the matters set out in the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues.

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](#)).

The ExA has 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.

Hearings and Site Inspections

As explained in the [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](#)).

On this basis the Examination Timetable at **Annex A** to this letter includes periods of time reserved for any hearings to be held, the ExA 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).

The ExA has undertaken unaccompanied site inspections where we viewed the site from public land. The notes of these site inspections can be found here ([Note of USI1](#)). We may undertake further unaccompanied site inspections, notes of which will be published on the project webpage.

The Examination Timetable also reserves time for the ExA to undertake an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) on Tuesday 14 May 2024. The ExA 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. The ExA 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.

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 'Have your say 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 'Have your say' 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 '2004', 'RAM2-AFP', 'RAM2-S57' you are in Group A. If your reference number begins with 'RAM2-SP' you are in Group B. If your reference number begins with 'RAM2-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](#).

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

Yours faithfully

Richard Allen

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

Annexes

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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.	<p>Pre-examination Procedural Deadline</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the Rule 6 letter • Responses to Relevant Representations (RRs) • Responses (if applicable) to the Rule 9 letter of 20 September 2023 [PD-005] • Summaries of all RRs exceeding 1500 words • Submission of Pre-examination Progress Tracker • Applicant's submission of the Land Rights Tracker • Applicant's submission of draft Statement of Commonality for Statements of Common Ground • Requests to be heard orally at the Preliminary Meeting and under which part of the agenda set out in Annex A • Requests by Interested Parties to be heard orally at the Open Floor Hearing 1 • Notification of intention to attend the Issue Specific Hearing(s) under which part of the agenda set out in Annex F • Request by Interested Parties to attend Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) • Suggested locations for the ASI including justification, and whether such locations can be seen from public land or requires private access, for consideration by the ExA 	<p>Tuesday 16 January 2024</p>
2.	<p>Preliminary Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday 6 February 2024 10:00</p>

3.	Open Floor Hearing (OFH1)	Tuesday 6 February 2024 14:30
4.	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1) ISH1 on Environmental Matters	Wednesday 7 February 2024 09:30
5.	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1) ISH1 on Environmental Matters	Thursday 8 February 2024 09:30
6.	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1) (continued if required) ISH1 on Environmental Matters	Friday 9 February 2024 09:30 (AM Only)
7.	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination Timetable • Any Written Questions deemed necessary arising from OFH1 and/or ISH1 (if required) 	As soon as possible following the Preliminary Meeting
8.	Deadline 1 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any updates to application documents submitted by the Applicant before or at the PM • Written Representations (WRs) including summaries if exceeding 1500 words • Local Impact Reports • Comments on the Applicant's draft Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground • Responses to ExA's request for statement on the new National Policy Statement for Energy • Notification by Statutory Parties of their wish to be considered as an IP by the ExA • Requests from Affected Persons to be heard at any subsequent Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH). Requests by Affected Persons (defined in section 59(4) of the Planning Act 2008) to be heard at a CAH • Requests from Interested Parties to be heard at any subsequent Open Floor Hearing (OFH) 	Wednesday 28 February 2024

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases • Notification of wish to have future correspondence received electronically • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 • Comments on any further information/submissions accepted by the ExA • Summaries of all RRs exceeding 1500 words (if not provided at the Pre-Examination Procedural Deadline) • Responses to RRs (if not provided at the Pre-Examination Procedural Deadline) 	
9.	<p>Deadline 2</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to WRs • Responses to LIRs • Responses to any written questions arising from OFH1 and/or ISH1 (if required) • Comments on any further information/submissions received by Deadline 1 • Applicant's Mid-examination Progress Tracker • Applicants National Policy Statement Tracker • Applicant's first update to the draft DCO • Applicant's first update to the Land Rights Tracker • Applicant's first update to the Guide to the Application • Applicant's first update to the Statements of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground • Applicant's draft itinerary for the ASI (if required) • Any other updated documents and statements from the Applicant deemed necessary following its responses at Deadline 1 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	Wednesday 20 March 2024

10.	Publication by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Questions (ExQ1) 	Wednesday 3 April 2024
11.	Deadline 3 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to Written Questions (ExQ1) • Comments on the Applicant's first update to the draft DCO • Comments on the Applicant's first update to the Land Rights Tracker • Comments on the first update to the Statements of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground • Comments on the Applicant's draft itinerary for the ASI (if required) • Notification of wish to attend an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) (if required) • Draft s106 Heads of Terms (if required) • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 • Comments on any further information/submissions received by Deadline 2 	Thursday 25 April 2024
12.	Open Floor Hearing (OFH2) (if required)	Monday 13 May 2024 6:00pm
13.	Dates reserved for: ASI (if required) ISH2 (if required) CAH1 (if required)	Tuesday 14 May 2024 to Friday 17 May 2024 and Tuesday 21 May 2024
14.	Deadline 4 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases (if required) • Applicant's Mid-examination Progress Tracker • Applicant's second update to the draft DCO 	Monday 3 June 2024

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant's second update to the Land Rights Tracker • Applicant's second update to the Guide to the Application • Applicant's second update to the Statements of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground • Draft s106 Agreement(s) (if required) • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 • Comments on any further information/submissions received by Deadline 3 	
15.	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Written Questions (ExQ2) (if required) • Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) • ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the draft DCO (if required) 	Tuesday 18 June 2024
16.	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to ExA's Further Written Questions (ExQ2) (if required) • Comments on the RIES • Comments on the Applicant's second update to the draft DCO • Comments on the Applicant's second update to the Land Rights Tracker • Comments on ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the draft DCO (if required) • Completed and Signed Statements of Common Ground • Final Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 • Comments on any further information/submissions received by Deadline 4 	Tuesday 9 July 2024

17.	Reserve Date for ASI2 (if required)	Thursday 18 July 2024
18.	Reserve Date(s) for ISH3 and/or CAH2 (if required)	Monday 22 July 2024 and/or Tuesday 23 July 2024
19.	<p>Deadline 6</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Principal Areas of Disagreement Statements • IPs Closing Statement(s) (if desired) • Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases (if applicable) • Applicant’s Closing Statement(s) • Applicant’s Close of Examination Progress Tracker • Applicants Final National Policy Statement Tracker • Final draft DCO to be submitted by the Applicant in the SI template with the SI template validation report • Final Book of Reference (BoR) and schedule of changes to BoR • Completed s106 Agreements (if required) • Final Land Rights Tracker • Final Guide to the Application • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 • Comments on any further information/submissions received by Deadline 5 	Thursday 1 August 2024
20.	The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months	Tuesday 6 August 2024

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 Effects 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 and/or Regulation 28 of The Offshore Marine Regulations.

Other Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority (ExA)

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

1. Examination Timetable

Following representations made by the Interested Parties at the Pre-examination Procedural Deadline in respect to the time-period initially proposed between written questions and Deadline 4, the Examining Authority (ExA) has decided to change the following from the draft timetable in Annex E of the Rule 6 letter:

- Deadlines 1 and 2 are merged with a new date of **Wednesday 28 February 2024**, three weeks (21 days) from the Preliminary Meeting.
- Deadline 3 becomes Deadline 2 and is moved to **Wednesday 20 March 2024**, again three weeks (21 days) from Deadline 1.
- Publication of Written Questions (ExQ1) is moved to **Wednesday 3 April 2024** and thus after the Easter holidays.
- Deadline 4 becomes Deadline 3 and is moved to **Thursday 25 April 2024**, over three weeks (23 days) from WQs.
- All other Deadlines are renumbered but no other changes are made.

The ExA has carefully considered the other changes suggested by the Applicant. However, due to the significant effect on the remainder of the timetable, we have decided not to accept them.

2. 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 D** of our [Rule 6 letter](#) the SoCGs we request are submitted during the Examination of this application. Final signed versions of the SoCGs between the Applicant and the organisations listed below are requested to be submitted **by the Applicant to Deadline 5**:

1. West Sussex County Council
2. Arun District Council
3. Horsham District Council
4. Mid Sussex District Council
5. The South Downs National Park Authority
6. The Environment Agency
7. Historic England
8. Natural England
9. National Highways
10. The Marine Management Organisation
11. National Grid Electricity Transmission

12. Civil Aviation Authority
13. Maritime & Coastguard Agency
14. Marine Aggregates
15. Trinity House
16. Chamber of Shipping
17. Brighton City Airport (aka Shoreham Airport)
18. Sussex Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority

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.

3. 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, Wednesday 28 February 2024**.

4. Land Rights Tracker

In response to Procedural Decision 2, Annex D of the Rule 6 letter, the Applicant submitted a Land Rights Tracker at the Pre-examination Deadline on Tuesday 16 January.

The objective of the ExA's original request, was to obtain information on all non-agreed land rights in a simple tabular format allowing the information to be searched easily by both the ExA and ultimately the Secretary of State. This is why the suggested format, shared with the Applicant, used Excel with its inbuilt functionality to search and display information in many ways.

The word document submitted by the Applicant with split columns doesn't provide this functionality or flexibility.

The Applicant is therefore requested to submit a revised Land Rights Tracker at **Deadline 2, Wednesday 20 March 2024** which accords with the ExA's original request.

An updated tracker should also be submitted at **Deadline 4, Monday 3 June 2024** and a final version at **Deadline 6, Thursday 1 August 2024**.

5. Examination Progress Tracker

In response to Procedural Decision 6, Annex D of the Rule 6 letter, the Applicant submitted an Examination Progress Tracker at the Pre-examination Procedural Deadline Tuesday 16 January.

However, the ExA considers that the current version of the document is too high level and doesn't provide sufficient detail on the specific issues raised by Interested Parties, Statutory Parties and others and the progress being made by the Applicant in resolving them. In addition, the document contains errors.

The Applicant is therefore requested to submit a revised Examination Progress Tracker at **Deadline 2, Wednesday 20 March 2024** which accords with the ExA's original request.

An updated tracker should also be submitted **Deadline 4, Monday 3 June 2024** and a final version at **Deadline 6, Thursday 1 August 2024**.

6. National Policy Statement Tracker

Procedural Decision number 8, Annex D of the Rule 6 letter invited the Applicant and Interested Parties to submit a written statement on the implications of draft National Policy Statements for the Proposed Development at Deadline 1.

The Examination Authority has now made a further Procedural Decision to request that the Applicant prepares a National Policy Statement Tracker which sets out, in tabular format, the compliance of the Proposed Development with requirements of relevant National Policy Statements and in particular both the 2011 and 2024 versions of the Overarching National Policy Statement for energy (EN-1) and the National Policy Statement for renewable energy infrastructure (EN-3).

The Applicant is requested to submit the first version of this document at Deadline 2 and a final version at Deadline 6.

The Applicant is advised to look at the [National Policy Statement Tracker prepared for the Sizewell C Project](#) to gain an appreciation of what is required.

7. 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 emailing Rampion2@planninginspectorate.gov.uk with your request to become an interested party. 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.

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 **28 February 2024** (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.

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

Requests to participate should be made using an **Event Participation Form** which will be provided with the notification of the hearing.

Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter if you require any support or assistance to attend an Event, either virtually or in person.

If no written requests to take part in an OFH or CAH are received by the above Deadline, we are 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.

Hearing agendas

High-level agendas for any future hearings will be published alongside this notification on the [project webpage](#) to help inform your decision about whether to register to participate.

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.

Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) and requests to attend

Time has been reserved in the Examination Timetable to undertake an ASI on Tuesday 14 May 2024.

As requested in **Annex B** of our Rule 6 letter, suggestions, including justification, for locations to be included in the ASI were submitted by Pre-Exam Procedural Deadline and have been published on [the project webpage](#).

We have reviewed the suggested locations including justification, for locations to be included in the ASI and request that the Applicant prepare a draft itinerary for the ASI that includes the following locations:

- Proposed site of the Oakendene substation, Kent Street and surrounding area (including Kings and Moatfield Lanes, PRow's and Oakendene Manor)

- Dragons Lane and Crateman's Farm (including Cowfold Stream);
- Sweethill Farm;
- Wiston Estate (including land adjoining Washington Road, Calcott Wood and land to the north of old schoolhouse);
- Viewpoint (VP) 52 Chantonbury Ring;
- Angmering Stud Farm; and
- Viewpoint (VP) 33 Arundel Castle

In selecting these locations, the ExA has prioritised areas that can only be accessed via private land during the course of an ASI. The ExA is grateful for all the suggested locations received and will consider visiting them as part of future ASIs and USIs where they were not visited as part of USI1 [\[EV1-001\]](#).

The draft itinerary should be submitted by **Deadline 2**.

Comments on the Applicant's draft itinerary should be submitted by **Deadline 3**.

We will then review the comments received and the draft itinerary and may make changes to it. Our final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the project webpage at the earliest opportunity thereafter.

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.

The Interested Parties attending the ASI will include representatives of the Applicant, relevant Local Authorities, 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.

Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter if you require any support or assistance to attend the ASI.

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.

Venue/address	Opening hours	Printing Costs
Jubilee Library Jubilee Street, Brighton, BN1 1GE	Monday - Tuesday: 10:00 – 19:00 Wednesday: 10:00 – 17:00 Thursday: 10:00 – 19:00 Friday: 10:00-17:00 Saturday: 10:00-17:00 Sunday: 11:00-17:00	30p per sheet for a black and white
Shoreham-by-Sea Library St Mary's Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5ZA	Monday: Friday: 10:00-18:00 Saturday: 10:00-16:00 Sunday: Closed	A4 black and white – 20p

Worthing Library Richmond Road, Worthing, BN11 1PW	Monday – Friday: 09:00-18:00 Saturday: 09:00 – 17:00 Sunday :Closed	A4 black and white – 20p A3 black and white – Unavailable A4 colour – 60p A3 colour – Unavailable
Littlehampton Library Maltravers Road, Littlehampton, BN17 5NA	Monday – Friday: 09:00 - 17:00 Saturday: 10:00-16:00 Sunday: Closed	A4 black and white – 20p A3 black and white – Unavailable A4 colour – 60p A3 colour – Unavailable
Bognor Regis Library London Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 1DE	Monday – Friday: 09:30 – 18:00 Saturday: 09:30 – 17:00 Sunday: Closed	A4 black and white – 20p A3 black and white – Unavailable A4 colour – 60p A3 colour – Unavailable
Storrington Library Ryecroft Lane, Storrington, RH20 4PA	Monday – Friday: 09:00 – 17:00 Saturday: 10:00 – 16:00 Sunday: Closed	A4 black and white – 20p A3 black and white – Unavailable A4 colour – 60p A3 colour – Unavailable
Henfield Library Off High Street, Henfield,	Monday – Friday: 10:00 – 17:00	A4 black and white – 20p

BN5 9HN	Saturday: 10:00-14:00 Sunday: Closed	A3 black and white – Unavailable A4 colour – 60p A3 colour – Unavailable
Hurstpierpoint Library Trinity Rd, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, BN6 9UY	Monday-Wednesday: 09:00-13:00 Thursday-Friday: 13:00 – 17:00 Saturday: 09:00-13:00 Sunday: Closed	A4 black and white – 20p A3 black and white – Unavailable A4 colour – 60p A3 colour – Unavailable
Sandown Library 119 High Street, Sandown, PO36 8AF	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 09:00 to 12.30 and 13.30 to 17:00 Wednesday: Closed Thursday: 09:00 to 12.30 and 13.30 to 17:00 Friday: 09:00 to 12.30 and 13.30 to 17:00 Saturday: 09:00 to 12.30 and 13.30 to 16.30 Sunday: Closed	A4 black and white/Colour – 20p A3 black and white/Colour – 40p

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