

Submission ID: 10393

Procedural Deadline A – Request to Participate at the Preliminary Meeting

Annex D - Comments on the Draft Examination Timetable

Chelmsford City Council thanks the Planning Inspectorate for its publication of the Draft Examination Timetable.

Chelmsford City Council notes that the gap between Deadline 6 (DA6) Thursday 15th December 2022 and Deadline 7 (DA7) dated Thursday 5th January 2023 falls over the Christmas holiday period when many public offices, including those of the City Council, are closed over the Christmas and New Year period.

Deadline 7 (DA7) requires the submission of final comments on a number of key documents including, but not limited to, the Final draft Development Consent Order (dDCO), the Final Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) and a list of matters not agreed.

Chelmsford City Council is concerned that there is insufficient time between Deadline 6 (DA6) 15th December 2022 and Deadline 7 (DA7) 5th January 2023 to make comment and enable thorough consideration of the final documents proposed for submission by Deadline 7 (DA7) on 5th January 2023.

To address this concern, Chelmsford City Council proposes that Deadline 6 (DA6) is moved forward by one week to Thursday 8th December 2022 and that the documents required for consultation/comment by Deadline 7 (DA7) are circulated as soon as practicable thereafter from Friday 9th December 2022.