

Submission ID: 10407

I am the Planning Lead for Braintree District Council (BDC) for the Longfield NSIP. I would like to make the following submission on behalf of BDC. I would also like to confirm that I will be attending the Preliminary meeting to represent BDC. Although I do not have any specific matters I wish to raise I am attending in order to answer any questions that the ExA may have of BDC.

Below is the written submission I wish to make on behalf of BDC in relation to the examination procedure:

Braintree District 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 District Council, are closed over the Christmas and New Year period.

Deadline 7 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.

The Council is concerned that there is insufficient time between 15th December 2022 and 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, Braintree District 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.