

Submission ID: 13302

Agenda Item 6: Draft Examination Timetable

Biofuelwatch requests to be able to speak on agenda item 6, the draft examination timetable.

We would like to discuss concerns that the policy framework to assess the proposed development is currently incomplete because the Government's biomass strategy, which was expected to be published in Autumn 2022, has not yet been published. It is now due to be published early this year.

Moreover, the High Court ruling in June 2022 that the Government's Net Zero Strategy is unlawful, and the Government's decision not to appeal the ruling, means that the Government is due to publish an updated strategy by the end of March 2023 to set out how it plans to achieve its net zero climate targets, including the legally binding Sixth Carbon Budget.

Due to the fact that neither the revised Net Zero Strategy nor the Biomass Strategy have been published yet, we believe the examination timetable of this application should be delayed until they have been published, in order to assess the application against the most up to date policy framework.