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Good morning, everyone. Welcome back. It is now 10:25am and time for this hearing to begin. Can I just confirm with mr Harrell that you can hear me clearly?

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Yes, I can hear you clearly. Thank you. And can I confirm that the live streaming and recording of this event has now commenced? It has indeed Yes. Thank you. I'd like to welcome you all to open floor hearing to for the tracks bioenergy with carbon capture and storage project. My name is Ben Northover, and I am a chartered architect. I have been appointed by the Secretary of State to be a member of the panel to examine this application. I'm now going to ask the other panel member to introduce herself.

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The morning everyone. My name is Caroline Jones. I'm a chartered town planner and planning inspector and I have been appointed by the Secretary of State to be the lead member of the panel to examine this application.

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Thank you. Together we constitute the examining authority for this application. This meeting will follow the agenda published on the national infrastructure planning website on the 27th of June 2023. A recording of today's hearing will be made available on the Drax bioenergy with carbon capture and storage section of the national infrastructure planning website as soon as practicable after the hearing has finished. With this in mind, please ensure that you speak clearly stating your name and who you're representing each time before you speak.

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A link to the planning inspectors planning inspector its privacy policy was provided in the notification for this hearing. We assume that everybody here has familiarized themselves with this document, which establishes how the personal data of our customers is handled in accordance with the principles set out in data protection laws. Please speak to Mr. Herold. If you have any questions about this, let me briefly explain the purpose of this open floor hearing.

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Open floor hearings are your opportunity to raise anything directly with the examining authority that is important and relevant and that you think we should know about and consider. They are not about particular location or topic. The topic of your representations about the proposals is therefore up to yourself. It is not necessary to repeat anything already submitted in writing or at a previous hearing.

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We do not intend on setting a strict time limit today. But we'd ask that your submissions are concise and to the point and to be concluded within about 10 minutes.

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Once you have spoken the panel may wish to ask you questions. Finally the applicant will be given an opportunity to respond to any matters raised once all speakers have been heard, either orally or in writing by deadline 10.

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Before we hear from any speakers, can I ask who will be speaking for the applicant today?

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Thank you. Good morning. My name is Richard Griffiths. I'm a partner at Pinsent, Masons LLP, the lawyers for the applicant. And I'll be responding on behalf of the applicants.

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I'm also here with Mr. Jim Doyle, who is planning Sense Manager for Drax, and depending on what is said, Mr. Doyle may also contribute. If we need anyone else, then I'll introduce them at the relevant time.

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Thank you.

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I will now invite representations from those interested parties who gave the requested notice to us of their intention to speak. So I'll first ask

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Miss James here. It's

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James serious. I'm representing myself. I've actually got nothing to say other than what I've already written and what will be written for the final deadline on the 17th. Thank you very much.

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Thank you, Mr. Hewitt.

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Can I ask if there is anyone else here who wishes to speak that we have not heard from?

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I'm not seeing any hands. And

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so I would ask if the applicant would like to briefly respond to any points made, but there

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haven't been any points points raised in this hearing.

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So I think that that takes us to the closure of this hearing unless Mrs. Jones has anything to add.

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And no, I think obvious

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The Mr. Hewitt was just

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reiterating quotes that he made at a deadline. And I'm presuming Mr. Griffiths that you'll just take the opportunity to respond to them at deadline 10.

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Yes, that is correct. We received those responses and we'll be responding by the 17th of July. Thank you. I'd probably like to also take this opportunity just to ask if you could ensure that any of those deadline, nine submissions that we have had if you could respond to them in full by deadline 10. Because obviously, that is our last deadline in the examination. Yes, of course, deadlines. Thank you. Sorry, Mr. Northover, that's all I had to raise. Thank you. So that takes us to the closure of this hearing. Thank you all for contributing.

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Can I just remind

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interested parties to submit post hearing submissions and closing submissions detailing closing positions of principle issues

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by deadline 10 which is the 17th of July, which is the day we will close the examination. So the time is now 1031 and open floor hearing to for the tracks bioenergy with carbon capture and storage project is now closed. Thank you. Thank you, everyone.

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Thank you