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Thank you. It's now 10:00 and time for the meeting to begin. Can I just first confirm that everybody can hear me in the room, please?

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And also somebody can give me an indication, if possible, that can be heard online.

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Yes.

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Okay. I heard it. Yes.

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Okay. That seems to be working well, which is good. Um, and can also confirm with the case team that the live streaming and recording of this event have commenced.

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Yeah. Okay.

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I'd like to welcome you all to this preliminary meeting for the application by Mallard opus Solar Farm Limited. Seeking an order granting development consent for the proposed Mallard Path Solar Farm. My name is David Cliff. I'm a chartered town planner and examining inspector at the Planning Inspectorate. I've been appointed by the Secretary of State to be the lead member of the panel to examine this application. And I'm now going to ask my colleague and fellow member of the panel to introduce himself.

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Good morning. My name is Mark James. I'm a chartered town planner and an examining inspector. I've been appointed as a member of the panel discussion. Later on the agenda items to three.

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Thank you.

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Together, we constitute the examining authority for this application. And our role is to examine this act, the application, and to report to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net-zero with a recommendation as to whether or not the development consent order should be made. Now, at this point, I'd like to also introduce the members of the Planning Inspectorate as case team who are supporting us today. You may already have spoken with one or more of them. We have Johansson, who is the case manager for the project.

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You may be outside at the moment, but you're probably all set. Oh, there he is. Sorry. Uh, Ben Chan, who's leading the online, uh,

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engagement today. And Michelle Gregory. Who's that over there, who's also a case manager. And just a few housekeeping matters for those attending in person. Can everybody please set all devices and phones to silent? Toilets are located in the lobby straight outside through the coffee lounge area. And we've been made aware that there will be no fire alarm tests today. So in the event of a fire alarm, please leave the room via the marked fire exits.

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Think there's three of them? One over here, one over there, back into the lounge area and one over there. In fact, there's two. There's two over there in that corner of the of the room.

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Now, as you gather, today's meeting is being undertaken both in person and at this hearing venue with parties joining us virtually using Microsoft teams. So it's what's known as a blended event. We'll make sure that however you intend to or however you decided to attend today, you'll be given a fair opportunity to participate. The meeting is being both live streamed and recorded for those people participating via teams in order to minimize background noise and disturbance. Please, can you ensure that you stay on mute unless you are speaking? And if you are participating virtually and you wish to speak at the relevant point in the proceedings, please use the raise hand function and be patient as we may not be able to get you in immediately to speak, but we'll invite you to speak at the appropriate time.

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And I'll also remind everyone that the chat function on Microsoft teams is switched off for this event, and a recording of the meeting will be available on the Mallard Solar Farm page of the National Infrastructure National Infrastructure Website for Planning Inspectorate website as soon as practicable after the meeting. With this in mind, please ensure that you speak clearly into the microphone stating your name and who you are representing each time before you speak. If your microphone's like mine, if you go too close, it will get too loud and you won't go too far away.

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So about this distance away seems to be okay. Um, and if you are not at a table with a microphone, there's a roving microphone. So please wait for one of those to be brought to you before you speak. And if anybody wishes to use social media, report, film or record during today's meeting or subsequent hearing, they are free to do so. But please do so responsibly and with appropriate consideration for other parties. And this must not be disruptive and the material must not be misused.

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And for those people who are participating online and don't want their face appearing on the recording, then if you wish, you don't have to show your your your face. You can not turn your video on and just use audio. A quick word on the general data protection regulations linked to the planning Inspectorate's Privacy Notice was provided in our Rule six letter, and this establishes how the personal data of our customers is handled in accordance with the principles set out in the data protection laws.

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Please speak to a member of the case team if you have any questions about this.

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And it's unlikely that we as a panel will ask anyone to put any sensitive information into the public domain, and we would encourage you not to do that. However, if for some reason you feel it is necessary to refer to information that you otherwise wish to be kept private and confidential, it should be in a written form which can then be redacted before being published. Please talk to the case team about the best way to do this, if that is relevant and that applies throughout the examination. Now aim to keep the proceedings focused and efficient as possible, and I'll move on to introductions of the parties wishing to speak today in a few moments, to assist with the efficient running of this meeting, we issued Annex B to our Rule six letter, which invited you to this meeting, and this sets out an introduction to the preliminary meeting process, and we've assumed that everybody has read that in advice.

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So while only providing you providing a summary now and.

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The meeting. The purpose of the meeting this morning is to focus on the way in which the application is proposed to be examined. On that basis will only be inviting discussions about the procedural aspects of the examination. The the purpose of the meeting is not to discuss either the merits or any concerns that you may have regarding this application. The merits or concerns can only be considered once the examination of the application begins, which will be following the close of this preliminary meeting.

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And there'll be will assure there's lots of opportunities for that to occur. Timing's wise. We'll aim to have a short mid-morning break at a convenient point around about 1130. But depending on where we are with each agenda item. And it's.

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Possible?

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Probably probable that we'll finish by lunchtime, but we may go over. And if we need to break for lunch, we'll do so at approximately one 1:00.

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Now can now move on to introductions of the parties wishing to speak today.

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I've got a list of all the people who have advised us in advance that they wish to speak. And I'll go through that list first, and then I'll ask for anybody else who wishes to speak, who's not already advised us. And when you do introduce yourselves, please state your name, who you represent, along with the agenda item or items you wish to speak on. And if you are not representing an organization, please confirm your name. Summarize your interest in the application and again confirm the agenda items in which you wish to speak. And if you also give an indication of how you wish to be addressed by us at the meeting, etcetera.

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Mrs.. Ms.. Mr.. Etcetera. And okay, if we can start please, with the applicants, please, and we can hear from whoever will lead the submission today and anybody else who will make regular contributions.

00:08:19:29 - 00:08:34:15

Morning. Um, Matt Fox, Senior Associate at Masons. On behalf of the applicant and I'm joined by my colleague Gareth Phillips, partner of Pence Masons. Today there are the members of the applicant team, but expect only we will speak today.

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Okay. Thank you, Mr. Fox.

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Okay. I'll now move on to the local planning authorities and think we have Rutland County Council are represented online today. I think we have a mr. Johnson is Mr. Johnson. See a on the screen which looks promising. Mr. Johnson.

00:09:04:03 - 00:09:04:18

Good morning.

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Good morning, sir. Yes, I'm Justin Johnson, representing Rutland County Council today. And our concern is with the draft examination timetable.

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So that's agenda item four think, isn't it?

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Yes, that's correct, sir.

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Okay. Is it just you speaking on behalf of Rutland County Council today or.

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Yes, it would just be myself. Okay.

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Thank you, Mr. Johnson. And you're coming through loud and clear on the the links of that seems to be working well, which is good. So thank you for that introduction. Thank you.

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Now, have we?

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A representative from South Kesteven District Council.

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Okay. I think we're expecting Mr. Jordan. It may be that Mr. Jordan hasn't arrived. As yet unless he's appearing online.

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Now. Okay, Michelle, shaking your head as well. Okay.

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And moving on to Lincolnshire County Council.

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Good morning. My name is Mark Willis and I'm representing Lancashire County Council. I'm here today to talk in respect of item Agenda four with regard to the timetable.

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Thank you, Mr. Willis.

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And I'll now move on to. Groups and organizations who registered to speak. And I'll start with Mallard Pass. Action Group.

00:11:00:25 - 00:11:18:14

Hello, my name is Sue Holloway, representing Marlow Pass Action Group. I haven't requested to speak today because we've already placed a written submission in advance, so my points still relate to that written submission. However, if you have any questions for the Action group, we're happy to answer them.

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Okay. Thank you. That's helpful. I've what I've done when we get through to the relevant items in the agenda, because obviously I've read your submission. I was going to ask you at each point where you've actually made a written submission, if you want to summarize that so everybody here in the meeting can hear and we can make appropriate comments if need be. If you're happy to do that, then I'll give you that invitation. Or if not, I can sort of hopefully try and summarize the points which you've raised yourself in doing so because we want to make sure that everyone has a chance to sort of obviously discuss each point before we go away and consider.

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So I'll give you that invitation as we go through the the agenda and could also ask how is it best to address address you?

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I'm happy to just be called Sue Holloway. It's fine.

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Okay. Probably should call just in terms of the ticket. However tempting it is to call people by their first names, I probably shouldn't. So.

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Mrs. Holloway.

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Okay. Thank you. Uh.

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After hearings before where people have been sitting and calling me Dave throughout the hearings. So learning from experience. Okay. Thank you, Mrs. Holloway. And could also ask at some point and you can do this perhaps at deadline one if you just make a written submission so everyone's clear on the past action group constitution and formation of the group and who the group represents just so that can be included in a in a in a document within the examination library.

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Okay. Thank you. And that can come in at deadline one. That's.

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Thank you.

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And now on the parish council. Think Mr. Birchfield.

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Hi, my name is Trevor Barfield and I am the immediate past chairman of Essendon Parish Council. It's important that this meeting knows that currently Dean does not have a legally sitting parish council.

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Parish Council ceased to sit on the 4th of May and all powers were devolved to the clerk and or our local county councillors.

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There will be a council again after June 22nd where there will be another election. In essence, Dean and a new council will be formed. Okay. I will. Because of the law and without going into the detail of the detail, will be a parish councillor on the 22nd of June again.

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So I cannot legally speak on behalf of Essendon Parish Council today. But if you will forgive me and allow me to just write a couple of matters on the timetable that would be at your gift to give.

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Okay. Uh.

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Thank you, Mr. Birchfield. So, June 22nd is the date on which the Paris Council's normal operating powers are expected to recommence.

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So June 22nd, there will be another election proposed date. So the past election was on 4th of May. Um, June 22nd, an election will be held.

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Post that election, the Council will then have to arrange meetings to sit in line with all of the local government law timetables. It's unlikely that we will not be able to form a council until the first week of July.

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Okay. Thank you. That's helpful clarification.

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And in terms of the procedural deadline, a written submission that you submitted.

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Just in terms of the status of of that, in terms of what you've explained, as I understand the situation where the sort of a sort of limbo almost situation at the moment, isn't it, as I understand it.

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But yes, so we submitted everything in line and legally up to the 4th of May, including registering for this event and tomorrow's events. So we were all completely legal up to that point. Okay. So there's just a couple of points on the timetables that I would like to raise. And today. Yeah, but apart from that, everything else is okay.

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Good.

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Thank you. That's helpful.

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Any comments from anybody else, including the applicant on that situation regarding the Mr. Birtles explained regarding the parish council. Okay. Okay. Thank you. Mr.. That's helpful clarification. Thank you. Excuse me, sir.

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Um, it's an dine and dine. Apologize for 20 years as people behind me that have sat there for 40 years and died. My correct, folks.

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Thank you. Okay.

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Thank you again for that clarification. And as always, if get any place name or we get any place name or anybody person's name involved and do just as Mr. Burchfield has has done just correct us on that. Okay. Thank you. Next on my list is Mr. Beamish from Mallard Point Points Limited and the Events and Tents Company Limited. So Mr. Beamish.

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You can come forward to the table or there is a roving microphone going around as well.

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Good morning. My name is Andrew Beamish, live in line representing

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events and dance company and speaking today reference. You can call me Andrew Beamish. It's fine.

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Okay.

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Again, I'll probably have to stick to Mr. Beamish. Yeah, fine.

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We'll say Mallard Mallard Point as well. Yes. You've also mentioned the two businesses that we run in I.

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Okay. So those are two businesses are Mallard Point Limited and separately the Events and Tents Company Limited. Absolutely.

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Yes.

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Okay. Thank you. And which agenda item do you wish to speak on today?

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Rights of way in compulsory purchase Proposition

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Right.

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Which in terms of the procedural matters.

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Rights of entry. Sorry. Number four. Five. Sorry.

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Five includes.

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Okay. Five includes procedural decisions, some of which relate to matters regarding compulsory acquisition. Obviously we can't talk today about the merits of compulsory acquisition because there will be opportunities for you to submit written representations. There'll be compulsory acquisition

hearing if that's requested as well. So as long as your remarks just today, stay confined to matters of procedure and process.

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Okay. Well maybe I'll just hold on for that one then.

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Thank you. Well, one.

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I'll come to you at the relevant time and you can decide if your remarks are appropriate now or whether or not you wish to make them at another event or written submission when the examination is actually underway where we can consider merits. But I'll I'll give you the opportunity to decide when we do. Item five. Thank you.

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Oh, thank you. Okay.

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And we also have a representative from Indian Village Hall.

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This thing's be.

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Okay. Okay. Okay.

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Thank you.

00:19:35:20 - 00:19:51:27

Now I've got a note that. South Kesteven District Council representative has arrived in the room. Good morning. Are you ready and settled and able to do your introduction now? Yeah. Okay. Mr. Jordan, I assume.

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It is. Yeah.

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Apologies.

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I was here in plenty of time. Just spent 20 minutes driving around various car parks around the perimeter.

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If it's any consolation, we came yesterday about 4:00 to do a sound check, and we did the same thing as well. So don't worry.

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Yep. So I'm Phil Jordan. I'm the developer management and enforcement manager at South Kesteven District Council. Um, primarily wanting to speak on item for around the various deadlines. Um, it's really just the implications of our local elections and the difficulties that that's presented.

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Okay. Thank you.

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And your title again. Did you say development Manager for Development Management and Enforcement?

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Yeah, it's a bit of a mouthful. Development Management and Enforcement manager.

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I see. Development manager and enforcement manager Excellence. Okay.

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Good. Thank you, Mr. Jordan.

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Okay, now I'm moving on to my list of other interested parties. Uh. Is there a Fiona Beamish?

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So just wait for the roving microphone to come.

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Mrs. Fiona Beamish from S9 and it's about number seven landscape and visual for glinting glare and medical grounds.

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So in terms of procedural matters, they're obviously listed.

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Principal issues in our Rule six letter. Was there anything procedural? Not obviously not. Don't say that now. But in terms of what you are going to say, was it something related to the list of principal issues that you wanted to raise at that relevant time?

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Um, yeah, because I've not had any response when I've been contacting Windell Energy about my medical condition and, you know, for the. GLINTON glare for the solar panels. So it's just I haven't had any notification from themselves. Okay.

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It sounds as though and correct me if I'm wrong, that you want obviously, you want to make representations on merits concerning those matters. And obviously, if you do the opportunity to do

that, but not at this meeting because this is just on procedure, although obviously the applicant is here today with their representatives. So would.

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Like. Yeah, would like to speak with them. Okay.

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Well.

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I'm sure one of the members of the applicant team will be able to speak to you this morning at some point in a break or afterwards about that. Uh, if it's anything in procedure, you want to raise the appropriate time, then obviously let let us know.

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Okay. Thank you, Mrs. Beamish.

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And I've also got your name comes up twice. I presume it's the same, Mr. Berthold. There's not another Mr. Birchfield. I've got your name on my list as wanting to speak as an interested party, as well as representing or as you explained that. Okay. Thank you.

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Okay, Next. Pauline Cramping.

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No. Okay.

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Mr. Croft.

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Mr. Croft. Okay.

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I've got a mr. John Hughes.

00:23:57:20 - 00:24:00:24

Oh, yes. Just wait for the microphone, please. Sorry, Mr. Hughes.

00:24:05:11 - 00:24:32:14

Hello? Yes, I'm John Hughes. I'm an interested party. Um, and in relation to the agenda, it would be item four with regards to dates for site inspections. I believe that would fall into the category of the development consent order and the actual data that's being put into it.

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Okay. In terms of the dates, the development consent.

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Order, the data with regards to the development consent order and what's been submitted that we are going to address, how accurate is the data And Representative.

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Okay. Is there a particular thing under timetabling that you wanted to raise under agenda item four, which is the actual timetable for the the examination process?

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Not specifically myself, no.

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Okay.

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Which of the.

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Agenda items, if any, do you think your representations today?

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Oh, so.

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Sorry. My apologies. They're all deadlines.

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Yes.

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So the deadlines in agenda in agenda item four. Yes.

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Now won't be. We'll let the meeting proceed and won't have any representation then at this present time.

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Again, if you do feel you want to say something, obviously put your hand up at the appropriate, appropriate point.

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No, thank you. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Hughes.

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Okay. And there's two more that have a question mark about whether or not they're actually in attendance today. And there's a Linda Davis.

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Good,

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right? Okay. I think that's why I had a question mark about it. Okay. And Mr. James Williams.

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Okay.

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Now, is there anybody that I've missed, first of all, online who wishes to speak today, who's not already introduced themselves? If you put your hand up, if you fall into that category.

00:26:42:00 - 00:26:48:04

No. Okay. And is there anybody else in the room today who's not introduced themselves so far who wishes to speak?

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No. Okay. Thank you.

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And again, if anybody decides they wish to speak during the course of the meeting, for example, to make comments in response to submissions made by other parties, you may do so. Please raise your hand, either physically or using the function within Microsoft teams if you wish to speak.

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Okay. Before we move.

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On to the next agenda, item two, which is the examining authority's remarks about the examination process, which Mr. James will lead, is there anything that anybody wishes to raise on what I've said so far?

00:27:41:04 - 00:28:11:29

Okay, just one final thing I would say is that there's quite a few things to go for on the agenda. So if you can just wait until we've done on each item our sort of introductory remarks and then we will bring you in rather than having a sort of questions interrupting as we go. We do want to make sure we're here, everybody. But if you can do that, when we bring people in at the relevant opportunity or just help with the free flow of the meeting. Okay. Thank you. That's agenda item one. That's complete. And I'll now hand over to my colleague, Mr. James, who will introduce the agenda item two.

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Thank you.

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In order to streamline the running of this event. In NXP of our Rule six letter, we provided an introduction to the preliminary meeting and an outline of the examination process explaining how it will be conducted and how you can participate. For expediency, I'm assuming that everyone has read this and therefore don't propose to spend time reading it now. There are some more general observations I'd like to make about the examination process in the interest of ensuring that it is productive and efficient as it can be.

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The process is primarily a written one, supplemented where necessary by various types of hearings. The main body of evidence informing judgments and recommendations will come through the written representations responses to written representations, local impact reports submitted by local planning authorities, statements of common ground and answers to our written questions. There are also various types of hearings that we may take forward. Open floor hearings.

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Any interested party may request an open floor hearing. Thus, any all interested parties will have the opportunity to make an oral presentation to us about the application. You have already seen that we are holding two open floor hearings tomorrow, one in the morning and one in the evening to allow interested parties who have registered to speak with their views on the proposed development.

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Issue specific hearings are a further category of hearing sessions. It is for us as the zoning authority to decide whether or not to hold issue specific hearings and what topics they should cover. Hearings will be held if we decide is necessary to ensure adequate examination of an issue or to provide an interested party with a fair chance to put its case forward. Parties should not assume that an issue specific hearing will be held on a particular topic and should ensure their full submission is provided in writing for any hearings.

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The expectation is that you will ask the questions and thus an agenda will be published about a week in advance of the meeting itself. The questions may be broad or specific.

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If exceptionally, we consider that cross-examination may be necessary, the relevant parties will be notified in advance.

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The draft timetable includes allocated time for issue specific hearings in the week commencing the 10th of July. The subject matter of hearings will depends on submissions made at deadlines one and two, including the local impact reports and written submissions. Our initial thinking at the moment is that general topics to be considered through issue specific hearings will include needs and alternative. The scope for developments, environmental matters and the draft development consent order.

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We will provide final notification of the dates and specific subject matters of any issue specific hearings, at least 21 days in advance of them taking place.

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The third and final form of hearing relates to the compulsory acquisition of London rights. The draft consent order makes provisions for compulsory acquisition. Anyone whose land or rights may be affected by compulsory acquisition has a right to be heard. We've included a compulsory acquisition, hearing and examination timetable and deadline for requests to be heard.

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Few more words on deadlines. Well, come on. Let's talk about the timetable in more detail shortly. But I'd like to highlight the importance of ensuring that information is submitted in accordance with these deadlines. The timetable could only be delivered if all parties meet the deadlines and provide submissions that are comprehensive as possible. Late submissions restrict the ability of the parties to

participate in the process and to respond fully to information. This can lead to unfairness in the process. It is therefore important to note that if you submit something late, there's always the possibility that the examining authority may not accept it into the examination.

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In terms of resolving any disagreements where there is a disagreement between parties on matters, we ask that all sides engage positively and in the timely manner to ensure that a resolution is reached wherever possible. This includes progressing statements of common ground practically possible, and demonstrating the progress of negotiations and protective provisions are addressed as quickly as possible, wherever relevant.

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In terms of accessing information. Mr. Cliff has already referred to the national infrastructure website. And just to stress the importance of these websites to the examination process on the solar farm page, you'll find information about the application, including Examination Library, which contains all of the application documents, written submissions, procedure documents relating to the project. Each time a deadline passes, the document that had been submitted will be published to the examination library so they are available for everyone to see.

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We would strongly encourage you to familiarize, familiarize yourself with these websites because the examining authority will be using it to communicate with you and to provide access to documents throughout the examination.

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In terms of the proceedings. Just to stress that these are statutory proceedings. It is important that the examination is treated with due regard to its statutory status. There is potential award for costs if a party's unreasonable behaviour causes another party, incur wasted expenditure. There is guidance on the planning inspectorate's websites that covers this and includes examples of potential unreasonable behaviour, including such as not submitting evidence on time. I do not wish to have a state list, but please treat examination seriously and expeditiously as possible and bear in mind that we have a duty to ensure that the process is fair and open.

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If you have any specific points to make regarding the draft timetable, please can ask. These are raised under agenda item four.

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Are there any questions regarding the generalities of the examination process at this stage at all from anybody?

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The interest of the parties.

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That concludes our remarks about examination process. We will now move on to agenda item three, which is our initial assessment of principal issues.

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For this item. It'll be useful if you have of our rule six letter in front of you. We will also share the list of main headlines of principal issues on the screen. But you can also find the details of each of these within our next. But the applicant. Please share an X-ray of the rule six letter on the screen, please, if that's possible.

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Just to briefly cover what those items were. I won't go into the detail, but in terms of the headline principal issues that we identified, we have air quality, compulsory acquisition, the draft developed consent order itself, ecology and biodiversity.

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General matters, which includes issues such as design, flexibility and the size and scale of development. The historic environment, landscape and visual. Land use and soils, noise, socioeconomics, traffic and transportation, water and flood risk. So that sums up the headline topics that we that we have set out in the Annex to the Rule six letter. This list provides our initial framework of issues for examination of the application and is based on our reading, the application documents and relevant representations received following the publicity of the application and our consideration of any other important and relevant matters.

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It is not necessarily a comprehensive or exclusive list of each relevant matter to just to stress that point. It does not exclude any other items being considered at a later date.

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So rather it is a broad list which covers the specific matters which are likely to be covered based on our initial thinking.

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Purchase agenda item is to hear any comments parties may have on this and a short list.

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We had written representations from the Malpass Action Group on the list of principal issues. Ms.. Holloway, would you like to summarize your comments on the principal issues, please?

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I've raised four points within our written submission. The first point is in relation to scale, and I appreciate that that is noted. I'm just trying to find which one is in under general matters, but obviously in the context of an NSA, the scale pervades every every issue and I just don't want that to get lost as a general generality because it actually affects each of the principal issues,

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meeting the need and contribution to net zero. Um, I'm not sure if I've missed that. Uh, whether that's going to be sitting within general matters or there is another area where that will or will be sitting within the area. I think that needs to be drawn out. Uh, you yourself have raised the bottom of your principal issues. Uh, page 16, overall rule six letter stating the issue of human rights will be covered.

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Um, I'm not sure in which of these principal issue topics it would be covered again, whether that is a subset of general matters, but we would like some acknowledgement of that. Another area is in respect of community and consultation. There doesn't seem to be any provision for looking at that as a subject in its own right and obviously as a community group.

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Hopefully you'd understand that we would want to represent a number of issues in relation to that.

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And I'm also wondering whether the air quality and noise could be combined together because they tend to interrelate to each other in terms of, you know, likely construction activities or even operational activities under any health and safety issues are also picked up within that.

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That concludes what I'd like to say about the principal issues. Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Holloway. We all take those comments into consideration, and we certainly welcome your written recommendations on those points as well to set out more detail. I'd just like to see the opportunity to respond to a few of those points, if I may. And that's the scale can be considered in terms of individual topics and the interaction between effects which might lead to communicable affects. So there will be opportunities to consider those through the for the process as you move forward.

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And in terms of site selection and alternatives, which I think was a point you raised as well, we do highlight that under Part five of our principle issues and that will also cover matters of need. And in terms of the human rights issue. And we did confirm, as you acknowledged in our initial assessment of issues, that we will conduct the examination with human rights in mind. And the socioeconomic section does identify the need to consider the procurement process.

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So there's an opportunity there to to consider that as we move forward. And taken on board your the points around health and safety, air quality and noise, we can we can reflect on those and move forward. And finally, your points around consultation. And we recognize the volume of responses back and the level of interest from the community. And just to stress that all representations that we receive are beneficial. So we would encourage that participation as fully as possible.

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Okay.

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I don't think we had any requests to speak on this item, but if I can just confirm if there's anybody else either in the room or online that would like to consider the initial assessments of principal issues.

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Okay.

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Those in the room and attending virtually. Just to sum up some of the submissions that we did have and in terms of the initial issues from people who aren't in Sundance today, and we did have a response from a Mr. Britton. He was asking for the effects of soil during construction. So we considered just to confirm that we do highlight that under item eight on the on the list. And we also had a request for a consideration of the costs benefits of the scheme on an interdepartmental government basis.

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Again, we can consider the benefits of the scheme in the round as part of the examination. Finally, we had a request to consider the cumulative impact of the number of solar farm projects within the vicinity. And again, we can consider that as part of the the cumulative effects moving forward.

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Often what you are saying right from the beginning and finding what it's lost. And I'm finding.

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Pay. Then I don't think that.

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Apologies shall move my microphone closer. That's an issue on up.

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Speaking slowly.

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Apologies shall slow down.

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We're just going at the end of my item now anyway, which is item four, which is on the draft examination timetable, which we led by Mr. Cliff.

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Thank you, Mr. James.

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So the next item is.

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On the draft examination timetable. And it would be useful to have open Annex D of our Rule six letter in front of you for this. I I'm assuming there's a might not be possible to get it actually on the screens, but I think there is some spare copies being circulated or available if nobody has a copy. So it might just be easier to have hard copies available. In front of you.

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If that is possible for this. Does anybody actually need a copy who's not got one?

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Now, Annex D.

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Sets out the draft deadlines for written submissions and dates for hearings, and it also includes dates for the examining authority to issue documents such as our written questions. And please note that the precise deadlines for submission on each date is 11:59 p.m.. Although we've well being in mind, I will not want that particular timing to encourage late night working necessarily in the interest of efficiency. I won't go through the entire draft draft timetable in its entirety, but will highlight some key points.

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And then I'll introduce the various points that have been raised by the parties. In written submissions, we decided to hold two open floor hearings at an early stage of the examination to allow parties who wish to do so to set out their views to us on the proposed development. And following the start of the examination, we will therefore hold our first open floor hearing tomorrow morning in this room at 10 a.m. and a second open floor hearing will take place tomorrow evening, commencing at 7 p.m. And as the name suggests, they are open to any interested party to attend and not about a particular topic or issue in relation to the proposed development.

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There's an agenda for these meetings available on the website and that lists the order of speakers for both meetings. I think we've had a good response, meaning that I think most of the time slots have been filled for those meetings we have in order to accommodate as many people as possible, put a limit in for five minutes for individual speakers and ten minutes for organizations or groups, just so everyone's aware of that.

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And for anybody who wishes to speak at a further open floor hearing, there can be opportunities and there are opportunities in the timetable for further open floor hearings later on in the timetable as well. So tomorrow is not the only the only chance to speak at an open floor hearing.

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As soon as possible.

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After this week's events, we will publish our Rule eight letter, which will finalize the examination timetable. And at the same time, we will also publish our first set of written questions. And our aim is for that to be issued next Tuesday, which is a week today.

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Moving on to deadline one, which is the timetable for Tuesday 30th of May. This includes a deadline for the submission of local impact reports by any local authority.

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Deadline two on the 15th of June includes the deadline for the receipt of written representations from any interested party and the written representations to our first written or the written responses, rather, to our first written questions. It is also the deadline for the submission of statements of common Ground which will come on to later on. There will also be hearings and site inspections which will support the written process. The written part of the process, and we have proposed hearings for the week commencing 10th of July, along with an accompanied site inspection, which will again will go on to discuss just a word on hearings.

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We propose that the hearings will be held in person, but with a virtual element, as we have in the room today, and think generally that is what our proposal will be going forward so that people can attend in in person. And also anybody can attend online and watch proceedings online if they so wish. If anyone's got any comments on that approach, then there do let us know today at the end of this, at the end of this item.

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And the only possibility for completely virtual meetings might be the meeting needs to be deferred for an extra session to for a short extra session. And in certain situations, purely virtual can be advantageous. But at the moment we don't see that as being or we don't foresee that as being necessary.

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And we will publish further set of examining fraud as written questions on the 15th of August with a deadline for responses to these on the 5th of September. And further days have been allocated for hearings in the week commencing 25th of September, which will go on to discuss. And we're in the duty to complete the examination within six months of your opening. So the closing date for the examination will be the 16th of November this year. And once the examination closes, no further submissions can be accepted.

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Unless, of course, sometimes happens, the Secretary of State does his or her own consultations. But as far as this examination closes, once the it is complete, there are no further submissions that will be accepted. I'll now run through the helpful submissions that have already been provided by parties. And I'll do them briefly in the order that they arise in the timetable and.

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We've had submissions.

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From Mrs. Holloway representing Mild Action Group, about the timings of the open floor hearings, which we we understand. But I would like to stress that the idea behind these hearings is to give people an opportunity at an early stage to give their general remarks about the application. And there will be other opportunities later on as well. And we are intending to go ahead, obviously with the two meetings tomorrow. And we've had a good take up of people that want to attend those.

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Moving on to the deadline for the local impact reports.

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This is and we made a procedural decision to have this deadline is the 30th of May for local impact reports from any local authority. And there have been some submissions on this from the various local authorities.

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So if I can start with. Uh, Mr..

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Willis from Lincolnshire County Council. If you'd like to summarize your comments provided in writing on this.

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Yeah. Thank you. Yeah. As we've made reference in our written, relevant and relevant representation, the County Council is currently involved in a number of projects across the county. I think at last count, those around 17 that are affecting our administrative area, of which nine are large scale solar development projects. And as I'm sure you can imagine, that's having quite an intensive strain on our resources. Um, on top of that, there's four of those currently in the examination time, two in the examination stage with timetables being put forward, setting deadlines for the submission of those reports.

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And as a consequence of that, with the limited resource that we've got, we're finding it very difficult to, to get those local impact reports in time and prepared for the deadlines that have been set. Um, we have made a political commitment to ensure that our local impact report is reported to our Planning and Regulation committee who would then ensure that they would be endorsing officer's views in respect to what the impacts would be. And the timetable, as it currently sets out, does not align, unfortunately, with those times, with those meetings.

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Um, as a consequence of that, an allowance for those, for that period, then we will be seeking an extension of time beyond the first deadline, which I think is the end of May. Um, our actual next planning committee that feasibly would enable enough time for this to be reported to would probably not be until the 10th of July. Appreciate that's a long way away. However, as I say, due to resource implications and timetables and the commitments we've made, it is difficult to to see us getting a report to an earlier meeting.

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Thank you, Mr. Willis, for those submissions.

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If I could ask you a few questions.

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You confirm one of my questions.

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Which was when is the relevant planning and regulation committee? And I think if I heard right, you said that's the 10th of July.

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Yeah, we do have a committee.

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In June, on the 5th of June. However, that's not feasible to make that deadline. As I say, with regard to lead in times that's required. And then we do have two meetings in July.

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And are there any other procedures.

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Or any other arrangements that could be available in order to meet the deadline of the the deadline? At the moment, it's the deadline. One is the 30th of May. When I'm asking that question, because the local impact report is very important to the examination from all local authorities. Host look, authorities could be adjacent local authorities as well. Obviously it is something that the Planning act requires us to take into consideration by law and it's important to get issues out at an early stage into the examination so that we then can go on to arrange appropriate issues, specifically hearings, etcetera, and ask appropriate questions at the at the time.

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I'd also say that a local impact report is and there is an advice note. It's advice note one I think that covers the content of local impact reports that they are what they say in terms of an assessment of impacts on a local area. They're not they shouldn't be or they don't need to be an overall balanced view of what the particular local authority thinks about the project or the balance considerations that have to be that that could be part of a of a written representation. So a local impact report

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to be beneficial to us and to the examination just needs to set out what the local each local effect is.

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In isolation, obviously in combination impacts. But what I'm saying is there doesn't need to be a the council supports or doesn't support the project in, in general, that can be the written representation. And I don't know of any way that is, that is helpful in terms of timetabling and arrangements, but.

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If we were.

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To wait till the 10th of July, that would just throw the complete timetable. It would really be very difficult to get all those submissions at that time and obviously they can be taken into account, but that's sometime after the initial deadline and with the need to arrange hearings, etcetera. That is very, very late. And I think.

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That one of the reasons that we made a procedural decision on the time on the local import submission when the Rule six letter went out was to give local authorities early notice of that that particular that particular deadline. Are there any other arrangements that they. And this question is probably going to be the same for the two other host, local authorities as well. Are there any other arrangements that can be put in place?

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That don't require.

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Committee approval of the local impact report? And or is that are there any further options in terms of having a submission of what the material is available at a later date, confirming that it has been agreed or otherwise by the relevant committee?

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I mean, think as I've said, we've made a political commitment to ensure that our committee endorse the views of the officers in terms of dealing with the applications. And as I'm sure you can appreciate, given as outlined at the beginning, the number of these projects that are affecting the county, that that interest and desire to have that political commitment is only increased further. Um, so certainly we could, we could look at the mechanism by which we may be able to.

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Get that that view. I think looking at the as I say appreciate, you don't want to unnecessarily delay the timetable too much. But think as I say, the local impact report, as you referenced, is an important method for the authorities to communicate its issues of concern and think. My concern would be that we do need to make sure we've got an opportunity to get buy in and views from members as part of that process. Um, in terms of.

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The committee or a decision. Think from from what you've said and understand that local impact report is just setting out the issues. Um, I think we would look to try and effectively consider the impacts and also a council's year to similar time. So in a view of trying to give an all encompassing view and assessment of the impact as we see it.

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We can certainly explore the deadline. Think you know.

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If it didn't fit with the committee cycle, then we'd have to look at whether or not we could meet a later date of the dates that we've currently got on the committee cycles. But I'll say the the committee cycle we've got at the moment is the 5th of June, which effectively is reports have finished at the end of this week, for all intents purposes, bank holidays and then 10th of July. So it could be any time in advance of that. We'd have to look internally whether we can look at alternative arrangements.

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In terms of the because the.

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Submission of a local impact report, hopefully it shouldn't have come as a surprise that the deadline is in advance. No one, I think, talks about their local impact report will be requested early in the examination and I presume quite a lot of the actual background work's been done anyway in terms of section 42 of responses and things such as that. But it how is the actual. You don't have to answer this question, but in terms of the actual progress of the local impact report, from your point of view, is that is that progressing?

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It's progressing. But I think if we've made reference in our relevant representation, I think frankly, we've got two officers dealing with 17 insects at the moment. And then within those specialists, the authority are also those those officers are having to review the information on all 17 at various different stages as well. So we are certainly progressing there. But as I'm sure you can appreciate, there's a lot of information to go through. And yes, we are. We do appreciate the timetable. Um, as I say, those those resources are getting squeezed with the number that we've had.

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And I do understand the pressures that. Local authorities are under in general, and particularly in your case, with the amount of other

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national infrastructure proposals going on as well. One advantage just goes this examination is that this is actually quite early. I don't think the.

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Cotton project.

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That's not had a rule six letter out yet. I don't think so. There is in some ways there's perhaps an advantage about the local impact report deadline being early on in this one means that that then is out of the way and allows times for for other ones. You may say I'm wrong, don't know. But the fact that this examination is two months or so, I don't know the exact details yet because the timetable for the cotton is not yet being published. But the fact that this is sufficiently ahead of the other timetables does give a little bit of leeway, hopefully, in terms of the the things that we've been talking about.

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And I'll just go on to Will, I'll just go and ask the other two.

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Local authorities for their views on this because.

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They may have similar.

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Points and then can come back to you. Mr. Fox Then when I've.

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Yes. Was just the only thing I was going to suggest. Mr. Fox and part of the applicant was that we were going to say that as an applicant team and appreciate we're only one team in this process that we were going to suggest that we would be happy if they wanted to meet with Deadline T because then I don't appreciate you going to have your views on that, but because then we could respond to the written representations and local impact reports at the same time, meaning deadlines. Who focuses on questions that 93 focuses and written reps and appreciate will have said about the 5th of June meeting being still difficult.

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But we were hoping that that could work, that if, for example, a special meeting needed to be called that at least buy them an extra week to then have that meeting and then still meet that 15th of June deadline. So appreciate the other authorities and others who have views, but just wanted to make that point as a from our position in terms of. Okay, to respond.

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That's helpful, Mr. Fox. I mean, that's.

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One of the things that was going to move on to raise in terms of possible alternative.

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The further deadline. It's probably a good time now just to ask for the other local authorities for.

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Their views on.

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This. Bear in mind what has been said in the discussion that I've just had with.

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And Mr. WILLIS So firstly. Mr. Johnson.

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Rutland County Council.

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If you are with us.

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Yes, there you are.

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Would you like to give your.

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Your views on this matter.

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Please?

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Yeah. Think, um, a similar issue to, um, colleagues at Lincolnshire in terms of timetables because of the elections are we've made political commitments to take the report to planning committee and the planning committee won't be formally established until the 22nd of this month and then obviously need to be trained before they they have any input on planning decisions. So the, the 30th um is is not realistic in terms of us meeting that deadline.

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Um we do have a planning committee meeting on the 13th of June, which would still be quite a push. But um, based on what the applicants have said and setting the local impact report back to deadline two. Um, I think would just about be feasible for us and given the resources that, that we've got. Um, but if that, if that helps and that is something that we, you know, we could work to and reasonably achieve think.

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Okay. Thank you, Mr. Johnson.

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That's helpful. Thank you. And Mr.. Jordan.

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Thank you. Yeah. Similar issues, I should.

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Say, Mr. Jordan, for.

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South Kesteven District Council. Just so the recording knows who you're representing.

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Um, similar issues. Um, prior to the elections, we had a similar political commitment to debate and endorse any formal responses on this project, and they were taken to be the local impact report and they're the final written representation. And the commitment was that all members would have the opportunity to take part in that debate. You know, given the magnitude and scale of the of the project, um, we've had local elections and like lots of local authorities, there's been some really significant changes that have occurred as a result of those elections.

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The controlling party is no longer in control and approximately half of the members that were in power previously are no longer in power. So our first full council meeting is Thursday, this week, the 18th, and

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a lot of the organisational issues. Um, for the for the council will take place and flow out of that meeting. We don't know at the moment if there's going to be a controlling party, if there's going to be a coalition. Um. We have to wait and see. See what comes out following Thursday.

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And then following that can give you dates of meetings. We've the next full council meeting as the 20th of July. We have a planning committee. These are all provisional. Schedule for the 1st of June and then 29th of June. And.

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And we it's just very difficult for me to give much commitment around what we could do until we know the outcome of the full council meeting this week. Um, there will be alternative arrangements that we have within the Constitution, but it's just very difficult to make any firm commitments on that without knowing who the, the controlling group. Um, we don't know who the lead is going to be present here.

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The cabinet is going to be. So there's a lot, quite a bit of uncertainty at the moment around the political picture. And that's what's really presenting the the difficulties.

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And similar point.

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That I made to Mr. Willis. Is it at.

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All helpful to.

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Sort of think of the local impact report as being different to the written representation in terms of the does it need to be an overall.

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From the Council on the proposed development? It can just be an assessment of the local impacts and then the actual overall balancing view or whatever it might be, is left for a written representation at a further date. Notwithstanding that, the deadline to for written representations is, of course on Thursday, the 15th of June, which is some way below before July. Um, and.

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Is that helpful in terms of actually sort of.

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Putting in place arrangements? Because I know that I know for a lot of the local authorities on local reports, there have been procedures put in place where, for example, the leader obviously the leader has to be appointed or whatever the appropriate word is in in this case. But the actual leader leader can take an executive decision to to agree certain reports outside of the committee structure. I've seen that being done at more than one local authority. And so there are I am aware there are different ways of getting things approved.

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Yeah. No, I mean, understand. And you know, the points about the local impact report are helpful. And as I say, you know, we will have constitutional arrangements that allow for making of decisions outside of those SAT or provisional meetings. I think, you know, if there isn't significant appetite to push the agenda back completely, I think, you know, the best we would ask and hope for is that that deadline one, the local impact report could be submitted at the same time as the deadline to which has already been suggested by the applicants and.

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I think you've made the point already. A lot of that work is happening at the moment and a lot of the sort of technical work that will feed into that report's taking place in the background. But.

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We will need to present those impacts to members in order for them to have a meaningful debate and come to an overall balance, which is what they'll want to do.

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Okay.

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Okay. I was going to ask.

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What your view would be on the deadline being pushed back to deadline two, but you think you've just given a response to that. Let's get back to you, Mr. Willis. What

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if, for example, deadline for local impact reports was put back to deadline two?

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What would your would that be helpful?

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I'm not saying that's what we propose to do, but.

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As a discussion point, which is what we're having.

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Yeah. Mean think. As I say, it doesn't align with any of our existing committee cycles or the ability to perhaps fit onto one of those. Um.

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I think certainly we can look at the the local impact report would be helpful to push that back to to the 15th of June. And if we need to look at our Constitution about whether or not we do need to get endorsement from the committee, um.

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You know, for thy written representation stage. And we could we could look at that. I think 15th of June would work. Potentially work. Appreciate we don't want to put it back to July because. The implications for elsewhere on the timetable. But yeah, we can certainly look at that.

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I think pushing it back to July would really make it difficult in terms of because the local reports are.

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You know, can't stress out. They are very important the opportunity for the local authority to have its views on the particular issues in the particular different locations. And without coming to a wider view on the overall balance, as I've already emphasized, and.

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They are.

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Looking at our program going forward in terms of the first hearings in July, they also feed into the agenda the topics and the critically perhaps the agenda items that we'd want to inclusion there, those issues, specific hearings. So they are obviously a very, very good chance for the local authority to get its views on the particular impacts to help shape, shape the shape, the examination and. Is there any further views than anybody else? Welcome back to the applicant. Any further views from any other interested party.

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The timetabling for local impact reports?

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Wondering if you can give your name and you're who you're representing.

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Thank you, Mrs. Holloway. Marla Price Action Group. Um, I'm just wondering that obviously, if you are pushing the local impact report back to the same deadline as the written rep, when then would there be an opportunity for the council to provide their overall, their overarching opinion? Um, you know, it may be the case that the opinion of the planning committee or the full council may be different to that of um, the, the reports submitted and that it's important that the kind of that opens up the conversation and debate.

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I'm not suggesting that is the case, but it could be the case. And if you know, not for it to be overlooked because it's an important part of the constitutional process.

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Um, yeah, no, I understand your point.

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think under the scenario where the example scenario we're talking about, the.

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Deadline would be the effect of it would be the same deadline for written representations. I mean, things change during examinations and of.

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Course there's several other.

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Deadlines. And the way the examinations work is that, you know, the deadline for written representations or local impact reports is very important, but there's still responses to questions further on those comments on. So if there's an update that needs to be provided on a particular matter, then it is possible that that can be provided through another another deadline.

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Um.

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I don't think we'd accept whole late.

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Written representations, but if there's an update on a particular matter, then provided it's within the examination timetable, then a deadline does provide an opportunity for that to take place. That that might be might be helpful. But it is important we stick to the overall structure of the examination. So there is a.

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There is a balance on that.

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Okay. Thank you, Mr. Holloway. That's helpful, Mr. Fox.

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I'm thinking Mr.. Applicant mean just to, um. On that point for Mrs. Holloway was just to say that we would be committing to respond by deadline three to that and to the local impact report, which means that by the time the hearings come around, everybody will clear on what our response to that is, which means if then post, for example, July committee meetings to councillors will know then what we've said in response. So that will be able to help inform The Council's responding again to our response.

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As we all know, the examination process goes, um, so it was almost just to try and give some reassurance that councillors will be able to inform it and hopefully they will then know how we've responded. So it'll be able to be a better response.

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Okay.

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Thank you. That's helpful. I think just leading in from our perspective as the examining authority.

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To give you an insight into how the the hearings and the preparation of the hearings works, I think that.

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The hearings for week commencing 10th of July.

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When we notify for the hearings.

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Will give.

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A general indication of what the topics of those hearings would be. And I think Mr. James already indicated 2 or 3 of the areas that we're thinking about at the moment. So obviously the content of local impact reports and written representations is important for deciding which matters we need to discuss at a hearing. Bearing in mind, too, that the main focus of the examination is written representations and it's a it's a wider point that don't wait for a hearing to make a point or give evidence that should be provided in in writing and issue specific hearing is for us to, if you like, sort of test evidence by asking questions using our inquisitorial ability to do so.

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Um, but yes, so.

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And then the final agenda for each hearing is approximately a week issued, a week before the hearing. And that will have the particular matters that we want to be discussed at the at the hearing listed. So, for example, one of these specific hearings could be on environmental matters, which sounds very general, but actually because we've got to notify three weeks in advance and given the timetable we're talking about, that could cover a range of matters. And then we'd focus in on what those matters are at in the agenda.

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Uh, which move the local impact report.

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DEADLINE To the deadline to.

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It makes it probably a fairly tight. Uh, we have to be aware.

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Of the amount of reading that we have to do in the time to do that. There's a lot of time needed to be taken to digest and read all the documents that are submitted.

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Um, okay. Think.

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Mr. Phillips.

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All right. Gareth Phillips For the applicant, just in terms of the other projects that have been mentioned, it might be helpful to set some context because I'm advising on those other projects. Obviously it's changing on a daily basis because a number of dates are being exchanged with the planning inspector and the applicant team to secure venues, but it looks like the next project will actually be gate. Burton And the dates that we're looking at there are early July for the preliminary meeting. So if that then if you follow on the usual dates from there, the timescales for the local impact report for Burton will be sometime after the dates we're talking about right now, Cottam and West Burton, they're the same broadly the same applicant, but the dates are slightly later.

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Think that they're talking about as of yesterday. So I think the next one will be Burton and it will be after the local impact report would be due sometime after, you know, the dates we're currently talking about. So the longer the longer these deadlines are left for this particular project, the worse it gets in terms of creating a bottleneck of of other of other similar demands on those other projects. So because this one has gone forward first, there's actually some merit to trying to to meet the earlier deadlines because of what comes afterwards.

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And I just wanted to add as well that in terms of the resource, the applicant is is trying to assist this part through a planning performance agreement and, you know, resources being made available that way. Thank you.

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Okay.

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Thank you. Sorry, Can I just ask one more question on the political.

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Yes. Give your name and organization again. Sorry. Every time you have to do that for the recording so everyone knows who you who you are.

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Phil Jordan, South Kesteven District Council. I'm

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just thinking, given I think the key issue certainly for us seems to be around this political endorsement and that seems to center around the written representation. But I was just wondering if you can offer any comfort. You mentioned the later opportunities to input further down the line, and I'll have to take this back and just wonder if there is any sort of additional comfort you can give that we can offer to members to say, you know, these these are further opportunities when you could, you know, input into the into the debate.

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Um, I think the point I'll try to make is the, the commitment, the desire is that all members have the opportunity to effectively feed in and, you know, into this examination and.

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I just wonder.

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Sort of.

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You know, if that 15th of June is a difficulty, what what options are the further down the line that, you know, that we could offer? You know, if that becomes necessary.

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I think those deadlines deadline, too, is important to us moving forward to.

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The hearings in July. And if it's anything, I think if the local impact report deadline was moved to the 15th of July, sorry, June.

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And then.

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The written deadline would be.

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On the same.

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Day. All. All I would say is if there is any sort of.

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Significant change to a council's.

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Then it's it's a six month examination. Process so submissions can be made at various deadlines in response to matters that are raised primarily in response to our written questions. But if there was in this instance a particular.

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Issue where.

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There's a change on one particular issue, uh, from the council's perspective, then obviously the council would want to let others examining authority know that and they can be in the same way that during examination documents tend to get updates in the developer order being the classic one tends to get dated at different deadlines, different different submissions by different deadlines. If anything else changes, then things can be submitted to us.

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But having said that, I don't think.

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We'd be in a position to be wanting to move the written representations. Deadline beyond what it already is a deadline to because we have to get things into the examination. Things need to be frontloaded into the examination to make it properly work and to make sure that we as examining authority, get all your views and understand your views. And then our job is to ask questions on those views in hearings and for written questions. So for us to do that with a six month period, we do need these documents at a at a at an early at an early stage.

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There's a hand up behind you but.

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Can't see who.

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Thank you again. If you can give your name, please.

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Hello, I'm John Hughes. An independent party With regards to this conversation and local impact reports can understand the council's issues

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from where they stand. Could somebody explain to me, as an independent party, are these local impact reports based on what the development consent order has submitted by the applicant?

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So would the local councils with regards to the local impact reports be following the data that's been submitted in the DCO and the development consent order?

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Now, I'd please respond to that to mean that we're talking in detail to your local council.

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And on what they would.

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Intend to put.

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In that to have that.

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Discussion if you so require and they want to talk to you about that. But the local impact report and it sets out an advice note. One is what is the local authority's assessment of the of the of the impact on the local area? And obviously it would probably.

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Look at the different aspects, but.

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It's obviously going to take into account of what the applicant has submitted. But it's the local authority's own view. It's not the local, it's not the local authority repeating an environmental assessment. It's a local authority's impact assessment on each particular impact report on each particular local issue. So it's up to the local authority what goes in that. But obviously it's taking into account the application documents because that is that is the application and that is what is being being commented on.

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Okay. So the local councils will be following what has been submitted in the development consent order then?

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Well, that's the application. If there was a.

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Let's say, for example, there was a disagreement on a particular methodology used in an environmental impact assessment chapter, then the local impact report might go into detail on why there's disagreement with the methodology used by the applicant on a particular thing. That's the sort of thing I've read before in local impact reports, and that does arise from time to time. So it's the opportunity for the local council to set out its view on the, on the local impacts, taking account of the submission.

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But obviously the submission, the information available to it. But the local authority will also have its own data and its own information on the local area being the local authority. So that's why it's so important to us, is examining authority, because it is that that view of the local authority, the local authority obviously obviously knows its area.

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Okay, that's fair enough. It's just with regards to the actual development consent order and the data that is within it, which is what they're going to be examining, is Yeah.

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Accurate is it or how bias is it? And if they're being pushed to actually submit their local impact reports based on the development consent order. If that information is biased and they don't have the time to actually properly assess it. Will it be in the applicant's favor?

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I don't know. Not. Not necessarily. It's also our job as the examining authority to also we have an inquisitorial role to examine the application. So we have a role. Mean you've raised this point, haven't you, in your written submission. Because I was actually going to come on to this later on is that we have. We have an a role as the examining authority and inquisitorial role which we intend to carry out throughout the examination. And we're aided in that by submissions by local authorities, local groups, local residents.

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We have to wait everything up and assess it ourselves.

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And that's that's our role.

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But obviously the local authority has a big a big role in that. And that's why in the Planning Act.

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Which sets out the law and.

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How examinations take place. And for national infrastructure, that sets out in particular the importance of the local.

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Report in our considerations. Have a look at device note one as well. It's on the National the National Infrastructure website. One of my colleagues can guide you to that later on if you wish. But that's that's an advice note that the Inspectorate has produced on what should be in local impact reports, which may be helpful to your question as well.

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No, thank.

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You. Okay.

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Thank you.

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Thank you, everybody that covers.

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Local impact.

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That line and.

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Let me get back to where I am in the order of

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written submissions.

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Was going to come to a point.

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It was raised by.

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Mrs. Holloway in the.

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Past action group submission. But it.

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It related to.

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Indian Parish Council situation, which has already been.

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Explained.

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Earlier on by Mr. Barfield.

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In terms of.

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How that related to the particular deadlines which were coming up. Do either of you want to elaborate on that now?

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This is Holloway speaking for Marlow Pass Action Group. At the time of making the written submission, we didn't, um, we had to make an assumption on what might happen, and we didn't know if the planning inspector, yourselves, the examiners, would be able to take account of any further inputs from Essendon Parish Council while it was in a kind of non-operational status. Um, the main concerns I have a twofold. One is in respect of timing of compulsory acquisition hearing, um, and I'm not sure if that's sort of in with the suite of the 10th of July hearings or that September ones.

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But taking the dates that Mr. Barfield has, has given about when council will be up and running again, it doesn't give him, as a representative of his parishioners, any opportunity to prepare and brief the residents and it has been an extremely, um, complex and difficult process which many of the residents haven't even understood until more recently that it's that it's a reality. Um, and I think out of fairness to the many residents that are potentially affected, if were this to go ahead, there needs to be a longer time span for for Mr.

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Barfield and other people to become acquainted with the all the variables. So that's one side of it. The second the second area is for the written representation. Um, again, the parish council will be collating the feedback from the residents, but of course in the current state they are not really able to do that and therefore maybe there should be one exception to the rule in the Essendon can make a late written representation to ensure that Mr.

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Barfield can overlay information that might be sort of he will need to assimilate and provide back to you. So if Mr. Barfield agrees with that.

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Trevor Barfield Essendon Parish Council, thank you very much indeed for that suit to do the simple one first, the written representation. I appreciate what you just said to the other local authorities and that you are pretty fixed on Thursday, the 15th of July 15th of June. For written representations, perhaps you can again give us a gift that will allow us to potentially and only say potentially to go a few days, even maybe a week or two past that date. We will, of course, endeavour through our clerk who is currently employed for us for a massive four hours a week, Right.

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Paid for on a precept of only £14,000 a year for the entire parish. So subsequently paying her overtime doesn't fit within the budget etcetera. Right. So if you can give us the gift of giving us a week or two, maybe, but we will endeavour to be there for you on the 15th of June. The compulsory acquisition is a far more difficult one.

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The applicant had two opportunities in local

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consultations to raise this with us and didn't. As I am aware. So this has come to us fairly late in the process. That along with the issues that we currently have as counsel and the examining authority requiring compulsory acquisition hearings within the

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deadlines of week commencing 10th of July, Essendon Parish Council will not sit again until week commencing the 3rd of July.

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It has to agree. If we can afford to seek the relevant assistance guidance from legal parties. ET cetera. Right. And then having received that, and this is for parish council land, this is not necessarily for the people voting for parish council land that the applicant wishes to compulsorily acquire. Now bear in mind it's the parish council land. This is land that is effectively owned by the people. So I am respectfully requesting that we get some deviation on that date of the 10th of July to allow us to have the meeting, agree the budget, seek the guidance and subsequently be able to respond properly on behalf of the parish council, which is actually the people of.

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And are you aware, too, that a second set of hearings proposed in.

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Late September, which can include a compulsory acquisition hearing as.

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Well.

01:33:33:07 - 01:33:34:06

If requested?

01:33:34:17 - 01:33:42:03

Absolutely. Absolutely. But it's on your page three. Yeah, that's what I'm responding to.

01:33:42:22 - 01:33:45:15

Okay. No, that's helpful. Thank you, Mr. Birchfield. Um.

01:33:48:01 - 01:33:54:05

Any comments on what's being said from Mr. and Mrs. Holloway, from the applicant Mr. Fox.

01:33:54:19 - 01:34:52:24

As part of the applicant. I was just going to suggest with the hearings and no know notice examining authority that often the first hearing covers more general concepts of and kind of the general case and in the second tends to deal with the specifics. And I raised that only in the context of the concerns of the parish council and the residents of Essendon about the the proposals in the village and that it might actually be helpful that at that July hearing we as the applicant will be able to explain the position of what's happening in the village in terms of those proposals so that for the reconstituted parish council they'll be able to hear that to better potentially prepare for the second round of questions and the and the second hearing.

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So it may help that if that first kind of hearing deals with the concept, I suppose, of what's proposed, then the detail could come later. But that would be your decision, of course.

01:35:05:06 - 01:35:10:24

Okay, Mr. Fox. Thank you. It's like many of these matters. We'll have to mull over this and come.

01:35:10:26 - 01:35:16:26

To a decision to make in our Rule eight letter, which will be issued next week.

01:35:16:28 - 01:35:17:13

Um.

01:35:18:04 - 01:35:19:21

And there is scope for

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my preliminary view is that I think it would be helpful to have a form of compulsory acquisition hearing still in July because there are questions which we will have as the examining authority, the matters that might be other landowners wish to raise.

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Who away from attending parish.

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Council. But as I say, we.

01:35:39:15 - 01:35:40:16

Will consider this.

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Over the next few days, and obviously we'll confirm the timetable.

01:35:46:18 - 01:35:50:06

At next week in the Rule eight letter. Okay.

01:35:52:03 - 01:36:00:21

Just before we move off the hearings, Mr. Fox, on behalf of the applicant, um, just want to check if you we had raised a point about the July hearings. I will.

01:36:00:23 - 01:36:03:00

Yes, I'll come on to that one. Okay. Thank you.

01:36:03:02 - 01:36:03:24

Let me just go back to.

01:36:03:26 - 01:36:04:11

My.

01:36:04:26 - 01:36:06:05

List, because if deviate from.

01:36:06:07 - 01:36:11:24

My list, then I will get we'll get lost. So just bear with me a second.

01:36:22:25 - 01:36:26:14

On a link to show and think again. This was raised by Mrs. Holloway.

01:36:28:01 - 01:36:29:10
For Malpass Action.

01:36:29:12 - 01:36:29:27
Group, there was.

01:36:29:29 - 01:36:31:16
Potential issue with Grapefruit.

01:36:31:18 - 01:36:35:20
Parish Council. Is that still a potential issue or has that resolved itself?

01:36:37:09 - 01:36:47:01
Susanna Holloway Multipart Action Group. Yes, that has resolved itself. The council is fully operational, post the elections and no issues have arisen.

01:36:48:12 - 01:36:50:10
Okay. Thank you for confirming that.

01:37:08:07 - 01:37:14:29
Now, there was a point about. I think Mr. Fox was from the applicant about the book of reference just before.

01:37:15:03 - 01:37:17:16
Come back to the specific hearings in July.

01:37:17:24 - 01:37:18:16
And.

01:37:23:09 - 01:37:24:14
This is regarded the deadline.

01:37:24:16 - 01:37:25:14
For the updated.

01:37:25:16 - 01:37:26:01
Book of.

01:37:26:03 - 01:37:48:15
Reference. And we propose that this is added in this way as examining authority proposes added in line two, noting that the timetable includes a deadline for the final book of reference at deadline. Eight Think the point is that that particular deadline is not actually as part of deadline two at the moment. And that was the point being raised by you and your written submission.

01:37:50:08 - 01:38:01:13
Yes. Mean think? Yes. It was just I think it was a decision that you asked us to submit it as and when, essentially. And we just wanted to say kind of the first time we'll do that, we didn't want to.

01:38:01:20 - 01:38:13:03

Yeah. Think we'll just add that to the timetable, that deadline to that. That appears to be relatively straightforward. Uh, any comments on that?

01:38:15:08 - 01:38:19:26

Okay. So going back to the proposed issue specific.

01:38:19:28 - 01:38:21:18

Hearings in July.

01:38:21:26 - 01:38:22:27

The applicant has raised.

01:38:22:29 - 01:38:24:06

A point about.

01:38:25:04 - 01:38:36:17

Your heritage witness. Not being available until the first day of that week. Is there any further update on that? Obviously, we have to decide whether or not heritage or cultural.

01:38:36:19 - 01:38:37:09

Heritage is a.

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Matter to be.

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Heard at the issue specific hearing or whether or not that can be dealt with under the written processes.

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But subject to that, is there anything further to update on that?

01:38:49:13 - 01:38:56:09

So Mr. Fox, the applicant apologies. Now that inquiry that he has in the beginning part of the week is still going ahead.

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That's why he's not available, because in the beginning pathway he's another.

01:39:05:27 - 01:39:09:17

Okay. As we've all things we'll seek to. We'll take that into.

01:39:09:19 - 01:39:26:25

Account when we do our programming. Obviously it's a fine balancing act and we're not going to be able to please everybody on every single matter because it's just impossible to do so. But you've done the right thing. You've raised that to us at this point. And obviously that will be taken into account as we go forward with hearings arrangements. So thank you for that.

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And think as the applicant, you've also.

01:39:29:03 - 01:39:30:14
In your written submission.

01:39:30:16 - 01:39:31:05
Raised a point.

01:39:31:07 - 01:39:33:25
About your witness on need.

01:39:33:27 - 01:39:35:18
Not being in the.

01:39:35:20 - 01:39:36:07
UK.

01:39:36:09 - 01:39:37:00
For that week.

01:39:37:02 - 01:39:38:03
Of hearings.

01:39:38:18 - 01:39:39:06
And.

01:39:43:11 - 01:39:44:27
I presume that it's still the case.

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It's not a problem because we have the screens and everything that he or her can.

01:39:50:24 - 01:39:51:15
Participate.

01:39:51:17 - 01:39:59:14
Virtually, and that would seem to be fine. And that's the case for everybody. Somebody wants to participate virtually for any reason, Then they are free to to do so.

01:39:59:17 - 01:40:01:02
That is, again, assuming.

01:40:01:04 - 01:40:02:19
That need is considered.

01:40:02:21 - 01:40:05:19
I think, specific hearing. But our thinking.

01:40:05:21 - 01:40:08:00
At the moment, subject to written representations.

01:40:08:02 - 01:40:09:06

Is that we.

01:40:09:08 - 01:40:19:06

Will need a specific hearing or part of an issue specific hearing on the matter of need. Yes, that's our thinking at the moment. Obviously that will be confirmed.

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An honest, similar sort of matter about availability. Mrs. Holloway malodorous action group your water, flood risk and soils. Uh, Representative you said isn't available. Think you've said week commencing 10th.

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Of July and 17th.

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Of.

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July?

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Yes, Mrs. Holloway, on behalf of my action group. Yes, that is the case. So we wouldn't be able to represent were there a separate hearing on that?

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Is that simply because they're unavailable? Does virtual virtual working.

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Help in any way in that regard?

01:41:04:01 - 01:41:06:21

They're physically abroad on holiday for two weeks.

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And is there anybody else.

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Who wants to go into detail about the sort of who they are.

01:41:13:26 - 01:41:15:04

And what what they do.

01:41:15:06 - 01:41:17:09

But how essential is it that they make.

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Oral submissions at those hearings? Again, if we decide to have hearings on those matters.

01:41:22:03 - 01:41:22:18

Sure.

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We would of course do our best to have someone to represent. But obviously it wouldn't be, you know, we wouldn't have the expert witness available.

01:41:45:24 - 01:41:46:26

Okay. Well, again, we'll give.

01:41:46:28 - 01:41:52:06

That consideration going forward. If there's anything, Mr. Fox you want to say on that point.

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Mr..

01:41:53:19 - 01:42:00:18

Yeah, I mean, there can be I'm not saying this is an answer to this particular issue, but in.

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Situations where.

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People are not able to take.

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Part in a hearing.

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It may be helpful in some situations that the.

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Recording of hearings is available and that comments can be made on that recording at the subsequent deadline. If any issues arise where there's points needing to be made. And of course, I'm not saying that's a sort of substitute for actually being at the hearing and answering our questions and participating. But that.

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Option is available throughout.

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The examination on on hearings. The recordings will be available and can be commented on.

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And.

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Okay. We will take that into account as we go forward.

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We've now got down the.

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Timetable to the second set of hearings.

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And there's a few more points being raised regarding the.

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Timetable and.

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Wouldn't normally want to break.

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In mid agenda item. But I just wonder, given that it's now rolling on.

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To 11:45.

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That we do actually adjourn for a short break now and we come back.

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At 12:00.

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And then we'll continue on with where we are in this agenda item. The next item being think it's the availability of the applicant at the second set of issues with hearings that wanted to raise and discuss. So that's where we'll come on to. So is everyone happy with that? We'll adjourn for a short break and we will come back at 12:00. Thank you.