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To: Registered Interested and Statutory  
Parties and the Applicant

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## Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rules 13 and 16

### Application by SSE Slough Multifuel Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Slough Multifuel Extension Project

#### Notification of Hearings and Notification of Accompanied Site Inspection

I write to provide notice of the date, time and place of the forthcoming issue specific hearing (ISH) which will be held on 19 April 2023. I also write to provide notice of the date, time and meeting place for an Accompanied Site Inspection on 20 April 2023. Important details about both are set out at Annex A and Annex B to this letter.

As set out in the Examination Timetable annexed to my Rule 8 letter dated 28 February 2023, those Interested Parties who wish to speak at a further Open Floor Hearing (OFH) were asked to notify the Planning Inspectorate by 9 March 2023 (Deadline 1). No requests were received from parties wishing to speak at an OFH, and so no such hearings will be held.

The ISP will be held as a virtual event. This means that it will take place using Microsoft Teams. I should be grateful if you would inform me if you plan to attend the hearing, (even if you do not wish to speak) no later than **Deadline 3, 6 April 2023**.

An agenda for the hearing will be published on our website at least five working days before the event. However, I anticipate that it will deal with matters related to the draft Development Consent Order as well as selected environmental topics.

If you have any further queries, please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully

*Simon Warder*

**Examining Authority**

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**Annex A** – Notification of Hearings

**Annex B** – Notification of Accompanied Site Inspection

The following hearing will be held under Rule 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. The hearing will be online only.

Hearing	Date	Start time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 1	19 April 2023	Arrangements conference start: 09:30am Event start: 10:00am	Microsoft Teams

I would particularly be grateful if the following organisations could arrange for attendance at the hearing:

- The Applicant;
- Slough Borough Council.

**You must register by 6 April 2023 if you wish to attend the Hearing.**

Please register using our website, if possible, or email us directly.

- Click on the *Make a submission tab* on the [project page](#);
- The 'Submission item' will be DEADLINE 3;
- Please name your request appropriately eg 'Register to attend the hearing'.

Please provide us with:

- Your name and reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate);
- If you are representing a person or organisation also provide their name and reference number;
- Email address (if available) and contact telephone number;
- If you would need any assistance in joining the online meeting eg training or guidance;
- The topic(s) on which you wish to speak and a list of the points you wish to make.

**Agenda:** The agenda and any detailed arrangements for the hearing will be published on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at least five working days before the hearing. However, the actual agenda may be subject to change at my discretion. I will manage the hearing and invite participants to speak on the topics they have requested to speak about.

**Attendance:** If your request to attend and/ or speak at a hearing is accepted, you will receive an invitation which will include joining instructions. When you join the meeting you will arrive into the arrangements conference which will provide information on the hearing and reminders about using the technology. Please join the arrangements conference, which begins 30 minutes before the hearing, to make sure you are registered, and your equipment is working to enable you to fully participate. Please arrive in good time so the Case Team can admit you before the hearing start time.

**Contributing:** You may speak on issues set out in your Relevant Representation or Written Representation. Speakers will need to introduce themselves, including any organisation or groups that they represent, each time they speak to ensure that someone listening to the recording after the event is clear who was speaking.

I will be responsible for questioning each part and, as such, may not need to ask further questions either of you or to other parties in attendance. Please be assured that I will carefully assess all contributions you make during my examination of the application. Technical and management considerations may mean I need to limit the number of speakers at the hearing. I will prioritise Interested Parties and those speaking on behalf of a group of people. I will give the same consideration to any matter, whether it is raised once or several times.

Further information about virtual hearings can be found in [Advice Note 8.5](#) and [Advice Note 8.6](#).

**Cancellation:** If the hearing is no longer required or needs to be cancelled or postponed for any reason, notice will be provided on the project page of the National Infrastructure website.

**Livestream:** There will be a livestream recording of the event, a link will be posted on the project page before the start of the event.

**Post hearing submissions:** Following the hearing you may wish to submit documents, eg a written summary of your answers to the ExA questions. These, together with the other documents listed in Deadline 4 of the Examination timetable must be sent before **10 May 2023**. Please see the Examination timetable for dates of all deadline submissions. Please use the Submissions Portal on the webpage of the National Infrastructure website wherever possible.

## Annex B

An Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) will be held under Rule 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 on the following date:

Event	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)	20 April 2023	Meeting time and safety briefing from the Applicant: 11.00am  Departure time: 1.00pm approx	Site entrance at 342 Edinburg Avenue, Slough SL1 4TU.

Please note that the Examining Authority's (ExA) inspection of sites is **not** an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence. It is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from, the site. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

### Joining the ASI

If you wish to attend the ASI please let the case team know by emailing [sloughmultifuelproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:sloughmultifuelproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) or phoning Customer Services on: 0303 444 5000 by **18 April 2023**, providing telephone contact details (preferably mobile telephone) so that we can contact you should the ASI run late or need to be cancelled with minimal notice.

Please also let us know of any mobility needs that may affect transportation.

Participants are asked to assemble promptly as the ExA will not wait for parties who are not present at the start time.

### Detailed itinerary for Accompanied Site Inspection

Time	Location	Notes
11.00am	Site entrance, 342 Edinburgh Avenue, Slough SL1 4TU,	Meet, complete site induction and change into PPE
Approx 11.30am	On-site	Walk through the turbine hall and along the route of the pipework preheaters
Approx 12.30pm	Walk to Liverpool Road	External view of the proposed physical works
Approx 1.00pm	Return to site	Change out of PPE and depart

### Clothing

The inspection may include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather and sturdy footwear. It will be necessary to wear personal protective equipment. Attendees who have their own high visibility vest or jacket should bring it with them. For

anyone who does not have either a high visibility vest or coat, the Applicant will provide the PPE necessary for use during the ASI.

### **Sites on private land**

Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it; householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances, the ExA will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait outside.

### **Refreshments**

Please note refreshments will not be provided.

### **Cancellations**

Please note that in the unlikely event that the ASI is cancelled we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand, but we ask that you regularly check the [project webpage](#).

Further information about Site Inspections can be found in [Advice note 8.5](#).

**Queries:** If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Case Team [sloughmultifuelproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:sloughmultifuelproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)