



**Application by SSE Slough Multifuel Limited for Slough Multifuel Extension Project  
The Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ2)  
Issued on 5 May 2023**

The following table sets out the Examining Authority's (ExA's) second written questions and requests for information – ExQ2.

Questions are set out using an issues-based framework derived from the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues provided as Annexe C to the Rule 6 letter of 23 January 2023 and having regard to the responses received to the first round of questions.

Column 2 of the table indicates which Interested Parties (IPs) and other persons each question is directed to. The ExA would be grateful if all persons named could answer all questions directed to them, providing a substantive response, or indicating that the question is not relevant to them for a reason. This does not prevent an answer being provided to a question by a person to whom it is not directed, should the question be relevant to their interests.

Each question has a unique reference number which starts with 2 (indicating that it is from ExQ2) and then has an issue number and a question number. For example, the first question on climate change issues is identified as Q2.4.1. When you are answering a question, please start your answer by quoting the unique reference number.

If you are responding to a small number of questions, answers in a letter will suffice. If you are answering a larger number of questions, it will assist the ExA if you use a table based on this one to set out your responses. An editable version of this table in Microsoft Word is available on request from the case team: please contact [sloughmultifuelproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:sloughmultifuelproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) and include 'Slough Multifuel Extension Project' in the subject line of your email.

**Responses are due by Deadline 5 on 26 May 2023**



### Abbreviations used:

<b>PA2008</b>	The Planning Act 2008	<b>MP</b>	Model Provision (in the MP Order)
<b>Art</b>	Article	<b>NPS</b>	National Policy Statement
<b>CHP</b>	Combined heat and power	<b>NPS EN-1</b>	Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy
<b>CTMP</b>	Construction Traffic Management Plan	<b>NPS EN-3</b>	National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Infrastructure
<b>EM</b>	Explanatory Memorandum	<b>NSIP</b>	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
<b>EP</b>	Environmental Permit	<b>R</b>	Requirement
<b>ES</b>	Environmental Statement	<b>SBC</b>	Slough Borough Council
<b>ExA</b>	Examining authority	<b>SI</b>	Statutory Instrument
<b>LIR</b>	Local Impact Report	<b>SMF</b>	Slough Multifuel Extension Project
<b>LPA</b>	Local planning authority	<b>SoS</b>	Secretary of State

### The Examination Library

References in these questions set out in square brackets (eg [APP-010]) are to documents catalogued in the Examination Library. The Examination Library can be obtained from the following link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010129/EN010129-000164-Slough%20Multifuel%20Project%20Exam%20Library.pdf>

It will be updated as the examination progresses.

### Citation of Questions

Questions in this table should be cited as follows:

Question reference: issue reference: question number, eg ExQ2.1.1 – refers to question 1 in this table.



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ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
<b>1. General and Cross-topic Questions (including Environmental Statement)</b>		
Q2.1.1	Applicant and SBC	In March 2023 the Government published updated draft National Policy Statements (NPS), including NPS EN-1 and NPS EN-3. Please comment on whether the updated drafts contain any changes from the September 2021 drafts which are relevant and material to the Proposed Development.
Q2.1.2	SBC	Please respond to the clarifications sought by the Applicant in its response to your LIR [REP3-011, section 4.0].
Q2.1.3	Applicant and SBC	Please submit a signed version of the Supplemental Deed of Variation [REP2-013].
<b>2. Development Consent Order</b>		
Q2.2.1	SBC	Please comment on approach to the dDCO set out in the Rule 17 letter dated 5 May 2023
Q2.2.2	Applicant	Please add the number '8' to the final clause of Schedule 2 (under the heading Decommissioning).
<b>3. Air Quality and Emissions</b>		
Q2.3.1	Applicant and the EA	Unfortunately, ExQ1.3.2 c) contained a typographical error. The reference should have been to paragraph 5.2.7 of <b>EN-1 (July 2011)</b> , not EN-3. Please update your answer to the original question on this basis. (If the limit values in the EP are reduced, what effect would this have on the absolute emission levels of the Proposed Development?)
<b>4. Climate Change</b>		
Q2.4.1	Applicant	The Applicant's response to ExQ1.5.6 says the quoted figure from Table 11.14 is a mass rather than percentage. Nevertheless, ES paragraph 11.9.1 [APP-036] says 'Emissions have been calculated as their percentage contribution to each carbon budget'. What is the relevant percentage?
Q2.4.2	Applicant	ES paragraph 11.9.2 [APP-036] states that there would be a negligible beneficial impact due to the efficiency improvement. Paragraph 11.9.3 then refers to a minor adverse impact 'of' (should this be 'on?') the global climate, but still finds a beneficial impact overall. Please explain how you have arrived at these findings, including clarifying the effects during the construction and operational phases.

**ExQ2: 5 May 2023**

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<b>ExQ2</b>	<b>Question to:</b>	<b>Question:</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Traffic and Transport</b>	
Q2.5.1	National Highways	Please comment on Applicant's response [REP3-011, sections 2.5 and 2.6] to your D2 submission.