



Hearing Transcript

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Okay, good afternoon. It's now 20 past three, and issue specific hearing three is resumed.

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Okay, we're now dealing with

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item 3.9 on the agenda. I appear to have drawn the short straw, and I'll be going through the action points, just to let you know I've got

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17 of them, so I'll go through them as quickly as I can. But please, please take a note, and if there's any any further, we can have discussions, or if they need amending. We can have discussions on those as we once we finish. So the first one is respond to the potential for the delegation of authority to Lincolnshire county council for discharging detailed design requirements. And that's specifically in relation to requirement nine, and that is the district councils at deadline three. Action Point two is provide confirmation of the intended advice note to be referenced in ex Q, 1d, E, S, 1.6

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also to map the steps the applicant has taken along its design process so far to the steps in the advice page on good design illustrated by the good design process diagram in its revised response. So those are the design related ones, and that's for the applicant at deadline 3/3.

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Action Point I've got is, again, for the applicant, and that's to provide a lighting management plan for the orcp, and to set out how this plan would be secured within the DCO, and I've got that down as deadline four for the applicant.

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Action point four is to get together and discuss the potential for further amendments to the wording of requirement 17 of the draft DCO

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and the ows i to address LCCs concerns. And that is an action point for the applicant in association with

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Lincolnshire county council and Historic England. And that is deadline for

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action point five is to the applicant, and that is to provide a written response, updating the abnormal, indivisible load sweat path analysis document as appropriate. And those were those pages where we didn't have the underlay. And that's a PP two document, a P, p2, and eight, and that's to the applicant. At deadline four,

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action point six is again to the applicant, and that's to respond regarding the need for environmental assessment of an alternative route, or routes, should the Indicative route for ail not be possible, considering other structural parameters? And that was to the applicant at deadline three, as far as possible, but also we were aware that could be stretched to Deadline four if further work is required that comes out of that.

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Action Point seven is for the applicant, and that is to respond to LCCs comments in first written questions. TT, 1.7

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regarding the public rights of way and the outline. PAMP, and that's to the applicant at deadline three.

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Action point eight is to respond to LCCs notes in relation to the coastal path, the King Charles the third England coast path,

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whether that may be affected by landfall works, and whether this is considered in the outline PAMP and comment on in the process, the consenting process that may be required if it becomes a natural England matter, and that is applicant at deadline three,

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and then action point nine, I've got

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the applicant to comment on whether the removal of the provision for the creation and enhancement of arable field margins from the olems, as reported in the applicant's response to ex q1 hoe 1.16 would result in

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biodiversity net gain implications, and that's deadline. Three,

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Action Point 10, I've got to review bng percentages required in those that have been made in recent made development consent orders. I've got that for the applicant at deadline for

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action point 11.

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I've got for the applicant to provide an equivalent.

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Assessment to that submitted for the rampian two project in relation to consideration of the cumulative effects at a national and regional scale of the loss of BMV land. And that's deadline for for the applicant.

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Action Point 12, I've got submit updated submit an updated document that references the three separate soil horizons that Mr. Wright made reference to, and that is the for the applicant at deadline three,

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action point 13

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in relation to the applicant's response to EXQ, one Lu, 1.17,

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to submit a plan indicating the locations of the borehole and trial pit surveys that have been undertaken by the applicant. And that's deadline three, for the applicant to do

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action. Point 14, I've got for the applicant to respond to the TH Clements and sun limited written representation, which is rep 1050,

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in relation to cable depth. And that's deadline, three,

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action point 15. I've got the flood risk assessment of the ECC in 400 KV corridor applies a 25% uplift allowance for peak provide confirmation that this has been applied in the context of peak rainfall, as required in MPs en five. That's for the applicant at deadline three,

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action point 16, I've got confirmed satisfaction with the process for authorizing the measures in relation to dust contamination in the air quality management plan, and that's for the three district councils at deadline three. And then the last one on my list is action point 17, which was responding writing to the applicant's response to e x, q1, Lu, 1.16,

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and that's for TH Clements and son at deadline. Three, that's picking up something that they said they would be doing anyway. So those are the 17 I've got, but I'll first go to the applicant to see if there any more action points that we've missed. You.

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And thank you, sir. Harry wood, Phil called on behalf of the applicant. The only additional one that we had on our list was that, I think we said we would provide results of the trial trenching

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in relation to archeology

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deadline four, and sorry, there is also one other, which is

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the soil management plan

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to be updated by deadline four,

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reflecting comments with that we're going to receive from THC, subject, of course, to receiving those comments in good time to allow that to happen,

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those are the additional ones that we had.

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Thank you, Mr. Philpott, and I shall turn to

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Mr. Westmoreland Smith, representing TH Clements and Son, did you have any further ones?

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No, so no further ones. But we're happy to commit if you want to add a further one to providing our comments on the soil management plan by deadline three, which should then allow the applicant to produce the revised sort of plan, management plan by deadline for as indicated by Mr. Philpott, just

that. Thank you, Mr. Westmoreland Smith, and just before I move off action points, does anybody? Did anybody else note any action points that haven't yet been

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given. I have a hand up. Mr. McBride, thanks.

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Daniel McBride, thanks to county council, as neither yourself or the applicant have

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captured this. Perhaps I understood it wrong, but I thought there might have been a suggestion that, in relation to bng, that the applicant and ourselves had a dialog. But whether that actually forms an action point or just a sort of a good practice or not, I'll leave that with you, but that's the only other thing I had down on my list. Thank you, Mr. Bright. I think we assume that to be a given in that would be undertaken. But I'm happy to put that down as an action point if, if I would need to just hear from the applicant on that though,

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very would fill part on behalf of the applicant, so we're content to have the discussion. Whether it's recorded as an action point or not, won't change if participate. Okay, okay, thanks. Thank.

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You. Mr. Philpot,

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okay, in which case, thank you. Mr. McBride,

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in which case,

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I shall turn on to

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Item three, point 10. Any other matters arising? Are there any other matters regarding this agenda item that anyone would wish to raise? I'll go first to the applicant. I

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would feel put on behalf of the applicant, sir, no, thank you. There's nothing else we need to raise today, okay? And I shall

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now turn to the other parties. First of all, Lincolnshire County Council.

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Thank you, sir. I don't know whether it sort of comes under this item or the next one, but it's just really a plea in relation to the format of these hearings. Obviously, I understand that the logistical reasons why this had to be a virtual hearing or the hearings this week needed to be virtual, and I understood that from the applicant, they would have preferred a sort of face to face or hybrid arrangement. It's just for if there is a need for further hearings in February. It would be, I think, helpful, certainly for ourselves and probably other parties, if that could be face to face or a hybrid arrangement. I think that works better, certainly from our perspective. So it's just a request that we put forward. Thank you, Mr. McBride, I would say that all of our meetings are hybrid, even if we are all in the room together. There is also the option to join online for all of our meetings. But I think it's fair to say we should. We shall endeavor to try and all make it up to Lincolnshire in February, if hearings are required. Unfortunately, we just couldn't find any rooms available due to the time of year. But hopefully the situation will be easier in February.

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Does anybody else have any matters arising?

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So if I may, hurry with Phil but on behalf of the applicant, just to provide Mr. McBride with reassurance, I'm told that we have been able to book venues for the hearings next year. So it to the extent that further hearings are required, venue availability shouldn't be an issue, preventing them from being held in hybrid form. Thank you, Mr. Philpott, that's used to useful to hear.

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Okay, I'm not seeing any other hands in relation to any other matters,

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in which case I should move on to next steps. Agenda Item four, if you have spoken today, it would assist us if you could please provide a written version of your submissions by deadline, three, which is Friday the 13th of December. 2024

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the recording of this hearing will be published on our website as soon as is practicable after the hearing.

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Since we have got through all of the item on today's agenda, on today's agenda, there will be no need to undertake issue specific hearing four that had been scheduled to start at 10am tomorrow morning. Therefore I can now confirm that issue specific hearing four will be canceled. I should now hand over to Mr. MacArthur to deal with item five.

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Thank you, as Mr. Jones has just highlighted with the cancelation of issue specific hearing four, this draws us to the end of our scheduled hearings for this week. On behalf of the examining authority, I'd like to thank everyone for their participation today and indeed during the rest of this week, the

submissions that have been made today this week and those which parties have undertaken to provide as a result of discussions this week will assist examining authority in further assessing the issues discussed this week, and ultimately in making our recommendation to the Secretary of State.

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With that said, The time is now 3:33pm

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and this issue specific hearing three on environmental matters is now closed. Thank you all applause.