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Subject: RE: Examination venue options and queries
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Hi Beth

Thanks for your email and the information provided.

The information on venues provided in your email does appear to meet the standards which the Planning Inspectorate will require for a hearing venue, however please note we are not able to confirm the venue selection until if/after the application is accepted and the Examining Authority (ExA) is appointed, as they will make the final decision on which venue will be used.

There is no set requirement to hold events at one or different venues/locations and is generally preferable to hold events at a central venue to the location of the proposed development as long as it is reasonably accessible for all parties to be able to attend (e.g., availability of public transport, parking facilities). It is advised to research several suitable venue options in the area in the event that the preferred location is not available.

The ExA may decide to hold at least one event, such as an Open Floor Hearing, in a different location e.g., where the proposed development's location and impact is spread over a wide area, and/or if requests had been received for a particular location be used for an event, and where the potential impact was considered significant.

Kind regards

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Hello Outer Dowsing team,

Please find attached 2 slides summarising our potential venue options for examination. We would like to confirm if

1. these venues are acceptable and meet the criteria as you'd expect,
2. is it preferred to have all of our hearings at one singular venue (Boston Football Club) or is there a need to host hearings at a series of venues?.

The attached PDF includes a map and a matrix outlined our top 5 options.

There is only one other possibility, however, we have heard that their facilities are not to the same standard as the 5 proposed on our list,

We look forward to hearing from you,

Many thanks,

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Potential venues for ODOW examination in relation to the onshore cable route and connection area

There are a shortage of venues in our area that have rooms big enough, enough break out rooms and full accessibility. Our research has identified the following and we would like to check that these are acceptable to PINS.

In order of preference based on locality and facilities:

1. Boston Football Club
2. Petwood House
3. Belton Woods
4. Kenwick Park
5. Dower House



Category	PINS Mandatory Requirements	BUFC	Petwood House	Dower House	Belton Woods	Kenwick Park
Syndicate Rooms	*Does the venue have syndicate rooms? If so, how many, and how many people do they accommodate?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Syndicate Rooms	If so, how many rooms?	6+	4	3 (one is a dressing room, one is a bedroom suite)	Y	Y
Syndicate Rooms	and how many people do they accommodate?	10	15 to 20	8	10+	22
Syndicate Rooms	*Is there a syndicate room available that is fully soundproofed? For example, one that is not a partition of a larger room	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Syndicate Rooms	*Can these rooms be secured to hold documents; laptops etc and are they close to the main meeting room?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Disabled Facilities	*Is the venue FULLY accessible for the disabled (this includes access into and within toilets)?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Disabled Facilities	*Does the venue have disabled toilets? (these should include handrails etc and adequate turning space for a wheelchair)	Y	Y		Y	Y
Disabled Facilities	*Does the venue have ramps etc if required?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Disabled Facilities	*Does the venue have doors that are wide enough and not too heavy to open?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Disabled Facilities	*Does the venue have tiered seating, if so, is there access to the ground floor? (should not have tiered seating)	N	N	N	Y	Y
Disabled Facilities	*If the meeting room is on an upper level, is there a lift?	Y	N/A	N/A	Y	N/A
Parking / Location Accessibility:	*Are there disabled parking spaces?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
IT Capabilities / Equipment:	*Does the venue have publicly accessible Wi-Fi?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Facilities:	*Does the venue have refreshment facilities available eg: tea/coffee/water?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Facilities:	*Are toilet facilities clearly signposted and can you provide a floorplan?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Health and Safety:	*Can a plan be provided of the location of the fire exits, also can emergency exit procedures be provided?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y