

I feel this entire process so far is rushed and frankly, bewildering. The initial letter, sent out via email about the Preliminary Meeting is a 48 page barrage of detailed information, which would take anyone significant time to read through, digest and understand what they need to do at the various points of the process. This is before we even consider people who may need longer time to read and process written information due to conditions such as dyslexia, impaired vision etc. The first deadline, for submissions to this Preliminary Meeting, is 14th June or 15th June (again, another element of complexity as it depends on what your submission is, a request to participate or comment on the examination process etc.). This means that ordinary members of the public have had barely 2 weeks' notice to see this letter/email, understand it and make said submissions! This is simply insufficient time for most ordinary working people, leading busy lives. Indeed, it is quite conceivable that people could have missed this window completely due to illness, being away on holiday etc! The Preliminary Meeting itself, while located relatively locally to the scheme in Lincoln, is, again, not easily accessible from a timing point of view. With a date and time of 4th July at 10am having been selected, this is both right in ordinary working hours for most people AND in the middle of the prime holiday/break season. All of the above contributes, in my opinion, to making it very difficult for people to engage in the process.