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For information – to all Interested Parties

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010131

Date: 06 October 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Application by Gate Burton Energy Park Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Gate Burton Energy Park

Planning Act 2008 – Section 89(3) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rules 8(3), 9 and 17

The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 – Regulations 4 to 19

Procedural Decisions addressing a Change Request Application and Amending the Examination Timetable to support Examination of the Change Request

I am writing to inform you of procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority (ExA):

- responding to the Applicant's request for the ExA to accept proposed changes (the Change Request Application) to the Development Consent Order (DCO) Application; and
- to amend the Examination timetable to make provision for the Examination of the Change Request that is subject to procedures under the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (the CA Regulations).

The Change Request:

The Applicant notified the ExA of its intention to request changes to the Application on 20 September 2023. The ExA responded to provide advice to The Applicant on the scale and nature of consultation and the processes to be followed and to confirm it had published the notification on the Gate Burton Energy Park page of the Planning Inspectorates website by letter dated 27 September 2023 published in the Examination Library on 28 September 2023 [EL Ref PD-010], and an amended response published on 2 October 2023 [EL Ref PD-011].

The formal Change Request Application was subsequently submitted by the Applicant on 3 October 2023 [Document Reference 8.24] The changes are summarised as follows:

- An extension to the Order limits immediately to the south of Torksey Ferry Road, for works to construct and operate the underground 400kV cable and associated development (Change 1);
- An extension to the Order limits to the east and west along Torksey Ferry Road to accommodate access during construction and (for some parts of the road) during operation. This also includes land to the north of Torksey Ferry Road (into EDF land) to accommodate access during construction (Change 2);
- A reduction to the Order limits and Order land to the north of where Willingham Road meets Marton Road at plot 8/1 (as identified on the Land Plans and in the Book of Reference) at the request of the landowner (Change 3); and
- A reduction to the Order limits and Order land due to the removal of the Marton Road operational access from the Scheme at plot 8/7 (as identified on the Land Plans and in the Book of Reference) following consultation with Lincolnshire County Council (Change 4).

The ExA has assessed the Applicant's request in line with paragraphs 109 to 115 of DCLG Guidance '[Planning Act 2008: examination of applications for development consent](#)' and the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 16](#) – Requests to change applications after they have been accepted for examination. The ExA provides its procedural decision on the Change Requests and reasons for its decision below.

Change Request

The Applicant advises that Changes 1 and 2 have arisen through consultation with landowners and key stakeholders with assets at the former Cottam power station site. The grid connections for the Scheme and two other NSIPs, Cottam Solar Park and Tillbridge Solar Park, are all located at Cottam Substation on the former Cottam power station site. As explored in the Planning, Design and Access Statement [REP2-004 and REP2-006] this area is recognised in the draft Bassetlaw Local Plan as a 'Priority Regeneration Area' and EDF Energy (Thermal Generation) Limited ("EDF") have plans for redevelopment of the site. This redevelopment would involve the retention of the Cottam Substation and no masterplan is yet fixed for the site. However, the Applicant has been informed that EDF would prefer connections and accesses that minimise any impact on future plans as far as possible.

The Applicant further advises that during discussions on voluntary land agreements and protective provisions with EDF, EDF indicated a preference for the cable routes to enter the substation from the south and for the routes to be coordinated with those for the Cottam Solar Project and Tillbridge Solar Project. The applicant states EDF also indicated a preference for an access along Torksey Ferry Road to minimise the potential conflict with proposed demolition works and future redevelopment to the extent currently known. The Applicant confirms that Uniper UK Limited ("Uniper") has also provided comments on the routing of the cables and on the topic of access to the Cottam substation for the Scheme, with these discussions also driving the Applicant's proposed change request. Uniper owns assets to the north of the Substation and is proposing expansion of those assets. Uniper also owns existing infrastructure to the west of the Substation. Like EDF, Uniper would also prefer the cable routes entered the Substation from the south and that the construction access is located along Torksey Ferry Road.

The Applicants stated intention of Changes 1 and 2 is therefore to accommodate statutory undertaker feedback received during Examination and to allow flexibility to minimise potential conflict with existing assets and potential future plans for the Cottam power station site. They suggest this will also maximise compliance with policy in the draft Bassetlaw Local Plan on the Priority Regeneration Area and increase the chance that land can be obtained by negotiation rather than using Compulsory Acquisition powers.

In relation to Changes 3 and 4 the Applicant sets out that these have arisen through agreement with a landowner to remove a small area of land from the Scheme and an agreement with Lincolnshire County Council to remove an access from the Scheme. For Change 4, the access was removed from the Scheme at Deadline 2 (8 August 2023) so the change relates only to a reduction in the Order limits to reflect the fact that this area is no longer needed.

The ExA has no substantive concern with the reasons for the Change Request and is satisfied that the changes both individually and cumulatively are not so substantial that they would extend beyond the original scope and assessment of the Project as to constitute a materially different project. Notwithstanding, the ExA is clear that the proposed changes 1 and 2 do invoke the requirements of the CA Regulations because additional land and/or rights are sought and are therefore material changes. Whilst Changes 3 and 4 by themselves would be non-material changes in the context of the overall submission they are considered in the context of the wider Change Application to ensure any cumulative effect of changes is also considered.

Section 4 of the Change Request Application [Document 8.4] summarises the pre-application engagement undertaken to date on the change request and is included in the Change request to fulfil the request for the Applicant to provide a Consultation Report, this includes details of the responses received. The ExA considers that the specific targeted nature of the consultation accords with the advice it issued in its letter dated 27 September 2023 [EL Ref PD-010/ PD-011]], but notes that the consent of all those with an interest in the land has so far not been obtained.

The Applicant has also provided a Supporting Environmental Information (SEI) report to evidence the conclusions reached that there is no new or different significant environmental effects that have been considered and presented in the original Environmental Statement. There is no statutory requirement to consult on or publicise this SEI under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations) and this is noted in AN16. The ExA has had regard to the nature and scale of the proposed changes as set out in the material provided by the Applicant so far. The ExA has provisionally considered the environmental effects and finds that the environmental effects of the proposed changes have been covered adequately in the SEI and the updated documents, submitted alongside the Change Request Application in order to enable it to be Examined. As such, the ExA has concluded that consultation on the SEI at this time is not required. The ExA's own assessment is that in making this Procedural Decision at this time it allows sufficient opportunity during examination for all relevant Interested Parties to view the change, for representations to be made in relation to the change and for any representations to be taken into account by the ExA.

The ExA is content that there remains sufficient time within the Examination for the proposed changes to be properly and fairly examined including the opportunity for written

submissions and any oral representations to be made at any hearings that are required, along with the procedural requirements of the CA Regs. On that basis, and in accordance with Regulation 6 of the CA Regs, the Change Request Application can be accepted into the Examination.

In reaching this acceptance decision, the ExA is satisfied that it complies with the Requirements of Regulation 5 of the CA Regs and has prepared a Regulation 5 'Proposed Provision' Checklist in addition to this procedural decision, which is attached at **Annex A** of this letter.

The Applicant is now required to notify the relevant Affected Persons of the ExA's decision in accordance with the requirements of CA Regs 7, 8 and 9 and to invite them to make representations about the changes. The ExA notes that the Applicant intends to commence this representation period on **12 October 2023**, and this is acceptable to the ExA.

Amending the Examination Timetable to support Examination of Change Request and to Accommodate CA Regulations Examination

Further to the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended)(the EPR) Rule 8(3), the ExA has decided to amend the Examination Timetable to make express provision for procedures that are required to examine the Change Request under the CA Regulations.

Further to the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 8(3), the ExA has decided to amend the Examination Timetable to make provision for the submission of relevant representations on the proposed changes, submission of written representations and for oral examination (if required), as a consequence of the CA Regulations, Regulation 12, should any requests to be heard be received. The relevant representation period and the written representation period for the Change request will run concurrently, commencing on **12 October 2023** and ending on **17 November 2023**. If they are required, any hearings to address matters arising under the CA Regulations will be held between Thursday 14 and Friday 15 December 2023 as virtual events. A summary of the changes to the Timetable and a revised Timetable can be found in **Annex B** to this letter.

Whilst to date hearings have been conducted as blended events, being a mix of both in-person and virtual, given that the NSIP process is primarily a written process, the limited extent of the additional land interests, additional affected persons, additional interested parties and the limited nature of the proposed provisions the ExA is satisfied that it is proportionate and reasonable to conduct these hearings as solely virtual events.

The ExA will set out a new Initial Assessment of Principal Issues for the change requests pursuant to the CA Regulations, Regulation 11, following the receipt of representations, as soon as practicable after **17 November 2023**. The ExA does not consider that a separate preliminary meeting to discuss these timetable changes is necessary, as the timetable changes are limited in scope and have largely been implemented within the framework provided by the existing Examination process.

General Procedural Advice on the Changes

Persons wishing to make Relevant Representations on the proposed provisions (the proposed changes identified in the Change Request Application and as summarised in this letter) should note that Regulation 10 of the CA Regs provides that **Relevant Representations must relate only to the proposed provisions**, i.e., only to the additional land or rights sought and to the effects of the proposed development on or to the taking of the proposed additional land or rights. The same principle applies to Written Representations on the proposed provisions. Representations that relate to the Development Consent Order Application more broadly or to other subject matters than the proposed provisions themselves will not be accepted or considered by the ExA, as the existing Examination already provides a full process for the receipt and consideration of such information.

The amended Timetable (**Annex B**) provides for the submission of Relevant Representations and Written Representations in relation to the proposed provisions over a concurrent time-period, ending in the same deadline on **17 November 2023**. A Relevant Representation is a person's registration as an Interested Party (IP) in relation to the proposed provisions and sets out their position in summary terms. A Relevant Representation must be made if you wish to have your views on the proposed provisions considered and to participate in Examination events that consider the proposed provisions. Further guidance on making a Relevant Representation and what it must contain can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.2](#) at section 6. A Written Representation is a more detailed statement of case and evidence which can be made by a person who has registered or is registering as an IP in relation to the proposed provisions – if they so wish. Further guidance on making a Written Representation and what it may contain can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.4](#).

In line with the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 17, the ExA requests that the Applicant confirms that the updates and consolidated documents submitted with the Change Request are now the Application documents and that the documents which they replace are superseded and this is reflected in the document tracker and any necessary changes to other documents by **Deadline 5, Tuesday 3 October 2023**.

If you have any questions on the matters addressed in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the case team using the contact details at the head of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Ken Stone

Kenneth Stone
Examining Authority

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The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010

Gate Burton Energy Park proposed provision for the compulsory acquisition of additional land

Regulation 6(1)			
Within 28 days (starting the day after receipt) the Secretary of State must decide whether or not to accept the proposed provision as part of the application.	Date received	28-day due date	Date of decision
	03/10/23	31/10/23	06/10/2023
Regulation 6(2)	Planning Inspectorate Comments		
Regulation 4 - Prescribed procedure for compulsory acquisition of land			
Regulations 5 to 19 prescribe the procedure for the purposes of the condition in subsection (4) of section 123 (land to which authorisation of compulsory acquisition can relate) and apply where—			
(a) it is proposed to include in an order granting development consent a provision authorising the compulsory acquisition of additional land;	<p>In its Change Request Application dated 03 October 2023 (Document Ref 8.24), the Applicant has confirmed that it seeks to incorporate additional land including new land powers sought (additional permanent acquisition of rights) to enable Statutory Undertakers and operators of Cottam sub-station to be able to have flexibility in accommodating access to the substation for the grid connection and to enable future maintenance and operational works on their existing assets potentially affected by the Project and other NSIP projects seeking to access the sub-station.</p> <p>Paragraph 4.3.1 of the Change Request Application sets out that the compulsory acquisition revisions apply to the following plots 17/13, 17/14, 17/15, 17/16, 17/17, 17/18, 17/19, 17/20, 17/21, 18/1, 18/2, 18/3 and 18/4 which identify additional land. It is further confirmed that these are all detailed in an updated Book of Reference (Document Ref 6.6 Book of Reference Clean and Tracked versions) which identifies the affected persons in the additional land. Plots 8/1 and 8/7 are also amended in the Book of reference as these relate to the reduction in land required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plot 17/13 new rights to be acquired permanently over approximately 5080 square metres of private road (Torksey Ferry Road), public 		

footpath (No.FP10), public byway (No.BOAT13) drain and verges (Rampton)

- Plot 17/14 new rights to be acquired permanently over approximately 24057 square metres of agricultural land, drain and hedgerow (south of Torksey Ferry Road, Rampton)
- Plot 17/15 new rights to be acquired permanently over approximately 605 square metres of private road (Nightleys Road), public footpath (No.FP20) and hedgerow (Rampton)
- Plot 17/16 new rights to be acquired permanently over approximately 9551 square metres of agricultural land, hedgerow and apparatus (south of Torksey Ferry Road, Rampton)
- Plot 17/17 permanently over approximately 9772 square metres of agricultural land and hedgerow (south of Torksey Ferry Road, Rampton)
- Plot 17/18 new rights to be acquired permanently over approximately 798 square metres of private road (Shortleys Road), public byway (No.BOAT12) and verge (Rampton)
- Plot 17/19 new rights to be acquired permanently over approximately 24845 square metres of agricultural land and hedgerow (south of Torksey Ferry Road)
- Plot 17/20 land to be used temporarily over approximately 1778 square metres of hardstanding, private road, access splay, drain and hedgerow (north of Torksey Ferry Road, Rampton)
- Plot 17/21 land to be used temporarily over approximately 166 square metres of private road (Torksey Ferry Road), public byway (No.BOAT13), drain and verges (Rampton)
- Plot 18/1 land to be used temporarily over approximately 22387 square metres of shrubland, private road, drain and hedgerow (north of Torksey Ferry Road, Rampton)
- Plot 18/2 land to be used temporarily over approximately 8251 square metres of private road (Torksey Ferry Road), public byway (No.BOAT13) and verges (Rampton)
- Plot 18/3 land to be used temporarily over approximately 2427 square metres of private road (Torksey Ferry Road), public byway (No.BOAT13) and verges (Rampton)
- Plot 18/4 land to be used temporarily over approximately 2 square metres of private road (Torksey Ferry Road) and verges (Rampton)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plot 8/1 is reduced in size the land to be acquired permanently in approximately 61270 (reduced from 63117) square metres of agricultural land and hedgerows (Sandebus Farm, Willingham By Stow) Plot 8/7 is deleted from the book of reference and related to new rights to be acquired permanently over approximately 6451 square metres of public road (Marton Road), hedgerows and verges (Willingham by Stow) <p>The proposed revisions are for the benefit of the Applicant and Statutory Undertakers and operators of Cottam sub-station to provide flexibility to facilitate and build, access, maintain and operate their infrastructure and at the request of existing land owners and to reflect the removal of a previously proposed access.</p>
(b) a person with an interest in the additional land does not consent to the inclusion of the provision	<p>The Applicant confirms in paragraphs 4.3.2 and 4.3.3 of its Change Request Application (Document Ref 8.24) that some of the land is unregistered land that it has carried out pre-application engagement with relevant landowners of the additional land but has not carried out pre-application consultation with sub soil interests over Torksey ferry Road and state they have received no consents in response. It continues in 4.3.3 that the Applicant will continue to seek to obtain consent from all persons with an interest in the land affected, but will in the meantime commence a representation period.</p>
Summary – Regulation 4	<p>In light of not having obtained the necessary consents from affected landowners to the acquisition of permanent rights over the aforementioned plots, Regulations 5 to 9 of the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 apply.</p>
Regulation 5 - Proposed Provision	
<p>The applicant must send to the Secretary of State details of the proposed provision which must—</p>	

<p>(a) be in the form of a book of reference or, where a book of reference has been submitted to the Secretary of State, a supplement to that book;</p>	<p>The Applicant made a submission on 03 October 2023 pursuant to Section 123(4) of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 5 of the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010. That submission includes amongst other documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Change Request application ‘A Change Request and Consultation Report’ document (Document Ref 8.24) which included a list of the affected plots 4.3.1 and an updated tracked changed and clean copy of the Book of reference (Document Ref 6.6 Book of Reference Clean and Tracked versions) to meet the requirement of a supplement to the Book of Reference, showing revisions to plot numbers and recording of additional land interests in all of the relevant parts.
<p>(b) be accompanied by—</p> <p>(i) land plan identifying the land required as additional land, or affected by the proposed provision; and</p> <p>(ii) a statement of reasons as to why the additional land is required and a statement to indicate how an order that contains the authorisation of the compulsory acquisition of the additional land is proposed to be funded.</p>	<p>The Applicant made a submission on 03 October 2023 pursuant to Section 123(4) of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 5 of the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010. That submission included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Version 3 of the Land Plans (Document Reference 5.6 Land Plans P3.0 – Change Request Only) identifying the amended and new Plots subject to temporary possession and permanent acquisition of rights; • An amended Statement of Reasons (Document Reference 6.4 Clean Version and Tracked Changes Version), which includes detailed alterations to reflect the Changes the subject of the Change request and sign posts where the information to support and detail the changes is included in other documents. • An updated funding statement (Document Reference 6.7 Funding Statement (Clean) Change Request version and Funding Statement (Tracked) Change Request version) which incorporates commentary on the additional land.
<p>Summary – Regulation 5</p>	<p>A new Book of Reference has been provided which is a document amounting to a supplement to the Book of Reference (as permitted by Regulation 5(a)) has been submitted. Similarly, a new land plans document amounting to a supplemental Land Plan has been provided identifying the land subject to new acquisition of permanent rights. An updated version of</p>

	<p>the Statement of Reasons has been provided, this accords with the requirements of Regulation 5(b)(ii) and a new funding statement has been provided, as required by Regulation 5(b)(ii).</p> <p>The ExA considers that the Change Request submission documents include sufficient documents to accord with Regulation 5.</p>
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**Examining
Authority**

Kenneth Stone

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Signed

Date:

06 October 2023

Amendments to the Gate Burton Energy Park Examination Timetable to address material changes

Amendments have been made to the Examination Timetable pursuant to Regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010, to give effect to the examination of proposed provisions in relation to Changes following acceptance of the change application dated 03/10/2023 which seeks additional land or rights.

The examination of the proposed provisions will proceed within the framework of the ongoing Examination of the application for a Development Consent Order for the Gate Burton Energy Park. It follows that the amended timetable addresses requirements arising from the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008), the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rule 2010 (the EPR) and the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (the CA Regs), within a single timetable.

Additional procedures relevant to the examination of the proposed provisions have been added to address obligations arising under the CA Regs. They are for the benefit of additional affected persons (with land or rights affected by the proposed provisions) who become Interested Parties (IPs) under the CA Regs. They do not provide an opportunity for additional involvement by people who were already IPs in the Examination, unless those people are also additional affected persons.

The following table summarises the amendments. This annex also contains a consolidated amended timetable in which the existing arrangements for the Gate Burton Energy Park Examination and the amended arrangements for the examination of the proposed provisions can be seen.

Summary of Amendments

Item	Description of Amendment	Date
7A (A new item)	New opening date for Relevant Representations in relation to proposed provisions seeking additional land or rights in relation Changes (CA Regs RRs).	12 October 2023
8A (A new item)	<p>New closing date for CA Regs RRs</p> <p>New CA Regulations Deadline 1 (CA Regs D1)</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA Regs Written Representations (CA Regs WRs) relating to the effect of the change requests Summaries of any CA Regs WRs over 1500 words 	17 November 2023

Item	Description of Amendment	Date
	Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR	
9	Addition to Existing Deadline 5 (D5) of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests from a CA Regulations Interested Party to be heard at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An Open Floor Hearing held under Regulation 16 of the CA Regs (OFH/CA Regs) ○ An Issue Specific Hearing held under Regulation 14 of the CA Regs (ISH/CA Regs) ○ A Compulsory Acquisition Hearing held under Regulation 15 of the CA Regs (CAH/CA Regs) (if required) 	Monday 20 November 2023
9A (A new item)	New CA Regulations Deadline 2 (CA Regs D2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on CA Regs WRs • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR 	Monday 27 November 2023
10A (A new item)	New CA Regulations Deadline 3 (CA Regs D3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any information requested by the ExA and received by CA Regs D2 	Monday 11 December 2023
10B (A new Item)	New dates reserved for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Open Floor Hearing held under Regulation 16 of the CA Regs (OFH/CA Regs) (if required) • An Issue Specific Hearing held under Regulation 14 of the CA Regs (ISH/CA Regs) (if required) • A Compulsory Acquisition Hearing held under Regulation 15 of the CA Regs (CAH/CA Regs) (if required) 	Thursday 14 and Friday 15 December
11	Date of Deadline 6 (D6) moved on one week	Thursday 21 December 2023

**Gate Burton Energy Park
Material Changes dated 03/10/2023
Amended Examination Timetable
Prepared Pursuant to Regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010**

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty to **complete** the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

The Examination of the application primarily takes the form of the consideration of written submissions. The ExA will also consider any oral representations made at hearings.

Items from 1 to 6 shown covered in a grey highlight have already been completed. Items shown covered in a gold highlight have been amended to give effect to Regulations 10 to 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (the CA Regulations).

Item	Matters	Date
1.	<p>Deadline 1</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Impact Reports (see Annex G of this letter), from any local authorities • Post-Hearing Submissions, including written summaries of oral submissions and any documents requested by the ExA • Comments on any oral submissions put at the Hearings. • Comments on Relevant Representations (RR) (see Annex G of this letter) • Summaries of all RR exceeding 1500 words • Comments on any Additional Submissions • Notification by Statutory Parties of their wish to be considered as an Interested Party (IP) by the ExA. • Applicant’s draft itinerary for an Accompanied Site Inspection ASI (if required) • Request to attend any ASI (if required) • Requests to be heard at any further OFH Requests by Interested Parties to be heard at an Open Floor Hearing (OFH) • Requests to be heard at a CAH Requests by Affected Persons (defined in section 59(4) of 	<p>Tuesday 18 July 2023</p>

	<p>the Planning Act 2008) to be heard at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Applicant’s updated documents - clean versions and versions showing tracked changes since the last submitted version: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ draft Development Consent Order ○ Explanatory Memorandum ○ Book of Reference ○ Statement of Reasons ○ Statements of Common Ground • Applicants reports on progress – reports requested by the ExA (see Annex G of this letter). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure Projects ○ Statement of Commonality and additional Statements of Common Ground ○ Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight ○ Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers ○ Schedule of the latest versions of the Applicant’s submission documents and documents to be certified ○ Schedule of progress in securing other consents • Any further information requested by ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	
<p>2.</p>	<p>Deadline 2</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the ExA’s First Written Questions • Written Representations • Summaries of Written Representations exceeding 1500 words • Request to attend hearings being held on the w/c 22 August 2023 • Comments on Local Impact Report(s) • Comments on the Applicant’s draft itinerary for the ASI 	<p>Tuesday 8 August 2023</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Applicant’s updated documents - clean versions and versions showing tracked changes since the last submitted version: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects ○ draft Development Consent Order ○ Explanatory Memorandum ○ Book of Reference ○ Statement of Reasons ○ Statement of commonality and Statements of Common Ground ○ Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight ○ Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers ○ Schedule of the latest versions of the Applicant’s submission documents and documents to be certified ○ Schedule of progress in securing other consents • Comments on any further information received Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received by Deadline 1 • Any further information requested by ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Week reserved for Hearings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanied Site Inspection (if required) • Issue Specific Hearing(s) (if required) • Open Floor Hearings(s) (if required) • Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s) (if required) 	<p>W/C 21 August 2023</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Deadline 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-Hearing Submissions, including written summaries of oral submissions and any documents requested by the ExA • Comments on any oral submissions put at the Hearings. • Comments on Written Representations • Comments on responses to the ExAs First Written Questions 	<p>Friday 1 September 2023</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Applicant’s updated documents - clean versions and versions showing tracked changes since the last submitted version: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects ○ draft Development Consent Order ○ Explanatory Memorandum ○ Book of Reference ○ Statement of Reasons ○ Statement of commonality and Statements of Common Ground ○ Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight ○ Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers ○ Schedule of the latest versions of the Applicant’s submission documents and documents to be certified ○ Schedule of progress in securing other consents • Comments on any further information received Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received by Deadline 2 • Any further information requested by ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	
5.	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Examining Authority’s Further Written Questions (ExQ2) (if required) 	Tuesday 12 September
6.	<p>Deadline 4 For Receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the Examining Authority’s Further Written Questions (ExQ2) (if required) • The Applicant’s updated documents - clean versions and versions showing tracked changes since the last submitted version: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects ○ draft Development Consent Order 	Tuesday 3 October 2023

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Explanatory Memorandum ○ Book of Reference ○ Statement of Reasons ○ Statement of commonality and Statements of Common Ground ○ Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight ○ Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers ○ Schedule of the latest versions of the Applicant's submission documents and documents to be certified ○ Schedule of progress in securing other consents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Comments on any further information received Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received by Deadline 3 ● Any further information requested by ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	
7.	Week reserved for Hearings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Accompanied Site Inspection (if required) ● Issue Specific Hearing(s) (if required) ● Open Floor Hearings(s) (if required) ● Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s) (if required) 	No Longer Required
7A	Opening of Relevant Representations in relation to change requests EC01, EC02 and MRC03 pursuant to Regulation 10 of the CA Regulations (CA Regs RRs)	Thursday 12 October 2023
8.	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Examining Authority's Further Written Questions (ExQ3) (if required) ● Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) and any associated questions (if required) 	Wednesday 25 October 2023
8A	Closing of CA Regs RRs CA Regulations Deadline 1 (CA Regs D1) For receipt by the ExA of:	Friday 17 November 2023

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA Regs Written Representations (CA Regs WRs) relating to the effect of the change requests • Summaries of any CA Regs WRs over 1500 words • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR 	
9.	<p>Deadline 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the Examining Authority's Further Written Questions (ExQ3) (if required) • Comments on the RIES and responses to any associated questions (if required) • The Applicant's updated documents - clean versions and versions showing tracked changes since the last submitted version: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects ○ draft Development Consent Order ○ Explanatory Memorandum ○ Book of Reference ○ Statement of Reasons ○ Statement of commonality and Statements of Common Ground ○ Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight ○ Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers ○ Schedule of the latest versions of the Applicant's submission documents and documents to be certified ○ Schedule of progress in securing other consents • Comments on any further information received Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received by Deadline 4 • Requests from a CA Regulations Interested Party to be heard at: 	<p>Monday 20 November 2023</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An Open Floor Hearing held under Regulation 16 of the CA Regs (OFH/CA Regs) ○ An Issue Specific Hearing held under Regulation 14 of the CA Regs (ISH/CA Regs) ○ A Compulsory Acquisition Hearing held under Regulation 15 of the CA Regs (CAH/CA Regs) (if required) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Any further information requested by ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	
9A	<p>CA Regulations Deadline 2 (CA Regs D2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Comments on CA Regs WRs <p>Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR</p>	Monday 27 November 2023
10.	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the draft Development Consent Order(dDCO) (if required) 	Friday 1 December 2023
10A	<p>CA Regulations Deadline 3 (CA Regs D3)</p> <p>Comments on any information received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Comments or any additional information/submissions received by CA Regs D2. 	Monday 11 December 2023
10B	<p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An Open Floor Hearing held under Regulation 16 of the CA Regs (OFH/CA Regs) (if required) ● An Issue Specific Hearing held under Regulation 14 of the CA Regs (ISH/CA Regs) (if required) ● A Compulsory Acquisition Hearing held under Regulation 15 of the CA Regs (CAH/CA Regs) (if required) <p>A hearing held pursuant to Regulations 14, 15 or 16 of the CA Regulations may be notified and held (if required) concurrently with another hearing notified and held under the CA Regulations.</p>	Thursday 14 and Friday 15 December 2023
11.	Deadline 6	Thursday 21 December 2023

	<p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on ExA DCO (if required) • Final DCO Final DCO to be submitted by the Applicant in the SI template with the SI template validation report (in clean and tracked changed versions) • Final updated BoR Final BoR (in clean and tracked changed versions) and schedule of changes to BoR • Final SoCGs (in clean and tracked changed versions) • Final Statement of Commonality and Statements of Common Ground (in clean and tracked changed versions) • List of matters not agreed where SoCG could not be finalised (in clean and tracked changed versions) • Final Navigation Document/Guide to the application (in clean and tracked changed versions) • Final Status of Negotiations CA Schedule (in clean and tracked changed versions) • Final Status of Negotiations with Statutory Undertakers (in clean and tracked changed versions) • Final NPS tracker (in clean and tracked changed versions) • Final signed and dated section 106 (if required) • Comments on any further information received Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 5. • Any further information requested by ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	
12.	<p>Deadline 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary statements from parties regarding matters that they have previously raised during the examination that have not been resolved to their satisfaction. • Comments on any further information received Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 6 	<p>Thursday 4 January 2024</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any further information requested by ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	
13.	The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months	Thursday 4 January 2024

Note:

References to CA Regs Relevant Representations (CA Regs RRs), to CA Regs Written Representations (CA Regs WRs) and to CA Regs Interested Parties (CA Regs IPs) in items 7A, 8A, 9, 9A, 10A and 10B of this timetable relate to persons making written and oral representations about the effects of the CA Regs proposed provisions for the material change request made on 03/10/2023. They are confined in effect to those matters and do not invite the submission of any written or oral representations of a general nature.

Submission times for Deadlines

The time for submission of documents at any Deadline in the timetable is 23:59 on the relevant Deadline date, unless instructed otherwise by the ExA.

Publication dates

All information received will be published on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable after the Deadlines for submissions.

Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

Where an applicant has provided a No Significant Effects Report or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the application, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the Examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the Examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's Recommendation to the Secretary of State. The ExA may also raise questions in the RIES to confirm or clarify matters that remain outstanding.

The Secretary of State may rely on the consultation on the RIES to meet its obligations under Regulation 63(3) of The Habitats Regulations 2017 and/or Regulation 28 of The Offshore Marine Regulations