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Good morning and welcome, everybody for Christmas.

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Um, before we begin, can I just confirm that everyone can hear me clearly.

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Do you just want to hang on one? Yeah. Yeah.

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I was.

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I'll try again. Okay. Can I confirm that everyone can hear me clearly? Okay. Could I also ask that everyone sets all devices and phones to silent please? Can I confirm with. Mr. Stephens said the live streaming and recording of this event has commenced. Thank you. It's nine 930. I'd like to welcome you all to this open floor hearing for the application made by Moana Offshore Wind Limited. Who will we will refer to as the applicant.

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And that's for an order granting development consent for the Moana Offshore wind farm. My name is Julie de Courcy. I'm a chartered town planner. I've been appointed by the Secretary of State to be a member of this panel to examine the application. I'm now going to ask my fellow panel members to introduce themselves.

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Good morning. My name is Caroline Jones. I'm a chartered town planner and a planning inspector, and I've been appointed to be the lead member of this panel.

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Good morning. My name is Graham Hobbins, and I'm a chartered civil engineer with a background in major energy and rail infrastructure.

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Good morning. My name is Jessica Powis. I'm a chartered town planner and examining inspector, and I've been also appointed as a member of this panel.

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Hello.

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Good morning. I am Jason Rowlands. I'm a chartered civil engineer and a chartered environmentalist with a background in major energy and highway infrastructure.

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Together, we constitute the examining authority for this application and will be reporting to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and net Zero, with recommendation as to whether the Development Consent Order should be made. The case manager for this project is Jake Stevens, and Georgina Hannigan is providing support remotely. Please don't hesitate to contact a member of the team if you need help at today's event or with the technology.

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For anybody watching on the live stream, can I also advise that when we adjourn proceedings for breaks, which may not be the case today, you'll need to refresh your browser page to watch the resumed hearing. But if we do adjourn, we will remind you of that at that juncture. A recording of today's hearing will be made available on the Moana Offshore Wind Farm section of the National Infrastructure Planning website, as soon as practicable after the hearing has finished. With this in mind, please ensure that you speak clearly, stating your name and who you're representing, if applicable, each time before you speak.

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Turning to language, we do have translation facilities available for this hearing. Mr. Rowlands, who's on the panel, is a native Welsh speaker. Mr. Stevens, the case manager, can also speak Welsh. The rest of the panel will do our best to pronounce places and names correctly. I apologize in advance for any mistakes that we make, and please feel free to correct us if we do so. With that in mind, we do welcome contributions in both Welsh and English.

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Do we have anyone either, uh, in the room this morning or participating online that wants to address us in Welsh?

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Okay. I don't see any indication. Oh, Miss Cressy.

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Yes, I can. I either do an English or Welsh, depending on the floor. But if nobody else is speaking Welsh, then it becomes quite difficult to carry on in Welsh sometimes. But, uh. Um, we'll see how we go on, if that's okay. And I'll allow time if I decide to speak you Welsh.

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Thank you, Miss Cressy. You know the drill. Just so that we can get our headsets on, but I leave. The choice is entirely yours. We welcome your contribution in either medium. Thank you.

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I'll just briefly explain the purpose and the conduct of the hearing. Hopefully, the agenda papers for these hearings provided a clear explanation of both our and your reasons for being here today. Open floor hearings are your opportunity to raise anything directly with us, the examining authority that's important and relevant, and that you think that we should know about and consider. They're not about a particular location or topic.

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The topic of your representations about the proposal is. Therefore it's up to you. We have read all the submissions, including the relevant representations, so there's no need to repeat what you've already submitted in writing. We are familiar with it. Once you've spoken, the panel may wish to ask you questions. Finally, the applicant will be given an opportunity to respond to any matters raised. Once all speakers have been heard.

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Um, this morning.

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Or they may wish to, uh, respond in writing by draft deadline one, which is Wednesday the 7th of August, 2024. I have a list of people who have registered an interest to speak this morning. When you come up to the table to speak, can I ask that you introduce yourself? And if you're representing

someone who it is that you represent? Those that I have registered our counselor, Martin Barlow in person.

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Margaret Hulseley in person. Rebecca Fierce in person. You're not speaking. Okay, that's. That's fine. Well, we have your your representation. And, of course, any further written representation. Uh, Miss Cressy, who we we've wished good morning to already and Mister Apples, um, who I don't yet see on the call. But if she joins us, um,

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I'll take stock of the situation then. Is there anyone else either with with us in the room or, uh, joining virtually? Who wants to make a submission this morning?

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No, I don't see an indication that there is. Uh, can I also just check who will be speaking for the applicant today?

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Uh, Liz Dunn, on behalf of the applicant. Um, it will either be myself or Paul Carter, who is the consent manager.

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Okay. Thanks for that, Liz. Done.

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We don't intend setting a strict time limit today, given that the number of speakers that we have. We'd ask that your submissions are concise and to the point, and to be concluded in about ten minutes. But we we won't be very, uh, officious and not not respect. So with the, uh, introductions concluded Councillor Barlow, would you like to take a seat? We'd like to hear from you.

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For the record. Uh, Martin Barlow. Um, Kevin Murdock community council.

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The population of the community of Cavan is 359. Those 359 people have the same net zero aspirations as those in any other community than awareness of climate change and the need it has brought for renewable energy solutions. In other words, most are wholly in favour of it. However, as well as their sense of the need for net zero. Like most people, they have a sense of justice and a presence, a strong sense that justice is not being done to their community.

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In a letter dated the 7th of July 2023, the then Welsh Government's Minister for climate change wrote while it is clear to me that we need new infrastructure to achieve our net zero commitments, we also need to ensure that our approach to new grid infrastructure is developed with a minimal impact on the environment and on communities. In the Planning Policy Wills Document Edition 12 of February

2024, it states each place will have its own unique characteristics, history and identity based on how people have and will interact with the landscape.

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The intrinsic value of a place to people or communities is particularly important, which may be due to aesthetic, cultural, spiritual or historical reasons.

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Similar sentiments about the need to protect communities. Um. As I'm sure everyone here knows, are expressed in most, if not all, planning policy documents, whether coming from local authority, the Welsh Government or the UK government, which will determine the outcome of the current case.

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With this in mind, there was an extraordinary moment on Wednesday, therefore, when the applicant and the representative of Orla Moore were discussing issues where areas of land might be subject to conflicting claims by the requirements of the Mona al-Ahmar and National Grid developments. Such was the complete absence of any sense that land was being talked about, where people's actual lives and livelihoods are involved. That had brought to mind my mind at least, the European powers divvying up of Africa in the 19th century, the so-called scramble for Africa of 1884.

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Or, to take a more contemporary example. Russia and Norway's current sparring over Arctic mineral exploitation, where at least natural people are involved. The sense of injustice I've referred to above comes not only from facing a project, which will mean a 65,000 square meter construction placed in low lying, open farmland in a rural landscape. However inappropriate they might think the Mona substation is to its proposed location. I think everyone accepts that some developments must take place, sometimes unwelcome large scale ones, which a community would otherwise prefer to avoid.

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The sense of injustice comes rather from a community of just a fraction over five square miles. So barely two and a quarter miles long in the same wide, having imposed upon it five large substations and associated infrastructure, two of them extremely large scale, certainly in relation to the landscape in which they are being built or are proposed. Three of these, Don Gwyn, Seymour and National Grid, are already built, of which one is now seeking to double its size. A fourth, although more, is consented, and mono.

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We are discussing presently a sixth planned substation. We must ignore for the time being, while being reasonably certain that it will arrive in due course.

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Proportionality is a principle which is frequently applied to justice and related matters. Underlying the deep sense of injustice I have described, then, is the utter disproportionality of the sighting of five major substations in one small five square mile community of 359 people, one whose sense of identity is essentially bound up with its rural, agricultural and historical character. Inevitably, each successive development is located in a progressively more highly visible location.

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Monas proposed substation being a site being a prime example of this. Secondly, in equally disproportionately, the community of Kevin Murdoch is being made to bear the entire burden of the impact of these very major developments, where other communities remain unaffected or minimally affected by them. In essence, the cumulative effects of all the projects mentioned above falling on one community penalized Kevin Merida in a highly disproportionate way. The cumulative impacts of Moana and Owl and more are, I know, an issue under discussion in the present examination.

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However, if logic dictates that the cumulative impacts of Mona and Al Amour be considered. Logic should also dictate that the long term cumulative impact on the landscape and community of all the substations and their associated infrastructure be considered also.

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It is counterfactual, I know, but I would suggest that if the planning application for the original National Grid substation some 15 years ago, I'd been for five substations in different parts of Kevin Moriarty. That is the National Grid substation, twice the current one size, and the Don Gwynn Seymour all the more and mono substations. That application would have been rejected as wholly inappropriate. Likewise, I suggested if the UK had, like many other countries do, bodies tasked with taking a strategic view of energy infrastructure development across a specific region or area.

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Such a body for north east Wales or North Wales as a whole would not countenance the sighting of five substations, with more to come in one five square mile rural community. Russia's currently highly targeted destruction of Ukraine's electricity generation capacity, which suggests that they have a point.

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I stated that the community's sense of identity is bound up with its rural and agricultural character, while the infrastructure developments in question and others over the past two decades might have opened the door to some aspiring developers to describe for their own purposes as being semi industrial. Quote. In fact, the community consists largely of farms and small holdings, together with three small settlements not even qualifying to be described as hamlets. A relatively high proportion of the 180 households which constitute the community of camaraderie are those of farming families.

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That farming community is a bastion of the Welsh language and Welsh language culture, and the continuing loss of agricultural land, and the sense of a loss of identity cannot but undermine that. More generally, the changes to its essential character and identity are inevitably making it a progressively less attractive place to live in, to send children to schooling and to walk, cycle, run, ride and drive in.

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I know there are people in the community who are hoping for a miracle that the commitment expressed in many planning documents protecting small communities, combined with the patent inappropriateness of a 6.5 hectare, 50 metre high substation being placed on open farmland in a rural



landscape, especially considering the cumulative effects involved will surely lead to the development being rejected. Camara Community Council, on whose behalf I speak, and many other residents are more pessimistic and from past experience, and a sense of the need for self preservation limit themselves to the hope that if the project is to go ahead, the community is protected through stringent conditions, restrictions and requirements of mitigation being placed on the development for all aspects of which of it which will affect residents, the community and the landscape in which they live and which they live their lives.

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Um, I finish on to such matters of detail. Um, having reported proceedings up to last night to my fellow community councillors, they are clear that it is fairly obvious that any landscape visual assessment not taking into account the 12 proposed 30 metre high lightning conductors is valueless from the point of view of the community in which the substation and the 12 pylons are actually sited. A reference to Kevin Mary residents is that each pylon is the same height as in times of cathedral.

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Finally, having noted the applicant's stated view that working hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Saturday are generally preferred by people in order to avoid prolonging of project's duration, ie. I've conducted a poll on a social media platform asking Kevin Merida residents to express a preference between the options of one Monday to Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and two Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.. I did not express any preference myself, and I explained that option two would extend the project's duration by several months.

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Not in any way scientific, I know, but the results to date show do show 100% in favor of option two.

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Thank you.

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Thank you, Councillor Barlow. Just on a couple of points, just so I can be clear, you said, um, option two. That being eight till six, eight, eight till one eight.

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Till one Saturday.

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Yes. Um, and just, just to come back on another point that you raised about the, the lightning rods, that's obviously something that we also raise an examining authority in. The applicant has agreed to redo, uh, the visuals with, uh, the lightning rods now included. So. Mhm. Um, I think that the deadline one off the top of my head and then two. Sorry. Deadline two. So obviously keep an eye on those submissions when they come in it. Right. The deadline two.

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Well thank you I welcome that. Thank you.

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Um, could we now hear from Mrs. Hussey, please?

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Good morning. Thank you very much for allowing me to speak to you today. It is not something I'm in the habit of or comfortable doing, but as this project has major implications for my husband and I, it is something I feel compelled to do. Being here amongst your good selves and vast array of experts. It is a little daunting, and I am not naive enough to think that what I say will have a major impact on the outcome of the scheme. It is not to highlight what this huge development actually means on a personal level to ordinary people, and the unfairness it throws up in the eyes of the law and current legislation.

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We receptors have little redress, unlike the various animal populations trees, hedgerows that have numerous experts and ecologists surveying their habitats and acting on their behalf. We private receptors are required to read and more importantly, understand the thousands of pages of technical reports prepared by very well versed and experienced professionals employed by the applicant at great expense to a layperson with no experience, it can be difficult to understand what we should be looking for and more importantly, how to interpret and challenge when necessary.

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I'm not saying the information is deliberately hidden, but these documents are highly biased in favour of the applicant. Since the outset of the scheme, we have been able to predict everything that has been proposed. We knew a fair amount of anchoring would be employed showing scale and situation with the original plans. Then hey presto, it has been scaled down a little, move slightly and various tweaks made because the applicant has listened to the concerns of receptors and those affected. Fantastic. They have considered all our fears and concerns.

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This is incorrect. No amount of scaling down is going to change the detrimental impact on our particular lives, our health, our mental anguish, and our general well-being. As it stands, we will have a cable route directly skirting our boundary at the back side in front of our property, culminating in the huge substation structures built opposite in what is currently agricultural land, trees and hedgerows. The scheme and its completion looks grand.

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A beautiful wildflower meadow and trees planted by the time this takes effect in over 20 years from now, it still would not shield the substation and we will be well in our 90s, so doubtful we will reap any of the so-called benefits this represents. Our future and fate only holds major disruption. Noise, construction, vibration, airborne dust and light pollution.

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Excuse me.

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To add insult to injury, to accommodate this, there will also be necessary works by National Grid erecting new 55 metre pylons below us and other large scale infrastructure to facilitate this scheme and others that are planned. I know the National Grid works may not be within the scope of the examination, but it is yet another huge development we are personally having to deal with. We will be under siege once the work starts and continues for 3 to 4 years, six days a week. Our situation within the project is quite unique, something the applicant has acknowledged when they look at the mirror.

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When you look at the myriad of drawings, many showing to Meredith, we are a small dot surrounded by the red lines of construction works. A bit of an island, it would seem. Surely we should not be expected to suffer the indignity of being collateral damage. While BP and M.W. are ultimately looking at the commercial benefits and profits, the scheme, I believe, has an estimated £4.8 billion budget. The percentage of doing what is right and decent for us would be negligible, a fraction of a percent.

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I cannot deny the applicant is engaged with my husband and I since 2022, and kept us up to date with progress. They have made all the right noises and would appear to be sympathetic to our situation, but this does not seem to have had any tangible benefit, and we have only been advised to engage with the Planning Inspectorate during the examination process, which we always intended to do. I hope BP and EMS are not just going through the motions and ultimately cut us adrift. I am appealing to them, their partners and yourselves to look at these, to look at the unique situation we are facing.

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And even though the law and rolls are heavily stacked against us, I implore you to take into account the basic humanity and address the situation with the compassionate, compassionate warrants. Finally, I'd like to draw your attention to part of BP's code of conduct, which states we want to make a positive impact by working together with governments and communities to help improve people's lives. And their phrase, we do the right thing. I really hope they do so for us.

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Thank you.

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Thank you. Thank you very much. Mrs. ozone, Mr. Hoskin, I presume you're not going to speak now. I'm just on one of the points. I just wanted to say. Um, would you appreciate that the examination library has a lot of documents in, and there is a lot to go through. Um, what I would say is we do have a fantastic case team and case manager, um, Mr. Stevens, and if you were having any trouble navigating or finding anything, then, you know, do feel free to ring Mr. Stevens at any point. And he will, I'm sure, do his best to help you navigate through any of the documents, if we can help in any way along those lines.

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That's very much appreciated. I think, Mr. Stevens, um, well knows my husband, who has been contacted him many times. It's just the vast array of thousands and thousands of pages we can hone in on various things, but we have no help. It's just us. They have thousands of people, lots of people working for them. We have nobody.

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I take your point. Thank you.

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Are there any further questions from my colleagues? No. Thank you very much, Mrs. Hussey. And also to Mr. Hussey for being with us all of this week, because your contributions have been extremely helpful.

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Um, I think now we are going to hear from Miss Cressy, please, from the Welsh Government. And I will just check now, miss Cressy, would you prefer to make your submissions in. In English or in Welsh?

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Good morning. I will speak in Welsh then. If.

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Excellent. Thank you. Would just give us a moment.

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Here of the translation service for the week.

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I think we're just going to, um, have some assistance in the room on the technical side from one moment. So I'll let you know when we're ready to go, Miss Cressy.

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I'm just going to check with all my colleagues that we each got We're working up and running with our headsets as well. You can.

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Excellent.

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And guys have a thumbs up from the translation that we're good to go. Okay. I think we're ready then, Miss Cressy.

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Hopefully. Thank you.

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What is that?

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Good morning.

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Hello.

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My name is Cressy. I'm the policy head. of the new apples in Welsh government. I hope to be able to explain to you this morning.

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How the Welsh Government hopes to respond.

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I'm actually at the.

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March to this inquiry. I know we haven't prepared anything up to now for you as a panel to be able to consider. So the intention was, and I wanted to ask.

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If.

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This was something you could accept, was that we intend to send down to let's.

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Say three.

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Hours for the 7th of August.

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The initial deadline.

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Ever.

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In with our response

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for the whole inquiry, and then answer the specific questions where the questions can maybe add some more points. And the intention this morning was to ask if that was something that the panel would be willing to consider off the ground washrooms..

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Thank you very much. Thanks to our translator as well. Um, so my understanding is that you're asking about whether the deadline, one, um, the 7th of August is an appropriate time to put in your kind of full written submissions on this case, and absolutely, you're welcome to do that. That's a really good time to hear. It gives everybody an opportunity to respond to points you make to. And I think, um, from what I understand, you also said that if we then put questions out in writing that you'd be able to look at those when they come, which was, um, a slightly later in the examination.

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Does that answer your question on process, Mr. Cressey?

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Yes. Thank you very much. Maybe I just raise matters that have been highlighted already this morning. Obviously, as a government and Christian, we welcome such developments regarding the effect it can give to meet the renewable energy targets of the Welsh Government and that respond

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to the nature crisis and climate change. But also we are completely.

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Aware.

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Of the effect that this has on the community, a very small community in North Wales and the Welsh Government has had. Sorry, I don't know what this would be in Welsh off the top of my head, but I've shot Transmission Network review and that was considered. We did ask at the time if these cases in North Wales could be considered early on as part of the process, but unfortunately our models too soon.

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And because of that, it's not possible to consider the outcomes of all these projects on one small community in North Wales. So that's are the only points that I had raised this morning for you. But also, we are working with the Moana project to ensure the benefits to North Wales as much as we can.

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Thank you.

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Thank you very much, Mr. Cressey. And, um. I've understood your points there about, um, uh, offshore transmission network review and, um, the ability or limited ability to coordinate for these

projects and therefore, um, the implications of that for local communities. That is something we'll ask the applicant to briefly come back on when we hear from them at the end of this session.

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Um, is there anything else you wanted to raise while we have you today?

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Um, I was oh, sorry. I need them on. I'm.

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Just going to. Maybe for Mr.. Miss Susie. Um.

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My my planning aid.

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Wales on the Mid Wales access in Wales, and maybe it would be possible to put some in contact with planning at Wales if they need some extra help for going through the documents. Well, the numbers of documents that that are available. So if I can help in trying to make that connection, then I'd be very grateful to be able to do that for the community.

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thank.

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You.

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That's a very helpful suggestion, Miss Cressy, and I'm hoping that Mr. and Mrs. Hussey understood that which was about Planning Aid Wales. I'm not sure if it's something you've already explored, but, um, now again, it's, um, it's a helpful organisation. Um, in, in these kind of situations. I'm just going to ask Mr. Rowlands if there's anything else. No. Okay. And anything from any of my other panel members. Now, in that case, I'm going to hand back to Mr. Corsi. Thank you, Mr. Cressy.

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Thank you. Uh, we've had confirmation that Miss Staples doesn't wish to contribute today. So that concludes the contributions, um, from the members of the public with the applicant. Like to briefly respond this morning to any of the points that they've heard. Miss Dunn, Mr. Carter.

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Uh, les Dan, on behalf of the applicant, firstly, I'd like to, um, thank um, Councillor Barlow and Margaret Hosie for speaking today. I appreciate it's not an easy thing to do and, um, they both spoke very well and very eloquently and very passionately about, um, obviously what? Um, uh, the, the, the

project, um, from the applicant's perspective. Um, there are a number of matters, um, and, and, um, Miss Cressey made reference to the offshore transmission network review by National Grid that was undertaken, which identified a body within as the point of connection for the Moana project.

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Um, and those elements of the process are outside of the applicant's control. What the applicant has done is sought to, um, undertake a, as we've heard over the last few days, a detailed site selection process weighing in the balance, all the effects of the scheme, um, through construction and into operation and to seek to minimise those as far as possible with the constraints that it is under in terms of the delivery of the project, um, and the requirement to deliver an efficient and an economic system so that that's what the applicant has sought to do.

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Um, the applicant recognizes that that means there will be impacts. Um, and, um, this process is about ensuring that those impacts are, are managed and controlled and mitigated as far as possible within the context of the development that the applicant is bringing forward.

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Uh, just one further thing. Um, throughout the process so far, the applicant has been very happy to, um, provide copies of documents to support with documents to have those conversations. So if it continues to be helpful, the applicant is happy to continue to do that.

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Thank you, Miss Dunn.

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If that concludes the contributions, I'll hand over to Mrs. Jones to take us to the end of the meeting. Thank you.

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Uh. Thank you. Uh, Mr.. Costa? Yes. We'll just move to the close of this, uh, open floor hearing. Uh, before we go, I would just like to say thank you to everybody for all of their contributions. Uh, not only this morning, but, uh, for the rest of the week. We have found it extremely helpful. And we will consider all all submissions very carefully. Uh, in particular, thank you to, uh, Mr. Hussey and Councilor Barlow. I know you've you've been with us the majority of the week and also to, uh, Mr. Vice and Mr.

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Neil who have sat throughout as well. Uh, before we close, I'd also just like to say thank you to our case team, in particular, Jake and Melbourne, who have managed the event in person this week for us, as well as our colleagues who've helped us from afar virtually. And also thank you to the audio team who have kept the sound going for us in the room and also kept our live stream running in the background.

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The time is now 1009 and open floor. Hearing one for the Moana Offshore Wind Farm project is now closed. Safe travels home everybody, and have a lovely weekend. Thank you. Dialogue.