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DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Preliminary Meeting – 23rd July 2024

Agenda Item 4 - Draft Examination Timetable (Annex D to the Rule 6 letter)

Darlington Borough Council would like to request an amendment to the dates in the draft timetable set aside for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) and Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) which are scheduled for week commencing 2nd September 2024.

The Council's appointed Landscape Consultant is on holiday for the first two weeks of September. Should the ExA decide that landscape and visual impact matters are to be the subject of an ISH during that time this would present the Council with some difficulties in being able to participate in the hearing. The Council would therefore like to request that the dates for these are rescheduled to week commencing 16th September 2024.

Alternatively, if this is not possible, could landscape matters be discussed during the second scheduled week for such hearings due to be held week commencing 25th November 2024?

I can confirm that none of the other dates set out in the draft examination timetable present an issue to Darlington Borough Council.

Agenda Item 5 – Accompanied Site Inspection (Annex H, point 5)

Darlington Borough Council does not wish to make any suggestions for further site inspection locations in addition to those that were visited by the ExA during their initial site inspections held 4th and 5th June 2024.