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To: All Interested Parties

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Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 8(3), Rule 9, Rule 13 and Rule 16

Application by Enso Green Holdings D Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Helios Renewable Energy Project

Notice of variation to the Examination Timetable

I write to provide notification that the Examining Authority (ExA) has made a Procedural Decision to vary the Examination Timetable in relation to the publication of and deadline for responses to the first written questions (ExQ1). The variation is set out in **Annex A**. The variation is made following unforeseen issues with the preparation and publication of ExQ1 on the originally anticipated date. To provide certainty for parties, the ExA has decided to cancel the publication. Matters identified for questioning will be addressed orally in forthcoming hearings or in the subsequent round of written questions.

Notification of Hearings

The Examination Timetable at Annex A of the Examining Authority's (ExA) [Rule 8 letter](#), dated 11 December 2024, included reserved dates for Hearings.

I am now writing to advise you that the following Hearings will be held under Sections 91 and 93 of the Planning Act 2008. The Hearings will be Blended Events, with participants attending either in person or virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Hearing	Date	Start time	Location
Open Floor Hearing 2	Monday 10 March 2025	Registration and seating available from: 4.45pm Virtual Registration Process from: 4.45pm Event start: 5.15pm	The Parsonage Hotel and Spa, Escrick, York, North Yorkshire, YO19 6LF and

Hearing	Date	Start time	Location
			By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
Issue Specific Hearing 2 on socio-economic, and environmental matters, landscape and visual effect, safety matters including those related to the operation of Burn Gliding Club and the proposed Battery Energy Storage System. As appropriate the cumulative effect of the Proposed Development and matters relating to the draft Development Consent Order (and the associated control documents) will be explored.	Tuesday 11 & Wednesday 12 March 2025	<u>Tuesday</u> Registration and seating available from: 1pm Virtual Registration Process from: 1pm Event start: 1.30pm <u>Wednesday</u> Registration and seating available from: 9.30am Virtual Registration Process from: 9.30am Event start: 10.00am	The Parsonage Hotel and Spa, Escrick, York, North Yorkshire, YO19 6LF and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
<p>NOTE: If any of the above Hearings are no longer required then notification will be published as soon as practicable on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website, providing reasonable notice to Interested Parties of the decision to cancel.</p>			

Applicant's notification duties

The Applicant is reminded of its duty to notify and publicise hearings under Rule 13(6) and 13(7) of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

Purpose of Hearings

Please refer to the Planning Inspectorate's Advice for members of the public: [The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say](#) for information about the purpose of Open Floor, Issue Specific and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings.

Registration and requests to participate in Hearings

Please register using the [Event Participation Form](#) by 3 March 2025 if you intend to participate in the Hearings and provide all the information requested. If you have any difficulty completing the form please contact the Case Team.

Please note that by attending the event either in person or online you are agreeing to be filmed for the purposes of the online live stream of the event and the recording of the event which will get published on the [project webpage](#). A limited number of seats will be available for observers who wish not to be filmed at the event. Please contact the case team to notify them if you prefer not to be filmed at the event. A transcript of the event will also be published on the [project webpage](#) after the event.

Any request to participate in a Hearing should include the following information:

- name and unique reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate);
- email address (if available) and contact telephone number;
- name and unique reference number of any person/organisation that you are representing (if applicable);
- for blended events, confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in-person;
- confirmation of the Hearing(s) you wish to participate in, the agenda item(s) on which you wish to speak and/or brief details of the topic(s) that you would like to raise; and
- the Examination Library reference number (with paragraph/page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to.

Joining instructions for Hearings will be issued by the Case Team via email shortly before the Hearing dates.

Please contact the Case Team if you require any support or assistance to attend any Hearing, either virtually or in person.

If you simply wish to observe any of the Hearings then you can either:

1. Watch a livestream of the event - a link to the livestream will be made available on the project webpage shortly before the event is scheduled to begin; and/or
2. Watch the recording of the event which will be published on the project webpage shortly after the event has finished.

Alternatively, you can attend the physical event at the venue to observe the proceedings; however, to ensure there is adequate seating capacity at the venue we request that you register your attendance to observe only by **3 March 2025** using the [Event Participation](#)

[Form](#). Please note that it may not be possible to participate on the day if you have not registered your wish to speak by **3 March 2025**.

Attendees

I would find it helpful if the following parties could attend:

- Applicant (to include relevant representatives with expertise in the matters set out in the notification above);
- North Yorkshire Council (to include relevant representatives with expertise in the matters set out in the notification above);
- Environment Agency;
- Natural England;
- North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service; and
- Representatives from Burn Gliding Club

Hearing Agendas

The Agendas and any detailed arrangements for the Hearings will be published on the [project webpage](#) at least five working days before the Hearings. However, the actual Agenda on the day of each Hearing may be subject to change at my discretion. There may not be an Agenda for the Open Floor Hearing.

Procedure at Hearings and Post Hearing submissions

The procedure to be followed at Hearings is set out in The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

Participation in a Hearing will be subject to the ExA's powers of control. It is for the ExA to determine how the Hearing will be conducted, including the time allowed at the Hearing for the making of a person's representations. The Hearing will be managed in the interests of ensuring fair access to the Hearing for all parties, and to ensure that the submissions of all invited persons are fully heard within the allotted time. For Issue Specific Hearings Interested Parties (IPs) may be invited to make oral representations at the Hearing on the specific issues being examined at the Hearing as set out in the Agenda.

All Hearings are recorded. The recordings and transcripts will be made available on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable following the Hearing. The recordings allow any member of the public who is interested in the application and the Examination to find out what has been discussed at a Hearing. It is therefore important to note that anyone speaking at the Hearing will need to introduce themselves, including any organisation or groups that they represent, **each time they speak** to ensure that someone listening to the recording after the Hearing is clear who was speaking.

As the recordings are retained and published, they form a public record that can contain personal information to which the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) applies. Please refer to our [Privacy Notice](#) for further information. Participants must do their best to avoid making public any information which they would otherwise wish to be kept private and confidential. If there is a need to refer to such information, it should be in written form. Although this will also be published, personal and private content can be redacted or removed before it is made publicly available. Any person who is unclear on this point

should ask the Case Team for guidance before they place personal and private information into the public domain. The Planning Inspectorate’s practice is to publish the recordings and transcripts and retain them for a period of five years from the Secretary of State’s decision on the Development Consent Order (DCO). If you actively participate in the Hearing, it is important that you understand that you will be recorded and that the recording and transcript will be made available in the public domain.

The evidence presented orally at Hearings should be included in post Hearing submissions and submitted at the relevant deadline in the [Examination timetable](#).

Notification of Accompanied Site Inspection

I write to advise you that an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) will be held under Rule 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 on the following date:

Event	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)	Tuesday 11 March 2025	Meeting time for safety briefing from the Applicant, Burn Gliding Club and introduction by the ExA: 9:30 am Finish time at 11:00am	Car Park at Burn Gliding Club, The Airfield, Park Lane, Burn, North Yorkshire YO8 8LW

Please note that the Examining Authority’s (ExA) inspection of sites is **not** an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence. It is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from, the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

Joining the ASI

If you wish to attend the ASI please register to attend using the [Event Participation Form](#) by **3 March 2025**, providing telephone contact details (preferably mobile telephone) so that we can contact you should the ASI run late or need to be cancelled with minimal notice.

Participants are asked to assemble promptly as the ExA will not wait for parties who are not present at the start time.

Clothing

The inspection is likely to include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather and sturdy footwear. At times during the ASI it may be necessary to wear a high visibility vest or coat. Attendees who have their own high visibility vest or jacket should bring it with them. For anyone who does not have either a high visibility vest or coat, the Applicant will provide a vest for use during the course of the ASI.

Sites on private land

Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it; occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances, the ExA will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait outside.

Refreshments

Please note refreshments will not be provided.

Cancellations

Please note that in the unlikely event that the ASI is cancelled I shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand, but we ask that you regularly check the [project webpage](#).

Further information about Site Inspections can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice for members of the public: [The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say](#).

The final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the [project webpage](#) approximately one week in advance.

If you have any queries about the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the Case Team heliosrenewableenergy@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

Ken Taylor

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Examining Authority

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Original timetable

Item	Matters	Date
10.	Publication by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ExA's First Written Questions (ExQ1) 	Thursday 6 February 2025
11.	Deadline 4 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responses to the ExA's First Written Questions (ExQ1). Comments on any information requested/submissions received by Deadline 3. The Applicant's updated documents (see Annex F, section 6 to the Rule 6 Letter [PD-001]). Updated PADs where any substantive changes have been made. Any further information requested by ExA. Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules. 	Wednesday 26 February 2025

Varied timetable

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10.	Publication by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ExA's First Written Questions (ExQ1) 	Monday 10 February 2025
11.	Deadline 4 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on any information requested/submissions received by Deadline 3. The Applicant's updated documents (see Annex F, section 6 to the Rule 6 Letter [PD-001]). Updated PADs where any substantive changes have been made. Any further information requested by ExA. Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules. 	Wednesday 26 February 2025