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Your ref:

Our ref: EN020002

Date: 6 October 2023

Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rules 13 and 16

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc for an Order granting Development Consent for the Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement

Notification of Hearings and an Accompanied Site Inspection

This is a formal notification of an Accompanied Site Inspection and the following Hearings that will be held under Rule 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended). The Hearings will be blended events, so participants can attend in person at the Stoke by Nayland Resort, or virtually through Microsoft Teams.

Date	Event	Time	Venue and joining details
Tuesday 7 November 2023	Accompanied Site Inspection	10am	Full joining instructions will be provided in advance to those who pre-registered by Deadline 1 in the Examination Timetable.
Wednesday 8 November 2023	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1	10am	Blended event at the Stoke by Nayland Resort, Keepers Lane, Leavenheath, Colchester, Essex, CO6 4PZ. (Free, on-site day parking.) Virtually using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.
Wednesday 8 November 2023	Issue Specific Hearing 2 into the draft Development Consent Order	2pm	Blended event at the Stoke by Nayland Resort, Keepers Lane, Leavenheath, Colchester, Essex, CO6 4PZ. (Free, on-site day parking.) Virtually using Microsoft Teams

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Thursday 9 November 2023	Issue Specific Hearing 3 into transport and rights of way	10am	Blended event at the Stoke by Nayland Resort, Keepers Lane, Leavenheath, Colchester, Essex, CO6 4PZ. (Free, on-site day parking.) Virtually using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.
Thursday 9 November 2023	Issue Specific Hearing 4 into various environmental matters, including biodiversity, the historic environment, landscape and views, and the water environment.	1.30pm	Blended event at the Stoke by Nayland Resort, Keepers Lane, Leavenheath, Colchester, Essex, CO6 4PZ. (Free, on-site day parking.) Virtually using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.

If you intend to participate in a Hearing, you must register with the Case Team by Tuesday 17 October 2023 and provide the following information:

- Your name and unique reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate).
- Your email address (if available) and contact telephone number.
- The name and unique reference number of any person or organisation that you are representing (if applicable).
- Confirmation of the Hearing(s) you wish to participate in and brief details of the matter(s) you wish to raise. You may speak on any matter that you included in your Relevant Representation or your Written Representation (due at Deadline 2).
- The [Examination Library](#) reference number (with paragraph or page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to.
- Confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in-person.
- Any special requirements you may have (for example, disabled access or hearing loop).

If you simply wish to observe a Hearing, you do not need to register as you will be able to attend the event to observe the proceedings, watch a livestream of the event (a link will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before the event is scheduled to begin), or watch the recording of the event (which will be published on the [project webpage](#) shortly after the event has finished).

If a Hearing is no longer required, notification will be published as soon as practicable on the [project webpage](#), providing reasonable notice of the decision to cancel.

Hearing agendas

The ExA aims to publish a detailed agenda for Issue Specific Hearings and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings on the [project webpage](#) at least five working days in advance of the date. However, the agenda on the day is subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

Procedure

The Examination is principally a written process ([Advice Note 8.4: The Examination](#)), supplemented as necessary by various types of Hearings. Please refer to the [Advice Note 8.5: Hearings and site inspections](#) and [Advice Note 8.6: Virtual Examination events](#), which provide important information about Hearing procedures.

The procedure for Hearings is set out in Rule 14 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. The ExA is responsible for questioning the person giving evidence and the process affords very limited scope to allow cross-questioning between parties.

Seating will be available at the venue 30 minutes prior to the start. The Hearing will finish when the ExA considers that all participants have had their say and all matters have been covered. Depending on the numbers wishing to speak, it may be necessary for the ExA to limit the time allocated to each speaker.

Livestream and recording

A link to a livestream will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before a Hearing is due to open. The livestream is available to anybody who wishes to observe in real time.

All Hearings are recorded, and the recordings will be made available on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable after the close of 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. Please read the Planning Inspectorate's [Privacy Notice](#).

Future Hearings

Time is reserved in the Examination Timetable for further Hearings in December, but these may or may not be necessary, and you should not rely on them being held.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Mahon

Lead Member of the Examining Authority