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To Interested Parties

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN020017

Date: 11 October 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended)**

### **Application by National Grid for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Richborough Connection Project**

#### **Notification of issue specific hearing**

Further to the procedural decision and examination timetable enclosed with my letter dated 16 June 2016, I write to advise you of the date, time and place of a further issue specific hearing (ISH).

#### ***Notification of the date, time and place of issue specific hearing***

The date, time and place of the ISH are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Hearing</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>Wednesday 9 November 2016</b> (continuing on <b>Thursday 10 November 2016</b> if required)  <b>9.30am arrival</b> <b>10.00am start</b>	<b>Third Issue Specific Hearing on the draft DCO, and other matters</b> including the effect of the Application on the Broad Oak Reservoir proposal	<b>Canterbury Cathedral Lodge</b> Clagett Auditorium The Precincts Canterbury Kent. CT1 2EH

Please note there will be no Open Floor Hearings, Compulsory Acquisition Hearings or Accompanied Site Inspection held on 9 and 10 November 2016.

To assist with the organisation and procedure at the hearing, Interested Parties who wish to speak at the hearing should notify Chris White, Case Manager, via the details at the top of this letter by **Monday 31 October 2016**. Where several people or

organisations wish to make the same point at the hearing, they are encouraged to identify a representative who can speak on their behalf.

Oral submissions should be based on representations previously made in writing by the particular participant or arising directly from the matters raised by each Interested Party or the Examining Authority (ExA) questioning. However, representations made at the hearing should not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission or earlier hearings. Rather they should draw attention to those submissions in summary form and provide further detail, explanation and evidential corroboration to help inform the ExA.

#### *Written summaries*

Participants should note that there are deadlines in the examination timetable for the submission of written summaries of oral evidence and any other requested information after each set of hearings to assist with the management of documentation.

#### *Agenda for the hearing*

Given the broad nature of the issue specific hearing and to assist all parties in their preparation, it is the ExA's intention to publish an outline agenda on Monday 24 October 2016. The ExA will also publish a supplementary annex containing more detail approximately 5 working days in advance of the hearing date. The actual agenda on the day of the hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the case team.

Yours faithfully

*Frances Fernandes*

**Frances Fernandes**  
**Lead member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors**

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the National Infrastructure Planning website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.