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Date: 28 November 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the Infrastructure Planning
(Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended)**

**Application by RWE npower for an Order Granting Development Consent for
the Willington C Gas Pipeline**

Notice of Preliminary Meeting and availability of relevant representations

I write to you following my appointment by the Secretary of State as the Examining Authority for this application for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

This letter is an invitation to the Preliminary Meeting to discuss the examination procedure and contains a number of supporting annexes. You have been sent this letter either because you are an interested party, a statutory party or a local authority with the right to participate in the examination. Your unique reference number is provided at the head of this letter. All relevant representations submitted are available for you to access on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website or to inspect at various locations. The details of where and when the representations and application documents can be inspected are provided in Annex A to this letter. I would like to thank those of you who submitted relevant representations. These representations have assisted me when preparing my proposals for how to examine this application.

Date of meeting: Friday, 10 January 2014

Registration begins: 9.30am

Meeting begins: 10.00am

**Venue: The Dove Room, East Staffordshire Borough Council,
Town Hall, King Edward place, Burton upon Trent,
Staffordshire DE14 2EB**

Access and parking: Close to the A38, A511, A50, A444 ,a few minutes walk from Burton-On- Trent Railway Station. There are limited Car Parking spaces available.

The purpose of the Preliminary Meeting is to enable views to be put to me about the way in which the application is to be examined. It is important to appreciate that this meeting deals only with procedure, and not the merits of the application. The merits of the application will only be considered once the examination starts after the Preliminary Meeting has closed. Further information is given in Advice Note 8.4, which is available on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website at:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

I wish to run a fair, efficient and effective meeting so that all relevant views can be heard. As such, I strongly encourage groups of individuals who have similar views on the procedure to choose one representative to speak for the group.

The agenda for the meeting is in Annex B. This has been set following my initial assessment of the principal issues arising on the application. That assessment is set out in Annex C. As a result of this assessment I wish to hear at the meeting from the applicant, interested parties, statutory parties and local authorities where they consider changes may be needed from the draft examination timetable set out in Annex D.

Attending the Preliminary Meeting

If you wish to attend the Preliminary Meeting please write, email or telephone the Planning Inspectorate, using the address and contact details set out at the front of this letter marking correspondence for the attention of Jackie Anderson, Case Manager. We need to receive your confirmation **by 5pm on Friday 3 January 2014**. Please also refer to Annex A for administrative arrangements for this meeting.

It will help the management of the meeting and benefit everyone if you also:

- Tell us whether you wish to speak at the meeting and on which agenda items, listing points you wish to make; and
- Bring this letter with you as proof of your identity and unique reference number

Please note that you are **not** required to attend the Preliminary Meeting in order to participate in the examination. If you are an interested party you will still be able to make written representations and participate in any hearings that are arranged. Should you no longer wish to be an interested party and do not wish to be involved in the examination process, you can notify us of this in writing.

After the Preliminary Meeting

Shortly after the end of the Preliminary Meeting you will be sent a letter setting out the timetable for the examination representing my procedural decision as to how the application will be examined. The audio recording of the meeting will also be published on our website.

The examination of the application will primarily be a consideration of written representations about the application, along with any oral representations made at the hearings. All relevant and important matters will be taken into account when I make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, who will take the final decision in this case.

Award of costs

I also draw your attention to the possibility of the award of costs against interested parties who behave unreasonably. You should be aware of the relevant cost guidance that applies to National Infrastructure projects. The "Awards of costs; examinations of applications for development consent orders" is available on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/guidance/>

I look forward to working with all parties in the examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Roscoe

Stephen Roscoe
Examining Authority

Annexes

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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 Planning Inspectorate 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.

Administrative arrangements for the Preliminary Meeting

On arrival at the venue you will be asked to register your name and any unique reference number with staff of the Planning Inspectorate. Priority will be given to the applicant and those registered as interested parties, statutory parties, local authorities and invited persons before seating is allocated to other members of the public. The Examining Authority may exercise its discretion to permit any person, in addition to those who are entitled to take part, to participate in the meeting.

If you wish to make any submissions on matters not set out in the agenda, please write to Jackie Anderson, Case Manager, setting out the submissions that you wish to make **by 5pm Monday 16 December 2013**. I will attempt to accommodate reasonable requests and will alter the agenda on opening the Preliminary Meeting if I consider this will assist the discussion of the procedure for the examination.

A note will be taken of the Preliminary Meeting. This will be published on our website and made available at the locations listed in Annex E as soon as practicable after the meeting. Please note that an audio recording of the meeting will also be taken and made available on the website as soon as practicable after the meeting.

The Planning Inspectorate will send you a copy of the procedural decision as to how the application is to be examined as soon as practicable after the meeting.

Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting

Date: Friday, 10 January 2014

Registration: 9:30 am

Meeting Start Time: 10:00 am

Venue: The Dove Room, East Staffordshire Borough Council,
Town Hall, King Edward place, Burton upon Trent,
Staffordshire DE14 2EB

9:30	Registration
10:00	Welcome and Introductions
10:10	Examining Authority's remarks about the examination process
10:30	Initial assessment and principal issues
10:40	Draft timetable for the examination – see Annex D
	<p>Deadlines for submission of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All written representations • Local Impact Reports • Responses to ExA's written questions • Notifications relating to hearings • Statements of Common Ground • Mitigation and statutory undertaker schedules • Updated Statement of Reasons Appendix • Option confirmations • Notifications from statutory parties
11:30	Break
11:45	<p>Hearings and accompanied site visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates of issue specific hearings on draft Development Consent Order • Dates reserved for compulsory acquisition hearings • Dates reserved for other issue specific hearings

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date reserved for open floor hearing • Submissions following hearings • Date reserved for accompanied site visit to application site and surrounding area
12:30	Close of the Preliminary Meeting

Please note: The timings above are only indicative; please register and be available from the start and throughout the meeting. If the discussion takes less time than anticipated, the ExA will conclude the meeting as soon as all relevant contributions have been made. If there are any additional matters to be dealt with or submissions take a considerable amount of time, the meeting may run for longer and the order of items may change.

Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

This is the initial assessment of the principal issues arising from consideration by the Examining Authority (ExA) of the application documents and relevant representations received concerning the Wellington C Gas Pipeline.

It is not a comprehensive or exclusive list of all relevant matters; regard will be had to all important and relevant matters in reaching a recommendation after the examination is concluded.

Initial Assessment completed on: 29 October 2013

The identified principal issues are set out under headings organised in alphabetical order, as follows:

1. Air Quality and Emissions

Matters include but are not limited to:

- i) the effect on air quality from construction and transportation, including the cumulative effect of pipeline and Wellington C Power Station construction.

2. Biodiversity, Biological Environment and Ecology

Matters include but are not limited to:

- i) any effect on European sites and protected species, or on any site to which the same protection is applied as a matter of policy, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects including Wellington C Power Station construction;
- ii) any loss of, or change to, habitats and species of principal importance for the conservation of biodiversity, including wildlife sites that would form linear features across the pipeline corridor, the timing of construction and seasonal effects; and
- iii) the adequacy of the baseline assessment, the assessment of likely significant effects and any proposed monitoring regime and mitigation or compensation measures.

3. River Change

Matters include but are not limited to:

- i) any effect on watercourse channel and bank erosion and also deposition (affecting flood defence structures, ecology and recreation).

4. Compulsory Acquisition and Related Matters

Matters include but are not limited to:

- i) justification for the compulsory acquisition of land and rights, and whether there is a compelling case for compulsory acquisition in the public interest;
- ii) resource implications and, in particular, the availability and certainty of funding for the project, blight and hardship matters and compensation;
- iii) the exploration of alternatives in relation to individual plots and specific sites together with the avoidance of compulsory acquisition; and
- iv) statutory undertaker land, rights and apparatus, including any detriment to the carrying on of an undertaking and the need for replacement rights in that context.

5. Design, Landscape and Visual Impact

Matters include but are not limited to:

- i) the demonstration of good design in terms of siting of the Yoxall Above Ground Installation and temporary works compounds in relation to landscape, local context and setting; and
- ii) the loss of, and change to, existing tree and vegetation cover and watercourses, the duration of impact and the delivery mechanisms and timescales for mitigation.

6. Flood Risk and Climate Change

Matters include but are not limited to:

- i) consequential impacts and the mitigation and management of any flood risk during construction, with particular reference to the River Dove, Egginton Brook and their tributaries; and
- ii) potential impact of settlement on flood defence assets and their integrity, including the impact of climate change.

7. Historic Environment

Matters include but are not limited to:

- i) the effect on the significance of buildings, structures, archaeological remains and palaeo-environmental remains identified as heritage assets and also their settings;
- ii) the effect of settlement on heritage assets; and
- iii) the measures to protect heritage assets which are as yet undiscovered.

8. Land Use and Safety

Matters include but are not limited to:

- i) the adequacy of excavation and reinstatement measures, including those to restore land fertility for agriculture and land drainage and also to cross any areas of contaminated land;
- ii) the effect of the proposal and its associated zones for HSE land use planning advice on future development; and
- iii) the effect of mine workings on the stability of the proposed pipeline and the relationship of the proposal with actual, planned and former mineral extraction and mining areas.

9. Noise, Disturbance and Vibration

Matters include but are not limited to:

- i) the effect of noise and vibration on residential amenity and other sensitive receptors, including from construction, transportation during construction and the cumulative impact of pipeline and the Willington C Power Station construction.

10. Rationale for the Selection of the Route, Worksites and Pipelaying Strategies

Matters include but are not limited to:

- i) detail of the route, work sites, pipelaying strategies for different locations, designs, layouts, construction programmes and operational processes together with their selection, including alternative pipelaying strategies should horizontal directional drilling fail at a particular location.

11. Socio-Economic Effects

Matters include but are not limited to:

- i) contribution towards the need for energy infrastructure and security of supply;

- ii) local employment;
- iii) the effect on local services including businesses and tourism;
- iv) the effect on the community including health, wellbeing, community cohesion, amenity and the use and enjoyment of open space; and
- v) the cumulative socio-economic effect of pipeline and Willington C Power Station construction.

12. Traffic, Travel and Transportation

Matters include but are not limited to:

- i) the effect on existing transport networks (highway, rail, footpath and cycleway) in terms of traffic routing and management, highway safety and physical impacts; and
- ii) the effect of settlement on highway, rail, footpath, cycleway and canal routes.

13. Water Quality and Resources

Matters include but are not limited to:

- i) the effect of the proposal on water quality, particularly discharges during construction and testing and also methods for crossing watercourses; and
- ii) the relationship with the river basin and water resources management plans and the requirements of the Water Framework Directive.

Please note:

Policy, the draft Development Consent Order (DCO), overall consenting requirements in addition to the DCO and documentation are an integral part of the examination and are therefore not set out as principal issues. However, it should be noted that the ExA will expect to deal with the need for requirements, protective provisions and other undertakings to secure any necessary mitigation set out in the application documents and Environmental Statement, and arising from any matters identified during the examination. In addition, it should be noted that a number of these principal issues have an interrelationship and overlap, and this will be reflected in the examination.

Draft timetable for examination of the application

The Examining Authority's (ExA) examination of the application takes the form of consideration of written representations about the application. The ExA will also consider any oral representations made at the hearings. The ExA is under a duty to **complete** the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

Item	Matters	Due Dates
1.	Preliminary Meeting	Friday 10 January 2014
2.	Issue by ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination timetable • ExA's first written questions • Request for Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) – see Annex G • Request for mitigation and statutory undertaker schedules – see Annex G • Request for updated Statement of Reasons Appendix – see Annex G • Request for option confirmations from each relevant affected party– see Annex G • Request for draft matrices summarising the effects on European sites as requested in annex G 	Monday 20 January 2014
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note of preliminary meeting 	As soon as practicable following the preliminary meeting
4.	Deadline 1 Deadline for receipt of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs) • Summaries for all Relevant Representations exceeding 1500 words • Written Representations (WR) by all interested parties. All parties should submit 	Wednesday 12 February 2014

their full written case and supporting evidence at this stage, as any representations to be heard at a hearing should be based on a relevant or written representations

- Summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words
- Local Impact Reports (LIRs) from any local authorities
- Responses to ExA's first written questions
- Notification of wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing
- Notification of wish to make oral representations at the first Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order (DCO)
- Notification of wish to make oral representations at any other Issue Specific Hearing
- Notification of wish to speak at an Open Floor Hearing
- Representations relating to locations to view at the site or in the surrounding area which are considered to be relevant for the ExA during the accompanied site visit (ASV) to better understand representations made or to see land and interests where there is no other opportunity to gain public access. The ExA has already undertaken unaccompanied site visits to the extent practicable from public locations
- The applicants draft matrices summarising the effects on European sites as requested in annex G
- Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) as requested in annex G
- Mitigation and statutory undertaker schedules as requested in annex G
- Updated Statement of Reasons Appendix as requested in annex G
- Option confirmations from each relevant affected party as requested in annex G

5.	<p>Issue by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification of the date, time and place for Issue Specific Hearings and Open Floor Hearings and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings 	Friday 14 February 2014
6.	<p>Deadline 2</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on WRs Responses to comments on RRs Comments on LIRs Comments on responses to ExA's first written questions Comments on applicants draft matrices summarising the effects on European sites Comments on the mitigation and statutory undertaker schedules, Comments Updated Statement of Reasons Appendix Comments on option confirmations from each relevant affected party 	Wednesday 5 March 2014
7.	<p>Time reserved for Issue Specific Hearings relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft Development Consent Order 	Tuesday 11 March 2014
8.	<p>Time reserved for Compulsory Acquisition Hearings including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The tests of Section 127 of the Planning Act 2008 	Wednesday 12 March 2014 Thursday 13 March 2014
9.	<p>Details of date time and place of ExA's inspection of a site to which the application/specific matters relate in the company of Interested Parties</p>	Monday 7 April 2014
10.	<p>Time reserved for Issue Specific Hearings relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity and landscape impacts together with mitigation measures to 	Wednesday 9 April

	<p>protect ecology and the landscape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pipeline construction options at crossings of main rivers, watercourses and transport corridors • Construction, operation, maintenance and future diversion of the pipeline connection between the gas National Transmission Network and the Yoxall Above-Ground Installation 	
11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time reserved for Open Floor Hearings 	Thursday 10 April
12.	<p>Deadline 3</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post hearing documents including any written summary of an oral case put at any hearing and any documents/amendments requested by the ExA 	Wednesday 16 April 2014
13.	<p>Issue by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second written questions • Request for updated SoCG 	Thursday 24 April 2014
14.	<p>Time reserved for accompanied site visit (if required)</p>	Tuesday 29 April 2013
15.	<p>Time reserved for Compulsory Acquisition Hearings</p>	Wednesday 30 April 2013
16.	<p>Time reserved for Issue Specific Hearings relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity and landscape impacts together with mitigation measures to protect ecology and the landscape • Pipeline construction options at crossings of main rivers, watercourses and transport corridors • Construction, operation, maintenance and future diversion of the pipeline connection between the gas National Transmission Network and the Yoxall Above-Ground Installation 	Thursday 1 May 2013
17.	<p>Deadline 4</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-hearing documents including any written summary of an oral case put at any Hearing 	Monday 12 May 2013

	<p>and any documents/amendments requested by the ExA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to ExA's second written questions • SoCG as requested at item 13 • Applicant revised draft DCO and Book of Reference taking into account of issues raised in all hearings and WRs to date 	
18.	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses to ExA's second written questions. 	Tuesday 20 May 2014
19.	<p>Time reserved for Issue Specific Hearings relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft DCO 	Thursday 22 May 2014
20.	<p>Issue by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final draft DCO 	Wednesday 4 June 2014
21.	<p>Deadline 6</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-hearing documents including any written summary of an oral case put at any hearing and any documents/amendments requested by the ExA • Comments on final draft DCO • Comments on SoCG received at deadline 5 	Thursday 12 June 2014
22.	<p>Deadline 7</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to comments on ExA's revised draft DCO 	Thursday 19 June 2014
23.	<p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.</p>	Thursday 10 July 2014

Availability of relevant representations and application documents

On the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/west-midlands/willington-c-gas-pipeline/>

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at this location

Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 4

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Willington C Gas Pipeline**

Notice of appointment of Examining Authority

On 18 October 2013 a single examining inspector was appointed to hold the examination of the above application under Section 78 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended).

The single examining inspector is:

- Stephen Roscoe

Pauleen Lane

**Dr Pauleen Lane CBE FICE MBA
Group Manager, National Infrastructure
On behalf of the Secretary of State**

Procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority (ExA)

The ExA has made the following procedural decisions under Section 89(3) of the Planning Act 2008:

1. Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)

In relation to some of the principal issues identified in Annex C, and whilst the inclusion of some draft SoCGs in the application is acknowledged, the ExA would be assisted by the preparation of SoCGs between the applicant and certain interested parties. The draft timetable for the examination therefore provides a deadline for submission of SoCGs.

The aim of a SoCG is to agree factual information and to inform the ExA and all other parties by identifying where there is agreement and where the differences lie at an early stage in the examination process. It should provide a focus and save time by identifying matters which are not in dispute or need not be the subject of further evidence. It can also usefully state where and why there may be disagreement about the interpretation and relevance of the information. The reasons for the differences and interpretation of the implications of a difference can then be expanded in the evidence. Unless otherwise stated or agreed, the SoCG should be agreed between the applicant and the other relevant interested party or parties, and submitted by the applicant in accordance with the examination timetable.

Subject to consideration at the Preliminary Meeting but in the interests of providing the maximum notice for their preparation, SoCGs are requested to be prepared by:

- A. the applicant and Derbyshire County Council to include, but not be limited to, the following matters:
 - those set out in the draft SoCG submitted with the application
- B. the applicant and Staffordshire County Council to include, but not be limited to, the following matters:
 - those set out in the draft SoCG submitted with the application
- C. the applicant and South Derbyshire District Council to include, but not be limited to, the following matters:
 - those set out in the draft SoCG submitted with the application
- D. the applicant and East Staffordshire Borough Council to include, but not be limited to, the following matters:
 - those set out in the draft SoCG submitted with the application
- E. the applicant and Natural England to include, but not be limited to, the following matters:
 - those set out in the draft SoCG submitted with the application
 - those not agreed
- F. the applicant and English Heritage to include, but not be limited to, the following matters:
 - those set out in the draft SoCG submitted with the application

- G. the applicant and the Environment Agency to include, but not be limited to, the following matters:
- those set out in the draft SoCG submitted with the application
- H. the applicant and Network Rail to include, but not be limited to, the following matters:
- Findern Lane level crossing
 - B5008 level crossing
 - Burton and Stoke to Derby railway line crossings
 - basic asset protection agreements
 - any private agreement status
 - live railway line crossing methodology approval process
 - protective provisions
- I. the applicant and the Canal and River Trust to include, but not be limited to, the following matters:
- Trent and Mersey Canal crossing
 - any private agreement status
- J. the applicant and the Highways Agency to include, but not be limited to, the following matters:
- A38 highway crossing
 - section 50 licence
- K. the applicant and National Grid (Gas) to include, but not be limited to, the following matters:
- national transmission system connection
 - future pipeline diversion
 - pipeline easements
- L. the applicant and National Grid Electricity Transmission plc to include, but not be limited to, the following matters:
- protective provisions
 - compliance with relevant safety standards
- M. the applicant and the Health and Safety Executive to include, but not be limited to, the following matters:
- safety zones
- N. the applicant and Severn Trent Water to include, but not be limited to, the following matters:
- asset crossing protocol
 - pumping station access
- O. the applicant and South Staffordshire Water plc to include, but not be limited to, the following matters:
- protective provisions

2. Habitats Regulations 2010 (as amended)

The examination must include a process that provides sufficient information to enable the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change to meet his statutory duties as the competent authority under the Habitats Regulations 2010 (as amended) relating to European protected sites. In order to inform the ExA's report and recommendation to the Secretary of State on this application and to provide stand-alone information for the Secretary of State,

the applicant is requested to complete two matrices, to:

- Summarise the likely significant effects for each European protected site assessed, and
- Summarise the implications for the integrity of each European protected site assessed, where a likely significant effect either alone or in combination with other plans and projects has been identified

These two matrices are available to download from the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website (see links to Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of Advice Note 10):

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Advice-note-10-HRA.pdf>

The matrices are requested subject to consideration at the Preliminary Meeting but in the interests of providing the maximum notice for their preparation. They should be provided to the ExA in accordance with the examination timetable. The completed matrices should be provided in Word format on the templates provided.

3. Further information requested

This information is requested subject to consideration at the Preliminary Meeting but in the interests of providing the maximum notice for its preparation.

- A. The applicant is requested to provide a schedule to bring together all mitigation needs, from the Environmental Statement and all application and supporting documentation, to show where and how these needs would be secured in requirements or through other binding and enforceable mechanisms. The schedule should be fully cross referenced and be in a form that can be readily updated on request during the examination. The mitigation schedule should be provided to the ExA in accordance with the examination timetable.
- B. The applicant is requested to provide a schedule to show the status of negotiations with each statutory undertaker having identified rights or apparatus within the Works limits in relation to private agreements and protective provisions and including the crossing, removal or repositioning of the apparatus of the statutory undertaker and the extinguishment or variation of its rights. The schedule should be cross referenced to the Book of Reference and the relevant plots of land and be in a form that can be readily updated on request during the examination. The statutory undertaker schedule should be provided to the ExA in accordance with the examination timetable.
- C. The applicant is requested to provide an updated version of the Appendix to the Statement of Reasons to show the remaining stretches of the pipeline route on which the applicant is continuing to negotiate options. The Appendix should be in a form that can be readily updated on request during the examination. The updated Appendix should be provided to the ExA in accordance with the examination timetable.
- D. The applicant is requested to provide, where options have been obtained, confirmation from each relevant affected party that acquisition is agreed, that compulsory acquisition is unopposed and that no other matters need to be reflected in any way or part in the DCO. The option confirmations should be provided to the ExA in accordance with the examination timetable.



Infrastructure Correspondence FAQ

What is this correspondence about?

The accompanying letter contains information regarding a proposed Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, often abbreviated as an NSIP, within your area. This type of development follows its own planning process with the Examining Authority, appointed to examine the application, being made up of between one and five Planning Inspectors rather than the local planning authority.

Further information on the specifics of the particular application described in the letter's header can be found on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website and hard copy documents available at local document deposit locations.

Why am I receiving correspondence from the Planning Inspectorate?

When NSIP applications are accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate, correspondence is sent out to individuals and organisations classed as 'interested parties' together with statutory parties, and relevant local authorities.

If you have not registered with the Planning Inspectorate by completing a relevant representation form and are unsure why you are receiving our letters, you or your organisation may be automatically an interested party, for example by virtue of having an interest in land directly affected by the scheme, and having been notified of acceptance of the application by the developer.

What further details can you supply regarding affected land?

Details of land plots directly affected by the application are contained within the Book of Reference and shown on the accompanying Land Plans that are submitted with the application, but which may be subsequently amended. Both documents, including any amendments, can be found on the relevant project page of the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website, under the application documents header.

The Planning Inspectorate does not hold any further information, such as customer account numbers or mortgage details, for land plots or affected persons. If you require additional details not contained within the Book of Reference, or in other application documents, you may wish to contact the developer directly.

Do I have to do anything further in connection with this letter?

While we encourage engagement with the examination process, especially from those with an interest in land it directly affects, all participation is entirely optional.

Can I be removed from your mailing list?

Any interested party is able to notify the Examining Authority in writing that they no longer wish to be an interested party, although please consider carefully whether you want to have your interested party status removed. Please also note that anyone with an interest in land directly affected by an application whose interest the developer is seeking to compulsorily acquire will still retain their status as an affected person, and hence, amongst other things, will be able to call for a compulsory acquisition hearing to be held.

What if I have further questions?

The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8 series, which can be found on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website, contains a useful overview of the NSIP process and how to get more fully involved. You can also contact us as shown on your letter via the project's email address or by telephone on the Customer Services number.