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Dear Sir/Madam

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

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

Notification of hearings

I write to advise you of the dates, times and places of forthcoming hearings which will be held during the course of the examination of the above application. Arrangements for the issue specific hearings are set out in Annex A. Please be advised that the Examining Authority will not be holding an open floor hearing under Section 93 of the PA 2008 on 10 April 2014. This is because no formal requests to speak at an Open-floor hearing were received by the Deadline 1 set by the Examining Authority's letter of 20 January 2014.

As set out in the examination timetable annexed to my letter of 20 January 2014, those interested parties, who have not already notified me that they wish to speak at any hearing should notify Mrs Jackie Anderson at the postal or email address above by Deadline 3, Wednesday 5 March 2014. I should be grateful if you would inform us if you plan to attend the hearing even if you do not wish to speak. It would also assist us if you could notify us of any special needs you may have (eg disabled access, hearing loop etc). Please ensure that you include your interested party reference number in your correspondence.

As Wednesday 5 March 2014 is also identified within the examination timetable as the deadline for various submissions it would greatly assist the organisation of the hearing if you could provide the above details separately to any other submission you might make.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Roscoe

Stephen Roscoe
Examining Authority

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.

Dates, times and places for examination hearings

Willington C Gas Pipeline: Open floor hearing

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Willington C Gas Pipeline: Issue specific hearings

Please be advised that the Examining Authority will be holding hearings under Sections 91 and 92 of the PA 2008 on the following dates:

Date	Venue	Time	Notes
Tuesday 11 March 2014	King Edward Room, East Staffordshire Borough Council, Town Hall, King Edward Place, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE14 2EB.	Start 10.00am (doors open at 9.30am)	Issue specific hearing: Relating to the draft Development Consent Order (DCO)
Wednesday 12 March 2014	King Edward Room, East Staffordshire Borough Council, Town Hall, King Edward Place, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE14 2EB.	Start 10.00am (doors open at 9.30am)	Compulsory acquisition hearing: Relating to matters which may include: The tests of section 127 and section 138 of the Planning Act 2008. The applicant has been asked to give a brief presentation to describe the nature of the proposed compulsory acquisition in relation to pipeline construction and operation at this hearing.

<p>Thursday 13 March 2014</p>	<p>King Edward Room, East Staffordshire Borough Council, Town Hall, King Edward Place, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE14 2EB.</p>	<p>Start 10.00am (doors open at 9.30am)</p>	<p>Compulsory acquisition hearing Agenda to be advised.</p>
<p>Wednesday 9 April 2014</p>	<p>King Edward Room, East Staffordshire Borough Council, Town Hall, King Edward Place, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE14 2EB.</p>	<p>Start 10.00am (doors open at 9.30am)</p>	<p>Issue specific hearing: Relating to matters which may include:</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 • Flood risk assessment in the area of Egginton
<p>Wednesday 30 April 2014</p>	<p>King Edward Room, East Staffordshire Borough Council, Town Hall, King Edward Place, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE14 2EB.</p>	<p>Start 10.00am (doors open at 9.30am)</p>	<p>Compulsory acquisition hearing : Agenda to be advised.</p>
<p>Thursday 1 May 2014</p>	<p>King Edward Room, East Staffordshire Borough Council, Town Hall, King Edward Place, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE14 2EB.</p>	<p>Start 10.00am (doors open at 9.30am)</p>	<p>Issue specific hearing: Agenda to be advised</p>

Thursday 22 May 2014	Dove Room, East Staffordshire Borough Council, Town Hall, King Edward Place, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE14 2EB.	Start 10.00am (doors open at 9.30am)	Issue specific hearing Relating to the draft Development Consent Order (DCO)
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If you wish to participate in or observe any of the above issue specific Hearings, please contact the case team by using the email address at the top of this letter by Wednesday 5 March 2014.

Agendas for the hearings will be published on the relevant project page of the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website, approximately two weeks prior to the hearing to which they relate.

The time allocated for each of the hearings has been estimated based on the matters identified for consideration. Should a hearing take less time than anticipated, the Examining Authority may conclude the hearing as soon as all relevant contributions have been made and all questions asked and responded to. Equivalently, if there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at any hearing, there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day, or adjourn the hearing and continue at a subsequent sitting.

Should the Examining Authority decide that any of the issue specific or CA hearings are not needed, Rule 8(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) applies and we will notify the variation to the timetable to all interested parties and any other person who was invited to the Preliminary Meeting by mail or email. Notification of any cancellation will also be published on the Willington pages of the planning portal website.