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To all interested parties

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN060004

Date: 20 October 2015

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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Application by National Grid Gas plc for an Order Granting Development  
Consent for the River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement Project**

**Notification of hearings and notification of cancellation of accompanied site  
inspection and open floor hearing**

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 hearings are set out in Annex A.

Interested parties who wish to speak at one or more of the forthcoming hearings should notify Jackie Anderson at the postal or email address above by **2 November 2015**. Please inform us if you plan to attend the hearing even if you do not wish to speak. If you represent an organisation it is helpful for us to know the name(s) of the person (people) attending. It would also assist us if you could notify us of any special needs you may have (e.g. disabled access, hearing loop etc.). You must ensure that your interested party reference number is included in your correspondence.

As 2 November 2015 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.

**Accompanied Site Inspection and Open Floor Hearing**

Having now reviewed all correspondence submitted at Deadline 2, no nominations have been made that give rise to the need for an accompanied site inspection and no request has been made for an open floor hearing. I therefore do not intend to hold an accompanied site inspection, and no longer intend to schedule an open floor hearing as had been allowed for in the timetable attached to my letter dated 14 September

2015.

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

Yours faithfully

*Jeremy Aston*  
**Examining Authority**

## **Annex A – List of Dates, times and places for examination hearings**

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.

## River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement Project: Dates, times and places for examination hearings

### Accompanied Site Inspection

Please be advised that the Examining Authority will not be holding an accompanied site inspection on the 19 November 2015. This is because no formal requests were received by Deadline 2 set by the Examining Authority's letter of 14 September 2015.

### Open floor hearing

Please be advised that the Examining Authority will not be holding an open floor hearing under Section 93 of the PA 2008 on the 18 November 2015. This is because no formal requests to speak at an open floor hearing were received by Deadline 2 set by the Examining Authority's letter of 14 September 2015.

### Issue-specific, compulsory acquisition hearings

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

Date	Hearing Type	Venue	Time
<b>Tuesday 17 November 2015</b>	Issue-specific hearing relating to the following possible topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction – how the project will be planned and executed and its effects;</li> <li>• Hydro-geology</li> <li>• Flood risk, drainage and consents</li> <li>• Biodiversity, Ecology and Natural Environment impacts</li> <li>• Transportation and Traffic impacts</li> <li>• Noise impacts</li> <li>• Debris, Waste and Contamination impacts</li> <li>• Historic Environment</li> <li>• Navigation</li> <li>• Landscape and Visual Impact</li> <li>• Socio Economic Effects</li> </ul> Any other matter requested by the ExA	Mercure Hull Royal Hotel, 170 Ferensway, East Yorkshire, Hull HU1 3UF	Doors open at 9.00am meeting starts at 9:30 am

<b>Wednesday 18 November 2015</b>	Issue-specific hearing relating to the following possible topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The draft application Development Consent Order (DCO) – a high level review the certified documents and plans</li> <li>• Any other matters relevant to achieve efficient progress of the examination, including any matters not fully discussed in previous days hearing</li> </ul>	Mercure Hull Royal Hotel, 170 Ferensway, East Yorkshire, Hull HU1 3UF	Doors open at 9.00am meeting starts at 9:30 am approx. finish time 1:00pm
<b>Wednesday 18 November 2015</b>	Issue-specific hearing relating to Compulsory acquisition issues	Mercure Hull Royal Hotel, 170 Ferensway, East Yorkshire, Hull HU1 3UF	Doors open at 1.00pm meeting starts at 1:30 pm
<b>Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 January 2016</b>	Issue-specific hearing relating to relating to the Development Consent Order and any other outstanding matters	Mercure Hull Royal Hotel, 170 Ferensway, East Yorkshire, Hull HU1 3UF	Doors open at 9.00am each day, meeting starts at 9:30 am

Should the ExA 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 River Humber page of our website <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/river-humber-gas-pipeline-replacement-project/>

## ISSUE-SPECIFIC HEARINGS

Agendas for the issue-specific hearings will be published on the Planning Portal website: <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/river-humber-gas-pipeline-replacement-project/> by 10 November 2014 and will set out detailed timings, arrangements for each day and the topic/s to be heard on that day. The Examining authority will decide on the topics to be considered at the issue-specific hearings.

Each interested party is entitled to make oral representations at the hearing (subject to the Examining authority's powers of control over the hearings).

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 provides that at hearings it is the Examining authority that will probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questioning of persons making oral representations. Questioning at the hearings therefore will be led by a the Examining Authority.

The time allocated for each of the issue-specific hearings will be 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. Equally, 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.

## **COMPULSORY ACQUISITION HEARING**

In line with the issue-specific hearings, the Examining Authority will be responsible for testing the evidence at the compulsory acquisition hearing, through direct questioning of persons making oral representations. Questioning will be led by the Examining Authority.