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Date: 15 January 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

**The Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and Rule 4 and Rule 6 of the
Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended)**

**Application by Cornwall Council for an Order granting Development Consent
for the A30 Temple to Higher Carblake Improvement**

Notice of Preliminary Meeting and availability of relevant representations

I write 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. I would like to thank those who have submitted relevant representations. These are available to view on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website and this may be done free of charge at the locations detailed in **Annex E**. These representations have assisted me when preparing my proposals for how to examine this application.

Date of meeting: Thursday 6 February 2014

Seating available: 9.30am

Meeting begins: 10.00am

Venue: West Wing
Carew House
Beacon Technology Park
Dunmere Road
Bodmin, PL31 2QN

Access and parking: Free onsite car and cycle parking 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 the day 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 groups.

The agenda for the meeting is in **Annex B**. This has been set following my initial assessment of the principal issues arising from 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 there are unidentified issues or that the issues in **Annex D** could be expressed differently.

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 Richard Price, Case Manager. It would be helpful if we could receive confirmation of your attendance **by 12 noon on Friday 31 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 Preliminary Meeting you will be sent a letter setting out the timetable for the examination. 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 it, along with any oral representations made at any hearings. All relevant and important matters will be taken into account when I make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will take the final decision in this case.

Award of costs

Your attention is drawn 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:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/211459/Awards_of_costs_-_examinations_of_applications_for_development_consent_orders_-_guidance.pdf

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

Yours faithfully

Alan T Gray

**Alan T Gray MRICS DipTP MRTPI
Examining Authority**

Annexes

- A** Administrative arrangements for the Preliminary Meeting
- B** Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting
- C** Initial assessment of principal issues
- D** Draft timetable for examination of the application
- E** Availability of relevant representations and application documents
- F** Notice of appointment of Examining Authority
- G** Procedural decisions made by the 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.

Administrative arrangements for the Preliminary Meeting

On arrival at the venue you will be asked by a member of the Planning Inspectorate staff if you wish to speak at the meeting. If you do wish to speak, you will be asked which agenda items you wish to speak about. Depending on the attendance, priority may have to 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 his 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 Richard Price, Case Manager, setting out the submissions that you wish to make **by 12 noon on Friday 31 January 2014**. 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: Thursday 6 February 2014

Meeting Start Time: 10.00am

Venue: West Wing, Carew House, Beacon Technology Park,
Dunmere Road, Bodmin, PL31 2QN

9.30am	Venue opens and seating available in meeting room
10.00am	Welcome and Introductions
	Examining Authority's (ExA) remarks about the examination process
	Environmental information received in response to s51 advice issued to the applicant on 13 September 2013
	Information to accompany provision within the draft Development Consent Order to compulsorily acquire registered common land
	Draft timetable for the examination of the application – see Annex D
	Deadlines for submission of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All written representations • Local Impact Reports from local authorities • Responses to ExA's written questions • Statements of Common Ground • Notifications relating to hearings
	Hearings and accompanied site visit: <p>Date of accompanied site visit(s) to application site and surrounding area</p> <p>Date of issue specific hearing(s) on draft Development Consent Order</p> <p>Dates reserved for open-floor hearing(s)</p> <p>Time period reserved for issue specific hearing(s)</p> <p>Time period reserved for compulsory acquisition hearing(s)</p>
12.30pm	Close of the Preliminary Meeting

Please note: Please make sure that you are available from the start and throughout the meeting. The ExA will provide comfort breaks where appropriate. 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 order of agenda 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.

It is not a comprehensive or exclusive list of all relevant matters. The ExA will have regard to all important and relevant matters when he writes his recommendation to the Secretary of State after the examination has concluded.

The Application including:

- Adequacy of Consultation
- Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)
- Compulsory Acquisition
- Parallel Consents/Agreements
- Policy Framework

The Environmental Statement including:

- Basis of Assessment
- Consultation
- Cumulative Effects
- Mitigation through the DCO
- Residual Impact Assessment

The Scheme including:

- Construction Implications
- Costings
- Highway Design
- Need/Justification
- Principal & Associated Development
- Traffic Assessment

The Scheme's Impact including:

- Community & Private Asset Implications
- Cumulative Effects
- Cultural Heritage Implications
- Ecology & Nature Conservation Implications
- Environmental Effects
- Landscape & Visual Effects
- Public Rights of Way Effects
- Socio-Economic Implications

| The Overall Balance in the Public Interest

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 oral representations made at any hearings that may be required. 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	6 February 2014
2	Issue by ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examination timetable ExA first written questions 	As soon as practicable following the Preliminary Meeting
3	Deadline I Deadline for receipt by ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments by all interested parties on environmental information received in response to section 51 advice issued to the applicant on 13 September 2013 Request for receipt of written notification by statutory parties of a wish to be considered as an interested party Request for receipt of notification (using the prescribed form¹) by persons with certain categories of interest in the land of wish to become an interested party 	12 noon 26 February 2014
4	Deadline II Deadline for receipt by ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments by interested parties on relevant representations (RRs) Summaries of RR's by interested parties whose RR's exceeded 1500 words Written representations (WRs) by interested parties Summaries of WRs by interested parties whose WRs exceeded 1500 words Local Impact Report(s) from local authorities defined under s56A of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) Statements of Common Ground requested by ExA Responses to ExA's first written questions – these questions will be annexed to the procedural decision 	12 noon 19 March 2014

¹ <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/interested-party-request-form.php?project=TR010014>

	<p>issued to interested parties following the Preliminary Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification by interested parties of wish to speak at a compulsory acquisition hearing • Notification by interested parties of a wish to make oral representations at the issue specific hearing on the draft Development Consent Order • Notification by interested parties of a wish to speak at an open-floor hearing • Notification by interested parties of wish to attend accompanied site inspection on 8 April 2014 	
5	<p>Date reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue specific hearing on the draft Development Consent Order • Site inspection in the company of interested parties 	8 April 2014
6	<p>Deadline III</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments by interested parties on WRs and responses to comments on RRs • Comments by interested parties on Local Impact Reports • Comments by interested parties on responses to ExA's first written questions 	<p>12 noon</p> <p>16 April 2014</p>
7	<p>Deadline IV</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant's revised draft Development Consent Order (if required) 	<p>12 noon</p> <p>23 April 2014</p>
8	<p>Issue by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second written questions (if required) 	30 April 2014
9	<p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any issue specific hearing(s) that may be required • Any open-floor hearing(s) that may be requested • Any compulsory acquisition hearing(s) (including, if required, on issues relating to the acquisition of common land) 	<p>13 May 2014</p> <p>to</p> <p>16 May 2014</p>
10	Deadline V	12 noon

	<p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses by interested parties to ExA's second written questions (if a second round is required) 	28 May 2014
11	<p>Date reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another issue specific hearing on the draft Development Consent Order (if required) • Any further issue specific hearing(s) that may be required 	3 June 2014
12	<p>Deadline VI</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments by interested parties on responses to ExA's second written questions (if required) 	<p>12 noon</p> <p>25 June 2014</p>
13	<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>	6 August 2014

Availability of relevant representations and application documents

Anyone wishing to view documents in relation to the examination of the project, which are regularly updated, can do so via the internet on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/South%20West/A30-Temple-to-Higher-Carblake-Improvement/>

Access to the internet is available at the following locations, where you can access and view the documents free of charge:

Bodmin Library and One Stop Shop

Lower Bore Street
Bodmin
Cornwall
PL31 2JX

Opening hours:	Monday	9.30am – 5.00pm
	Tuesday	9.30am – 6.30pm
	Wednesday	9.30am – 5.00pm
	Thursday	CLOSED
	Friday	9.30am – 5.00pm
	Saturday	10.00am – 1.00pm

Facilities will be available for copying the application documents at a charge of:

1 to 29 sheets - 10p per A4 page; 20p per A3 page
30 plus sheets - 8p per A4 page; 16p per A3 page

Launceston Library and One Stop Shop

Bounsalls Lane
Launceston
PL15 9AB

Opening hours:	Monday	9.30am – 5.00pm
	Tuesday	9.30am – 6.30pm
	Wednesday	9.30am – 5.00pm
	Thursday	CLOSED
	Friday	9.30am – 5.00pm
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Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 4

Application by Cornwall Council for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A30 Temple to Higher Carblake Improvement

Notice of appointment of Examining Authority

On 28 November 2013 a single examining inspector was appointed to hold the examination of the above application under Section 79 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended).

The single examining inspector is:

- Alan T Gray MRICS DipTP MRTPI

Pauleen Lane

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

Procedural Decisions by the Examining Authority (ExA)

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

Section 51 Environmental Information

On 9 January 2014 the applicant provided environmental information in response to advice issued by the Planning Inspectorate on 13 September 2013 under s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended). On 10 January 2014 the ExA accepted this information to be read in conjunction with the forthcoming examination, and on 14 January 2014 it was published to the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a30-temple-to-higher-carblake-improvement/?ipcsection=docs&stage=3&filter=Environmental+Impact+Assessment>

With its emergence and publication in the pre-examination stage of the process; in the draft timetable for the examination (at **Annex D** of this letter) the ExA proposes to implement an early **deadline of 12 noon on 26 February 2014** for its receipt of comments by interested parties on the content of this submission.

Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)

In relation to some of the principal issues identified in **Annex C** of this letter, the ExA would be assisted by the preparation of SoCGs between or among interested parties.

The ExA emphasises the importance of SoCGs being finalised early in the examination process, and will explore with the applicant and relevant interested parties at the Preliminary Meeting the need for and progress of any emerging SoCGs. Relevant interested parties should be aware that the draft timetable for the examination (at **Annex D** of this letter) establishes an early **deadline of 12 noon on 19 March 2014** for the submission of finalised 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.

The ExA's advice is that the SoCGs should cover the following topics where relevant:

- Methodology for environmental impact assessment including assessment of cumulative effects
- Data collection methods
- Baseline data
- Data/statistical analysis, approach to modelling and presentation of results (including forecast methodologies)
- Full expression of expert judgements and assumptions
- Identification and sensitivity of relevant features and quantification of potential impact
- Likely effects (direct and indirect) on special interest features of sites designated or notified for any nature conservation purpose
- Feasible and deliverable mitigation and the means for securing such mitigation through the provisions of the Development Consent Order



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 can be viewed online 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.