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National Highways  
For information – to all Interested Parties

Your Ref:  
Our Ref: TR010032  
Date: 17 November 2023

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Dear Sir/Madam,

## **Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Lower Thames Crossing**

### **The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rules 8(3) and 9**

#### **Procedural Decision<sup>1</sup> 43 Amending the Examination Timetable to Amend Deadlines 9 and 10 and to Introduce an Additional Deadline 9A to Enable Responses to the Applicant's Preferred Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) and Control Documents**

We are writing to inform you of a procedural decision made by the Examining Authority (ExA) to amend the Examination Timetable to introduce an additional Deadline 9A for the receipt of responses to the Applicant's Preferred Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) and Control Documents that are due to be submitted at Deadline 9. To facilitate this change, minor revisions to the timing and content of existing Deadline 9 and to the content of existing Deadline 10 are also being made.

This decision was taken by the ExA, having regard to the content of Deadline 9 and Deadline 10 in the Timetable in force, which limited the ability of IPs to make effective closing submissions on the Preferred Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) and Control Documents in a manner that enabled the Applicant to make closing submissions on final comments made.

#### **43. *Timetable Change to Introduce Deadline 9A on 15 December 2023, to Amend the Content and Date of Deadline 9 to 11 December 2023 and to Amend the Content of Deadline 10 on 20 December 2023***

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<sup>1</sup> All Procedural Decisions made by the ExA for the Lower Thames Crossing examination can be found in the Procedural Decisions Log [[PD-007](#)].

Further to the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) (the EPR) Rule 8(3), the ExA has decided to amend the Examination Timetable:

- To introduce a **new Deadline 9A on 15 December 2023**. The new deadline is only for the purpose of receiving final Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs), final Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary statements (PADs) and responses to the Applicant's preferred draft DCO and Control Documents. These are responses that were previously due to be submitted at Deadline 9 and so could not have taken the Applicant's preferred draft DCO and Control Documents (required to be submitted at Deadline 9) into account.
- To **change the date and content of Deadline 9 from 15 December 2023 to 11 December 2023**, to facilitate responses at the new Deadline 9A to documents submitted at Deadline 9. Final SoCGs and PADs are no longer required to be submitted at Deadline 9 as these are now to be received at new Deadline 9A.
- To **change the content of Deadline 10 on 20 December 2023**, to facilitate responses to documents submitted at the new Deadline 9A.

The ExA is conscious that the end of the Examination will be a busy time for the Applicant and all IPs. However, the changes outlined above are necessary and important to provide a fairer and more inclusive process for all participants in the Examination. The changes will also support the ExA to make the clearest possible recommendations to the Secretary of State in respect of the dDCO and the Control Documents, taking the broadest range of important and relevant information, expertise and opinion into account. We thank you in advance for your attention to these changes.

A summary of the change to the Timetable and a revised Timetable can be found in **Annex A** to this letter.

If you have any questions on the matters addressed in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the case team using the contact details at the head of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

*Rynd Smith*

Rynd Smith  
**Lead Panel Member for the Examining Authority**

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## Amendments to the Lower Thames Crossing Examination Timetable to Introduce Deadline 9A on 15 December 2023, to Amend the Content and Date of Deadline 9 and to Amend the Content of Deadline 10

An amendment has been made to the Examination Timetable pursuant to the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) (the EPR) – Rule 8(3), to introduce a new Deadline 9A on 15 December 2023, to amend the content and date of Deadline 9 to 11 December 2023 and to amend the content of Deadline 10 on 20 December 2023.

The following table summarises the amendment. This annex also contains a consolidated amended timetable in which the existing arrangements for the Lower Thames Crossing Examination and the amended arrangements for the examination of the proposed provisions can be seen.

### Summary of Amendment

Item	Description of Amendment	Date
29.	<p>Amended deadline on a changed date</p> <p><b>Deadline 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Add</b> a definition of documents to be submitted by the Applicant for D9 as the ‘final documents’ consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ dDCO, with Statutory Instrument validation report</li> <li>○ draft Control Documents</li> <li>○ Book of Reference (BoR) and schedule of changes</li> <li>○ Statement of Commonality</li> <li>○ Status of Negotiations / Compulsory Acquisition schedule</li> <li>○ Status of Negotiations with Statutory Undertakers</li> <li>○ National Policy Statement (NPS) tracker</li> <li>○ Final signed and dated s106 agreement(s) or any other final legal agreements</li> <li>○ Stakeholder Actions and Commitments Register (SAC-R)</li> <li>○ Consents Position Statement</li> <li>○ Errata, if applicable</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	11 December 2023

Item	Description of Amendment	Date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Delete</b> the requirement to provide Final SoCGs at D9</li> <li>• <b>Delete</b> the requirement to provide Final PADs at D9</li> </ul>	
29A (A new item)	<p><b>New deadline</b></p> <p><b>New Deadline 9A (D9A)</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on the final documents submitted by the Applicant at D9</li> <li>• Final SoCGs</li> <li>• Final PADSs</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR</li> </ul>	15 December 2023
30.	<p>Amended deadline</p> <p><b>Deadline 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Add</b> an opportunity to submit comments on any information requested by the ExA and received by <b>D9</b> that is not requested to be submitted at <b>D9A</b></li> <li>• <b>Add</b> an opportunity to submit comments on any information requested by the ExA and received by <b>D9A</b></li> <li>• <b>Add</b> a request for closing submissions from the Applicant</li> </ul>	20 December 2023

**Lower Thames Crossing  
Amended Examination Timetable  
New Deadline 9A and Changed Deadlines 9 and 10**

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty to **complete** the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

The Examination of the application primarily takes the form of the consideration of written submissions. The ExA will also consider any oral representations made at hearings.

Items from 1 to 25A shown covered in a **grey highlight** have already been completed. The items shown covered in a **gold highlight** has been inserted to add new Deadline 9A, to amend the date and content of D9 and the content of D10.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Matters</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b><i>Procedural Deadline A (PDA)</i></b></p> <p><i>For receipt by the ExA of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Requests to be heard orally at the Programming Meeting</i></li> <li><i>Written submissions in advance of the Programming Meeting</i></li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Friday</i></b> <b><i>5 May 2023</i></b></p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b><i>Programming Meeting</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Tuesday</i></b> <b><i>16 May 2023</i></b> <b><i>10am</i></b></p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b><i>Procedural Deadline B (PDB)</i></b></p> <p><i>For receipt by the ExA of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Post-event submissions, including written submissions of oral comments made at the Programming Meeting</i></li> <li><i>Written submissions on matters raised in the Programming Meeting</i></li> <li><i>Written submissions on the Examination procedure and draft timetable</i></li> <li><i>Requests to be heard orally at Preliminary Meeting Part 1</i></li> <li><i>Applicant's proposed Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) itinerary</i></li> <li><i>Junction layout plans from Applicant (see <b>Annex F</b>)</i></li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Friday</i></b> <b><i>26 May 2023</i></b></p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b><i>Preliminary Meeting Part 1 (PM pt1)</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Tuesday</i></b> <b><i>6 June 2023</i></b> <b><i>10am</i></b></p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b><i>Procedural Deadline C (PDC)</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Tuesday</i></b></p>

Item	Matters	Date
	<p><i>For receipt by the ExA of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Post-event submissions, including written submissions of oral comments made at PM pt1</i></li> <li>• <i>Further written submissions on Examination procedure, including responses to matters raised orally at PM pt1</i></li> <li>• <i>Requests to be heard orally at the Preliminary Meeting Part 2</i></li> <li>• <i>Requests to be heard orally at any of the examination hearings notified at <b>Annex E</b> of this letter</i></li> <li>• <i>Comments by Interested Parties (IPs) on the Applicant's proposed ASI itinerary.</i></li> </ul>	<b>13 June 2023</b>
6.	<b>Preliminary Meeting Part 2 (PM pt2)</b> or issue by the ExA of a decision to close the Preliminary Meeting in writing	<b>Tuesday 20 June 2023 10am</b>
7.	<b>Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)</b>	<b>Tuesday 20 June 2023 6pm</b>
8.	<b>Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1)</b> on Project Definition	<b>Wednesday 21 June 2023 10am</b>
9.	<b>Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2)</b> on the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)	<b>Thursday 22 June 2023 10am</b>
10.	<p><i>Continuation of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Open Floor Hearing 1</b> (if required); and/or</li> <li>• <b>Issue Specific Hearing 1 and/or 2</b> (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Friday 23 June 2023</b>
11.	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination Timetable</li> </ul>	As soon as practicable following PM pt2
12.	<b>Open Floor Hearing 2 (OFH2)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday 28 June 2023 10am and</b>

<sup>2</sup> Open Flooring Hearings are open to any Interested Party to attend and speak directly to the Examining Authority. An Interested Party should only attend one Open Flooring Hearing.

Item	Matters	Date
		<b>Thursday 29 June 2023</b> (if required) <b>10am</b>
13.	<b>Open Floor Hearing 3 (OFH3)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday 5 July 2023</b> <b>10am</b> and <b>Thursday 6 July 2023</b> (if required) <b>10am</b>
14.	<b>Deadline 1 (D1)</b> For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-event submissions, including written submission of oral comments made at the hearings held between 20 June and 6 July 2023</li> <li>• Comments on Additional Submissions submitted since the Application was accepted. (See <b>Annex B</b> of this letter)</li> <li>• Comments on Relevant Representations</li> <li>• Local Impact Reports (LIR) from Local Authorities</li> <li>• Written Representations (WR)</li> <li>• Summaries of any WRs over 1500 words</li> <li>• Applicant's amended proposed ASI itinerary</li> <li>• New Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) (and of updated SoCGs if required). (See <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>• New and updated Principal Areas of Disagreement Summaries (PADS) (if updated). (See <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>• Applicant's submission of documents (see <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>• Applicant's amended dDCO</li> <li>• Applicants proposed Addendum to the Environmental Statement (ES)</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules (EPR)<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 18 July 2023</b>
15.	<b>Procedural Deadline D (PDD)</b> For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests by Statutory Parties to be considered as an Interested Parties (IPs) by the ExA</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 18 July 2023</b>

<sup>3</sup> The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010: SI 2010/103

Item	Matters	Date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests by IPs to be heard at any subsequent OFH</li> <li>• Requests by Affected Persons<sup>4</sup> to be heard at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH)</li> <li>• Requests to attend the ASI</li> </ul>	
16.	<p><b>Deadline 2 (D2)</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on WRs</li> <li>• Comments on LIRs</li> <li>• Comments by IPs on the Applicant's amended proposed ASI itinerary.</li> <li>• Comments on Applicant's amended dDCO</li> <li>• Updated SoCGs (if updated. See <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>• Updated PADSs (if updated. See <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>• Applicant's submission of documents (see <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>• Comments on Applicant's submissions (see <b>Annex B</b>) at <b>D1</b></li> <li>• Comments on any information requested by the ExA and received by <b>D1</b></li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR</li> </ul>	Thursday 3 August 2023
17.	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examining Authority's First Written Questions (ExQ1)</li> </ul>	Tuesday 15 August 2023
18.	<p><b>Deadline 3 (D3)</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to comments on WRs</li> <li>• Updated SoCGs (if updated. See <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>• Updated PADSs (if updated. See <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>• Applicant's submission of documents requested (see <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>• Comments on Applicant's submissions (see <b>Annex B</b>) at <b>D2</b></li> <li>• Comments on any information requested by the ExA and received by <b>D2</b></li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR</li> </ul>	Thursday 24 August 2023

<sup>4</sup> Affected Persons are those defined in section 59(4) of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended)



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19.	<p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Floor Hearings (OFH) (if required)</li> <li>• Issue Specific Hearings (ISH), including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ traffic and transportation</li> <li>○ tunnelling</li> <li>○ the draft Development Consent Order</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Compulsory Acquisition Hearings (CAH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ strategic review of Applicant's case for Compulsory Acquisition</li> <li>○ individual Compulsory Acquisition objections</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ASIs</li> </ul>	w/c 4 and 11 September 2023
20.	<p><b>Deadline 4 (D4)</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-event submissions, including written submission of oral comments made at the hearings held w/c 4 and 11 September 2023 (if held)</li> <li>• Responses to ExQ1</li> <li>• Updated SoCGs (if updated. See <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>• Updated PADSs (if updated. See <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>• Applicant's submission of documents requested (see <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>• Comments on Applicant's submissions (see <b>Annex B</b>) at <b>D3</b></li> <li>• Comments on any information requested by the ExA and received by <b>D3</b></li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR</li> </ul>	Tuesday 19 September 2023
21.	<p><b>Deadline 5 (D5)</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated SoCGs (if updated. See <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>• Updated PADSs (if updated. See <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>• Applicant's submission of documents requested (see <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>• Comments on Applicant's submissions (see <b>Annex B</b>) at <b>D4</b></li> <li>• Comments on any information requested by the ExA and received by <b>D4</b></li> </ul>	Tuesday 3 October 2023

Item	Matters	Date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR</li> </ul>	
22.	<p><b>Opening of Relevant Representations</b> in relation to change requests EC01, EC02 and MRC03 pursuant to Regulation 10 of the CA Regulations (CA Regs RRs)<sup>5</sup></p> <p><b>Publication by the ExA of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examining Authority's further Written Questions (ExQ) (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 10 October 2023</b>
23.	<p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Floor Hearings (OFH) (if required)</li> <li>Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) (if required)</li> <li>Compulsory Acquisition Hearings (CAH) (if required)</li> <li>Further ASIs (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Monday 16 to Tuesday 24 October 2023</b>
24.	<p><b>Deadline 6 (D6)</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-event submissions, including written submission of oral comments made at the hearings held 16 to 24 October 2023 (if held)</li> <li>Responses to further ExQ (if issued)</li> <li>Updated SoCGs (if updated. See <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>Updated PADSs (if updated. See <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>Applicant's submission of documents requested (see <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>Comments on Applicant's submissions (see <b>Annex B</b>) at <b>D5</b></li> <li>Comments on any information requested by the ExA and received by <b>D5</b></li> <li>Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 31 October 2023</b>
24A	<p><b>Closing of CA Regs RRs<sup>5</sup></b></p> <p><b>CA Regulations Deadline 1 (CA Regs D1)</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA Regs Written Representations (CA Regs WRs)<sup>5</sup> relating to the effect of the change requests</li> </ul>	<b>Friday 10 November 2023</b>

<sup>5</sup> References to CA Regs Relevant Representations (CA Regs RRs), to CA Regs Written Representations (CA Regs WRs) and to CA Regs Interested Parties (CA Regs IPs) in items 22, 24A, 26, 27A and 28A of this timetable relate to persons making written and oral representations about the effects of the CA Regs proposed provisions for change requests EC01, EC02 and MRC03. They are confined in effect to those matters and do not invite the submission of any written or oral representations of a general nature.

Item	Matters	Date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summaries of any CA Regs WRs over 1500 words</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR</li> </ul>	
25.	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) and any associated questions (if required)</li> <li>• ExA’s commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the dDCO (if required)</li> <li>• Examining Authority’s further Written Questions (ExQ) (if required)</li> </ul>	Tuesday 14 November 2023
25A	<p><b>Deadline 6A (D6A)</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant’s submission of responses to traffic modelling materials submitted at D6 arising from ISH4 or ISH10 and intended to be heard at ISH13 on 27 November 2023</li> <li>• Submission of comments by Local Highway Authorities, Ports and other IPs engaged in traffic and transportation topics relating to traffic modelling and intended to be heard at ISH13 on 27 November 2023</li> </ul>	Tuesday 14 November 2023
26.	<p><b>Deadline 7 (D7)</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant’s submission of draft s106 agreement(s) and any other draft legal agreements</li> <li>• Comments on responses to further ExQ (if applicable)</li> <li>• Updated SoCGs (if updated. See <b>Annex B</b><sup>6</sup>)</li> <li>• Updated PADSs (if updated. See <b>Annex B</b><sup>4</sup>)</li> <li>• Applicant’s submission of documents requested (see <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>• Comments on Applicant’s submissions (see <b>Annex B</b>) at <b>D6</b></li> <li>• Comments on any information requested by the ExA and received by <b>D6</b></li> <li>• Requests from a CA Regulations Interested Party to be heard at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ An Open Floor Hearing held under Regulation 16 of the CA Regs (OFH/CA Regs)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Friday 17 November 2023

<sup>6</sup> See clarifying amendments to Procedural Decisions 27, 28 & 29.

Item	Matters	Date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ An Issue Specific Hearing held under Regulation 14 of the CA Regs (ISH/CA Regs)</li> <li>○ A Compulsory Acquisition Hearing held under Regulation 15 of the CA Regs (CAH/CA Regs) (if required)</li> <li>● Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR</li> </ul>	
27.	<p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Open Floor Hearings (OFH) (if required)</li> <li>● Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) (if required)</li> <li>● Compulsory Acquisition Hearings (CAH) (if required)</li> <li>● Further ASIs (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Monday 20 to Tuesday 28 November 2023</b>
27A	<p><b>CA Regulations Deadline 2 (CA Regs D2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Comments on CA Regs WRs</li> <li>● Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR</li> </ul>	<b>Monday 27 November 2023</b>
28.	<p><b>Deadline 8 (D8)</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Post-event submissions, including written submission of oral comments made at the hearings held 20 to 28 November 2023 (if held)</li> <li>● Comments on RIES (if issued)</li> <li>● Comments on ExA's DCO/Commentary (if issued)</li> <li>● Responses to further ExQ (if issued)</li> <li>● Applicant's submission of updated s106 agreement(s) and any other updated legal agreements</li> <li>● Updated SoCGs (if updated. See <b>Annex B<sup>4</sup></b>)</li> <li>● Updated PADSs (if updated. See <b>Annex B<sup>4</sup></b>)</li> <li>● Applicant's submission of documents requested (see <b>Annex B</b>)</li> <li>● Comments on Applicant's submissions (see <b>Annex B</b>) at <b>D7</b></li> <li>● Comments on any information requested by the ExA and received by <b>D7 or CA Regs D2</b></li> <li>● Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 5 December 2023</b>
28A	<b>Dates reserved for:</b>	<b>Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 December 2023</b>

Item	Matters	Date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Open Floor Hearing held under Regulation 16 of the CA Regs (OFH/CA Regs) (if required)</li> <li>• An Issue Specific Hearing held under Regulation 14 of the CA Regs (ISH/CA Regs) (if required)</li> <li>• A Compulsory Acquisition Hearing held under Regulation 15 of the CA Regs (CAH/CA Regs) (if required)</li> </ul> <p>A hearing held pursuant to Regulations 14, 15 or 16 of the CA Regulations may be notified and held (if required) concurrently with another hearing notified and held under the CA Regulations.</p>	
<p><b>29.</b></p>	<p><b>Deadline 9 (D9)</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on responses to further ExQ (if applicable)</li> <li>• Applicant’s final documents (the ‘final documents’): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ dDCO, with Statutory Instrument validation report</li> <li>○ <b>draft Control Documents</b></li> <li>○ Book of Reference (BoR) and schedule of changes</li> <li>○ Statement of Commonality</li> <li>○ Status of Negotiations / Compulsory Acquisition schedule</li> <li>○ Status of Negotiations with Statutory Undertakers</li> <li>○ National Policy Statement (NPS) tracker</li> <li>○ Final signed and dated s106 agreement(s) or any other final legal agreements</li> <li>○ Stakeholder Actions and Commitments Register (SAC-R)</li> <li>○ Consents Position Statement</li> <li>○ Errata, if applicable</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Comments on Applicant’s submissions at <b>D8</b></li> <li>• Comments on any information requested by the ExA and received by <b>D8</b></li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monday 11 December 2023</b></p>
<p><b>29A</b></p>	<p><b>Deadline 9A</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on the final documents submitted by the Applicant at D9</li> <li>• Final SoCGs</li> </ul>	<p><b>Friday 15 December 2023</b></p>

Item	Matters	Date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final PADSs</li> <li>Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR</li> </ul>	
30.	<p><b>Deadline 10 (D10)</b> For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments on any information requested by the ExA and received by <b>D9 not requested at D9A</b></li> <li>Comments on any information requested by the ExA and received by <b>D9A</b></li> <li>Closing submissions from the Applicant.</li> <li>Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules</li> </ul>	<b>Wednesday 20 December 2023</b>
31.	The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months	<b>Wednesday 20 December 2023</b>

### Submission times for Deadlines

The time for submission of documents at any Deadline in the timetable is 23:59 on the relevant Deadline date, unless instructed otherwise by the ExA.

### Publication dates

All information received will be published on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable after the Deadlines for submissions.

### Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

Where an applicant has provided a No Significant Effects Report or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the application, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the Examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the Examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's Recommendation to the Secretary of State. The ExA may also raise questions in the RIES to confirm or clarify matters that remain outstanding.

The Secretary of State may rely on the consultation on the RIES to meet its obligations under Regulation 63(3) of The Habitats Regulations 2017 and/or Regulation 28 of The Offshore Marine Regulations.