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Good morning, everybody.

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Can I just confirm that everybody can hear and see me clearly before I stopped?

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certainly could just sort of turn that camera on and not, that'd be brilliant.

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We can say, Yes, thank you very much. That's always always a good start. And can also just confirm with Mr. Harrold that the live streaming of this event is commenced.

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I can confirm that the live stream is commenced. Thank you very much. That's great. And just for those people watching the live stream, can I also advise that should we at any point during the proceedings this morning, we will have to stop the live stream in order to give us a clear recorded files. As a result, at that point, which we commence the meeting and restart live streaming, you will need to refresh your browser page to view the restarted stream. I will remind you if we do happen to have to do this. And it's now just after 10 o'clock, and I would like to welcome you to this preliminary meeting part one, which precedes the examination for the North Tuddenham to Easton dual link project. My name is Adrian Hunter. I'm a chartered town planner, and I'm employed by the planning Inspectorate. And I've been appointed by the Secretary of State to examine this application and I constitute the examining authority for this application.

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You will already have spoken to an heard from George Harrold George is being supported today by Eleanor Church and Katie O'Loan together the case team for this project. If you have any questions or queries, there should be your first point of contact. their contact details can be found at the top but any letter you're

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sorry, sorry.

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Sorry, I thought I had something that I'm just saying their contact details can be found at the top.

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So you've switched yourself to mute. Thank you very much. I just noticed that.

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Let me just go through that. But again, I was just going through the case team to let you know that if you do need to contact them, their contact details can be found on the website.

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Before I consider the items on the agenda, I would like to deal with some additional housekeeping matters to those just raised by Mr. Harrold in the arrangements conference.

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As far as I'm aware, no requests have been made or any special measures or arrangements to enable participation in this preliminary meeting. Can I just check that this is correct.

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Again, I'm hearing silence which is which is a good sign in this invocation.

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As I've already mentioned, the event is being live streamed and recorded. As was explained in my lecture the sixth of July, because the digital recordings that we make are retained and published. Therefore my public record that can take your personal information towards the general data protection regulations GDPR applies. The plumbing practice, plumbing inspectors practice is to retain and publish records for a period of five years from the Secretary of State's decision on the development consent order. Consequently, if you participate in today's preliminary meeting, it is important that you understand that you will be recorded and that you therefore consent to the retention and publication of the digital recording.

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We will only ever ask for information to be placed on the public record that is important and relevant to the planning decision. It will only be in the rarest of circumstances that we might ask you to provide personal information at the time that most of us would prefer to keep private or confidential. Therefore, to avoid the need to edit the digital recordings, what we would ask is that you try your best not to add information to the public record that you wish to be kept private or that is confidential.

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Just before I proceed any further, can I just confirm that any were there anybody has any questions just regards to that sort of

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information in regards to data protection?

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No, thank you very much

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as we're conducting the event virtually rather than a physical event, and the dynamics will be different for those participating and observing. By this I mean that you may see me looking away from the camera and appearing not to engage with the speakers. This is because I have been making notes or looking at the materials on the screen. I do have a second screen over to this side which has documents on so I will be looking at that as well. But I can assure you that I will be paying close attention to what is happening.

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Finally, can I just also repeat the requests made in the arrangements conference there in order to minimise background noise, please can you make sure that your phone is switched off or turned to silent and that you stayed muted unless you're speaking, it would also be helpful just to make sure the email notifications are turned off as well.

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I structured the meeting today in such a way excuse me the questions or points that you may wish to raise

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can be done so at the relevant point in the proceedings, when we get to those points, I would ask that if you want to speak you use the raise hand function. I do, however, have details of those people who wish to speak on particular items. Therefore, I will be asking you for your comments at the appropriate times.

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Can I also remind you that the chat function on the teams will not work. So, please please do not try to use this function, but ask any questions or post any comments during the meeting.

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If you do not manage to ask your question or raise your points at the appropriate time, there will be an opportunity at the end of the meeting for you to raise the item on the item seven of the agenda, which is any other matters. Alternatively, you can submit your question or information in writing by procedural deadline B, which is Monday, the ninth of August.

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Finally, as you're probably aware, the process set out and the funding act for dealing with the application is very much a written process. I will therefore not be making any formal decisions on procedural matters raised today. But instead, we will consider these along with written submissions received a procedural deadline B and provide a written response in my rule eight letter which will be issued shortly after the close of the second part of this PDF.

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Just before I proceed, can I can just confirm or check if anybody has any sort of questions or comments with regards to what I just sort of said.

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not seeing anything. So that's great. Thank you very much.

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So just moving up.

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You're here today because of a number of reasons you are, you may be the applicant or representing the applicant, you're representing a local authority or neighbouring authority. You represent bodies that are statutory parties, you have been sent to you have sent in a relevant representation of those become an interested party, your individual or body affected by the application for a compulsory acquisition of land or rights or the land, or you may will be a combination of any of the above.

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Whichever you are, you're very welcome to today's meeting.

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This meeting will follow the agenda as set out in my letter the sixth of July, which I shall refer to now as the rule six letter. I hope you do have a copy of this to hand. If you do please turn to appendix sorry, Annex A, which that which sets up the agenda for this morning's meeting. And you will see that we're currently on item one of the agenda.

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It needs to be the letter and agenda available on the project page. But the national infrastructure website where thing we found in the examination library, began the references pd 005.

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Let me just briefly explain why we are here today.

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We're here to focus on the way in which I intend to examine this application.

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This meeting is the first of two preliminary meetings where matters are concluded today. I will adjourn the meeting next week on Monday, the ninth of August, as I've already mentioned their procedural deadline day where you have the opportunity to submit any comments in writing on matters discussed today. I mean, had an opportunity to consider these responses if required. Our resume the premium meeting at 10am. On Thursday, the 12th of August,

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we will be discussing only the procedural aspects of the examination today. Much it may be tempting to do so I'm not taking any evidence at this meeting, discussing either the merits or any concerns that you may have with regards to the application.

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Because concerns on merits will only be considered once the examination of the application begins, which will be following the close of the preliminary meeting on Thursday the 12th of August. Hopefully by that stage, you'll be compensated that there will be sufficient opportunities throughout the examination for all of you to express your views.

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In terms of how we're going to run this meeting is very much a working meeting. And I intend to temporary efficiency with fairness to ensure all of you have an opportunity to make relevant comments and to allow you to inform me of all I need to know at this stage. However, I will endeavour to make sure that your contributions are as the points and as focused as possible so that we make the best use of the time available to us and ensuring that everybody has the opportunity to speak who wishes to do so. And I hope you hope you will all support me in this endeavour.

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notes have been taken at the meeting and these will be placed on the project page of the infrastructure website and deposited at the locations listed in annex F of my rule six letter as soon as practical after the close of the preliminary meeting.

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As I've already mentioned at the start, digital recordings are being made at today's meeting. And these two will soon be placed on the project page of the infrastructure website as soon as practicable after the completion of this meeting.

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With this in mind, it will be enormously beneficial to me if each time you speak, you can state your name and if you're representing somebody who days you would represent

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We'll try and remind you as you work through the agenda, that's helpful when for people who are watching back the live stream at a later date so they know who's talking.

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Please also bear in mind that the only official record for today's proceedings are the notes and the digital recording, tweets, logs and similar communications arising out of this meeting will not be accepted as evidence in the examination of the application.

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I've been provided by the case team the list of those persons who have expressed a wish to be heard today. And in terms of their representation, I've got people who represent and how is England as the

applicant and their legal advisors, representation of a council of county council, a representative for Western longville parish Council, and also representatives of Mr. Anthony coming out.

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I also have registered a number of individuals who have indicated that they wish to speak

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I am not going to ask those who are participated in today's meet meeting to introduce yourselves. So when I state your name and organisation if you could unmute yourself, and if you have your camera turned off, Please switch it on and introduce yourself by stating your name and who you represent.

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So perhaps if I could start with the applicant and I have Mr. Michael Fry

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Good morning, sir. My name is Michael Fry. Okay. But on behalf of the applicant highways England on a barrister acting as a consultant to Womble bond, Dickinson, who is referred to as web D.

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Thank you very much. And Mr. Fry? I think you've got a number of people with you. But am I only expecting to hear from you today? Say yes, that's that's right. If you'd like me to introduce my team who are on the call, I can do otherwise I can introduce them as we give you if they are required to speak at this meeting. I think that's probably a safer way to do it. I'm sure I'll meet them throughout the process of the next six months. But we can we can do that if needs to be late translate. Thank you very much.

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If I could then turn to Norfolk County Council. I have that. Mr. David Cumming. I also had a Mr. Stephen form that I understand Mr. Faulkner isn't joining us today. But if I could go to Mr. Mr. Cumming.

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Yes. Hello. I'm David Cumming here. I'm a this strategic transport team manager and representing Norfolk County Council. You're quite correct. Mr. Faulkner has given his apologies today. We're also joined by Miss Kraske. But I will be the only one speaking today on behalf of the County Council. Thank you very much, Mr. Cumming.

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from Western longville parish Council, I have Ruth Goodall.

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Yeah, Ruth Goodall representing Western Longo parish Council. Good morning, and just an eighth dimension. How would you like to refer to miss Mrs. Miss just that I get the records. Right. So Ruth will do refolded. That's fine. That's That's easy. Thank you very much.

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I also have representing Mr. Meynell. Mr. George Mackenzie.

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Sir, yes. Good morning. I, George McKenzie of counsel. And I represent Mr. Meynell. And I'm instructed by saddles on his behalf. Brilliant. Thank you very much. And again, I think similar to Mr. Fry, you have a number of people with you. But I guess I'm just expecting to hear from from you today. That that's the

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that's great. Thank you very much.

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And I also have an interested party, Mr. Richard Hawker as well, who is registered to speak as well.

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Good morning, sir.

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My name is Richard Hawker. I'm a private individual. And

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certainly me who's who may speak, but I haven't anything specific to say unless something comes up in, in the course of events. That's, that's fine. Well, I will continue to need to be or please use the raise hand function if there's anything that you want to do. So thank you very much for that. Meanwhile, could I just ask one

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little question that came out of what you said earlier, sir. And that is the rule eight letter that yes. issuing? When will that occur? Is there a timescale for that? So we will close the preliminary meetings I said on the 12th of August, which is the part to that and then the rule letter, rule eight letter than normally comes out shortly after that meeting. It comes out with a number of other supporting documents and information as well. So it normally takes a few days for that to come out.

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Thank you very much.

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Thank you.

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We also have a number of people who are observing this live event, for your benefit and also anybody watching the recording you

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There are any questions or points you wish to raise, please do so either during the meeting, or if preferred in writing by the deadline B, which I've already mentioned is Monday, the ninth of August.

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Can I just confirm before I move on that I'm actually now heard from everybody who does wish to speak and participate in today's event.

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Great, thank you. Again, silence is always always good at that point.

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So that concludes item one of the agenda. Thank you. So now I want to, to move on to item two,

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which is just some remarks with regards to the virtual process.

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As I alluded to, in my rule six letter due to the covid 19 pandemic, the flooding, inspectors have to adapt the way in which we examine the application. Due to the restrictions on travel and public gatherings caused by the pandemic at the start of the formal examination at this applications. Unfortunately, they're delayed. I would just like to apologise for any inconvenience that this may have caused him to take the opportunity on behalf of the examining authority and the case team, to thank you for your continued patience and your contribution so far.

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On that basis, due to the ongoing public health controls that were in place when the x application was accepted, we made the decision to stop the examination using virtual methods. However, in order to ensure that everybody participates in the preliminary meeting, as I've already mentioned, it's been held in two parts. This consistent today's meeting, which will be followed by a period of adjournment, where anybody who participates in today's meeting, watch the live stream, or is listened to the digital recording will have the opportunity to write in with any points that they wish me to consider regarding the proposed procedures as to how the application will be examined, as I've already mentioned, and I will apologise if I keep sort of going over the point, but the deadline for the submission of these is the ninth of August. Following this, the preliminary meeting will then re commence on Thursday, the 12th of August at 10am.

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Before I move on to item three, are there any comments or questions that everybody has with regards to the actual sort of virtual preliminary meeting process?

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So Michael fry for Womble bond Dickinson, I'm not sure whether to raise this as item five or now but it seems convenient. Now.

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The question is, is the examination entirely going to be virtual at this stage? Do you have an idea simply because particularly the issue specific hearings, my clients need to book out rooms and so on so forth? So be useful if we can have an indication at this stage? If possible, sir, absolutely. Perhaps we'll pick that up in the five years sort of stealing part of my thunder to a certain extent, but later on, just to sort of give you a precursor at this moment in time. Everything is set up as a virtual but we'll we will keep it under review, because things are changing at a rapid pace. So we will, I think will probably be in touch with you. Perfect, but we're conscious that there is a leading time if you like for getting things sorted and getting organised. So it's a decision that I will need to make fairly shortly I suspect to enable those decisions and the bookings that take place. But perhaps it needs to be we can pick it up again at the lighting fine if that helps. Thanks. So that's it.

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So if there are no more questions with regards to item two, I'll turn to item three on the agenda, which is just remarks about the examination process.

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In order to streamline the running of the virtual printer meeting, as I said at the details find 10 out I've set out the details in annex B of how I intend on carrying out the examination. For expediency. I'm assuming that everybody has read this, and therefore I'm not proposing to go through this now.

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It's important that the examining authority to do you are clear in your understanding of the process. Therefore if there is anything you're unclear about or on which you need clarity, vacation, please do ask. However, before asked if there are any questions due to the current covid 19 pandemic we are currently having to plan just as is the case for today. attending events for the simple future will be held virtually. So that perhaps is Mr. Fry so it helps sort of where our thinking is at the moment. However, I will continue to review this in light of changing government advice and planning Inspectorate advice as well.

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As you've seen the accompany site inspection is currently timetable for the latter half of the examination. I will review appropriate guidance and the procedure for these closer to the time and advise accordingly with regards to any sort of public health requirements.

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So in the basis of information set out in annex B, are there any particular questions about the way in which chain tend to examine the XR p application

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Okay, great, thank you on that cases, I will move on to item four,

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which is about the assessment of principal issues.

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At this point, it will be useful if you've got an exceed the rule six let in front of you, because that sets out my initial assessments of principle issues as I see them.

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So as you will see, the list in annex c provides a framework of issues, the examination going forwards. And the thought does not preclude me from attending the the list by removing or adding to the issues at a later stage in the process.

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What I'm just going to do actually is if it will be helpful, I'm just gonna ask my case team perhaps just to share the assessment of principal issues. And at least we've we've all got those in front of us.

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Thank you very much. That's, that's great.

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I have nothing to add at this stage. In terms of those those issues. Nevertheless, it may be that individuals wish to comment on either the broad headings or the individual matters. interested parties are still able to submit more details and suggestions for the principal issues. And if you do wish to please submit these in writing by procedural deadline B, which is Monday, the ninth of August, I have received requests from two parties who wish to speak on this agenda item. So I will come to you shortly. And as we go through this, I may have questions. And I will be given the applicants a chance to speak at the end of the agenda item if there's anything that they wish to take up.

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by inviting me to speak Can I just remind you of what I said at the start?

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That I'm not looking for submissions on the merits of the application.

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But really just sort of anything that you feel that needed to be added? And

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with that in mind redline, it sort of goes to the parties who registers to speak. And as I said at the start in that recording the meeting, please can you remember to introduce yourself indicating whether you're represented in organisation? And if so, what what who that is?

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So perhaps if I could start with

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Norfolk County, Councillor passpack, akin to Mr. Cumming first, because I think you registered that you'd like to get some comments on this matter. Yes, thank you. So it's David Cumming, strategic transport team manager representing Norfolk County Council. Yes, just to say that we're broadly content with the initial assessment of the principal issues and the list supplied. And as shown in annex C. However, there is one thing that we would like to see added, we did include this in our relevant representation. And what we would like is an item about the transfer of assets to the county council following construction of the scheme should they get consent, and that transfer of assets will include part of the existing road infrastructure, so the existing a 47 will pass to the local authority control, as well as other features such as drainage features, and such like, although we are working with the applicant on a statement of common ground, and, you know, we'd hope that these issues are resolved through a statement of common ground, and we would like to see the examination process allow scope for a discussion should improve, you know, needed through the process. And the the relevant

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part of the hearing where that might be appropriate is in the decio section. So thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Cumming.

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And Mr. Fry, what I'd like to probably come back see what do you have any concern might come back to you at the end? If that's okay, I get on the comments then perhaps, Mr.Fry, I'll just come back to after I've heard from others if that's okay.

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So perhaps if I could go to Mr. Mackenzie.

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Thank you, sir. Yes, good morning, George McKenzie. counsel for Mr. Meynell instructed by saddles. So at this stage, would it just be helpful for me to make a overarching really invitation to you in relation to the principal issues

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on the understanding that effectively as we go through them, I may have more specific detailed points to make. Okay, My, just in a my intention wasn't to go through all the particular issues one by one if you like. It was really just to sort of take your your comments so by all means, other than that,

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That's fine. That's fine. Yes. Thank you, sir. Yes. Well, the the overarching point I alluded to a moment ago is that we would invite you to designate an additional principle issue, which is the or which which effectively concerns the word lane junction.

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And appreciate, sir that, at first glance, it may seem that the proposals for the word lane junction would cut across

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all if not many of the principal issues that are ready proposed to be designated as such by you.

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But for the reasons that we have set out in the rule six letter that you will have seen, written by Mr. Jocelyn we think that it would be most helpful to the examination for the points that we would wish to make in connection with the woodland junction to be dealt with by way of an issue specific hearing on that matter. And accordingly, by its designation as as as an independent principal issue, because effectively it

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effectively it is an issue which raises a number of sub issues which taken cumulatively are of such magnitude

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that we consider that it merits designation as a principal issue.

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And will in due course merit its own independent issue specific hearing.

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As I said, the the reasons for that have largely been set out in the

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on pages three and four

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of the rule six letter,

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which I don't propose to read out, but but just to sort of outline and headline the points.

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It's the the consultation in relation to the matter that the way that that proposed junction was designed

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the design of the junction,

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reasonable alternatives,

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the effect of the junction on the historic environment,

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the effect of the junction on the berry all estate as a whole in practical stroke logistic terms,

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including the effects on the farms, arable and forestry assets, and the balance as between those two

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and the practical implications of the proposals on access arrangements

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traffic management and temporary proposals for

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what in connection with construction and soil storage.

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So that's the overarching pointer.

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And if I may just deal with a few more points just in in slightly more detail.

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So on page C, four of annex C,

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in relation to the historic environment, just in case you could just perfect get my case to interest and move down to that page and everybody could see that would be that'd be helpful. Thank you.

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So, he said c four, c four, seven and the Anki historic environment section. So at the moment,

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bullet one indicates that buried Hall

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is one of the heritage asset

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assets which in due course, so you will give due consideration.

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But But what we suggest here is that the wording is amended

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so that instead of bury all

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it is written the Barry Hall estate.

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And so again, you will be aware from our rule six statement that although Barry Hall itself is a listed building,

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the Barry Hall estate

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is also designated statutory statutorily designated as being of preeminent scenic and historic interest pursuant to the 1984 inheritance tax act.

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Appreciate that that is a

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not perhaps a particularly common statutory seat for a heritage designation, but nevertheless, it certainly is a seat of designation in relation to elements of the historic environment.

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And, and effectively that the policy of that act is to ensure

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that inheritance tax does not become in due course a reason for the designated assets to be broken up or diluted. And that is effectively precisely what we say one of the results of the Woodley injunction would be here.

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So, so the invitation sir in relation to historic environment is effectively to wrap that issue up. And I propose that

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perhaps the most efficient way of doing that is simply to say Barry Hall estate, as opposed to Baron Hall which which may indicate that it is simply the list of building which will be subject to consideration by you in due course.

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The next point, if I may, is on C, page c five,

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in the last box scope of development and environmental impact

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assessment, and particularly in relation to the third bullet point, that were

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relevant alternatives,

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particularly concerning route selection.

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interpolating the word reasonable in between relevant and alternatives to reflect the legislative language but, but that's really a drafting point, but, but the substantive point that that I wanted to make sir,

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concerns the rider to bullet three, which is particularly concerning route selection.

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And what we would say is that resident relevant reasonable alternatives do not only concern the selection of the route as such of the proposed scheme, but also concerns the proposed junctions of that route, including

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particularly for the purposes of our case, the word lane junction

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and this rather goes to the point that I made at the outset, so that there are a number of points that we would wish to make in relation to the manner in which the woodland junction came to be proposed and bounced into the scheme.

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And we would wish to advance

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a reasonable alternative which we suggest has not yet been considered by highways England

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and and it would seem that that would be the appropriate place for that discussion to take place.

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In the event that you are not minded to designate a woodland junction as a separate and independent primary issue,

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sir, so those are the points in relation to annex C.

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And that there is probably I should phrase it at this stage as a sort of rider to all of those points, which is that we have requested from the applicant.

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Effectively, we have

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requested the applicant to share with us some of the data which has been used by highways England to work up the scheme drawings for the woodland junction, to an appropriate technical extent, effectively the engineering drawings data, and we've requested them to share that data with our team so that we can work up a design for alternative proposals for the woodland junction

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again to an appropriate engineered standard. And so if I could effectively through you reiterate that request to highways England, I would be most grateful if perhaps Mr. Fry

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could indicate what their position is in relation to that request. And clearly, in order not to occasion any delay, we would want that data shared as soon as reasonably practicable. And we will undertake to effectively do the work that we need to do with it with all expediency

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now, thank you. So

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thank you for that, Mr. Mackenzie.

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Mr. Fry that wraps up everybody who I have down to speak perhaps if I could

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come to yourself for sort of any sort of comments, any anything that you wish to add in any sort of any a responses to the comments from

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from the from the county council and then from from Mr. Mackenzie.

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So, yes, I should be relatively brief,

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obviously, so the examination will need to consider all of the relevant issues whether or whether noted in your list or whether a principal issue and we would recognise it for you to exercise your judgement, as to the issues which are properly principal issues, accepting that not all relevant issues are necessarily principal issues. And we contend to leave that to you, sir.

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All I would add is simply because an issue has been identified as a principle and it doesn't necessarily follow that it would be appropriate or necessary for it to be for a specific issue specific hearing to be devoted to it. And again, it's for you, sir, to form a judgement as to which issues need to be examined orally, to best assist you in making your report having regard to the statutory tests that you've set out in your annex v. All I've really add that this stages, that is you indicated the beginning. So this process is primarily a written process. And from the comments that you've had, it may well be that confining, at least the initial submissions to writing seems to me to be the sensible approach, dealing with the specific points.

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As to the county council, it was the same point that was raised in respect of the blofield DCA, which is, you know, service beings at the same time. So the points have been noted by my clients, as I understand things,

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stating the common ground is being advanced. And that is one of the issues which my clients are very aware, is live and should be dealt with. But again, I propose to deal with that outside this meeting. And as far as I can outside the examination process.

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Mr. mentals points raised by Mr. Mackenzie. Again, my clients have heard everything that has been said this morning and has operated we've obviously looked at the rule and six letter.

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I've made general comments, which I think apply to Mr. Mackenzie's points. All I would add in respect of the specific point that she raised as to the data.

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It's that, again, we've heard that seems to be no reason why that data can be shared. Mr. Mackenzie and I have already discussed these matters. So he did for more and more of what he was going to say. So data will be shared as soon as possible. And I suppose that that lends weight slightly to the sort of overarching submission, then allocating it as an ice age might well be premature at this stage, I think what we first need to do is get the teams to talk, see what the design says. And you would need to review the design and any representations made with it in order to determine what would best help you in making your determination. So

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again, it's something that we will take offline outside this meeting. And we will set up a meeting with Mr. And Mrs. Mackenzie's clients and work out what data is required and how best to provide it to them.

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And that's all I've got to say. So unless there's anything else I can help you with on that item? No, I think there's I think all I would say is that if we stand to Common Ground proved to be a sensible way forward, then again, between those those parties, and I would welcome that that would help me I'm sure to at least identify those areas that perhaps there is an agreement between you on that they will they will be happy. But again, if you happy to take us offline or leave those with you, but that'd be the point I would say perhaps a standard Common Ground may may serve my purposes best, of course. So that's been noted. And I've already discussed that with Mr Mackenzie, who's popped up I think something's well sir. Thank you. So I was going to raise that point when when we came to discuss the deadlines for SOC G's, but we

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You would certainly welcome that. And as Mr. Fry said, we have discussed these matters outside of the meeting. And I'm grateful to Mr. Fry, for those indications. To you, sir.

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There's a hand raised. So I will I have a question for you, Mr. fry. Perhaps I will come back to that afterwards and deal with the hands raised by by Mr. Hawler, if I could.

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Thank you, sir.

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I just wanted to do endorse what Mr. Mackenzie, had said, because I have raised I think, most of those items in my written submission earlier on and my points for this meeting,

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in particular, about the the alternative the way that some consultation over possible design changes and alternatives have been looked at. And, and I would, I would hope that that could, the looking looking at alternatives, could be not just those already looked at, but new alternatives and those that have been

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by no have been presented by members of the public.

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But I've had no response, whether those could be looked at during the course of this examination.

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Also, something I haven't mentioned in my submission so far, but Mr. Mackenzie, reminded me so to speak, in the historic environment section, which Barry Hall has mentioned.

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Could we add the St. Michael's church in Hockering?

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Which is seems to be the only listed building not not mentioned in that list?

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Thank you, sir.

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Thank you very much. Yeah, that's that's helpful. Thank you.

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Thank you for that, as Mr. Fry, as I alluded to I just one question as well.

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Just very, very well.

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And it may be that it's more policy in the question for you to consider rather than a response now at this stage. But I've seen the

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the submissions that came in from Dr. Andrew Boswell with regards to climate change, and some of the issues raised with regards to cumulative assessments and curative impacts.

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And I suppose my questions are two parts. One, I think the answer probably is yes, that you will have seen it as suspect. And then the other part of that question is, do you have any sort of thoughts comments? If not, now, would you be able to provide some

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to me in terms of your clients position on that by the procedural deadline base, or at least I can then consider your clients position alongside those performed by Mr. Boswell as well.

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So the answer to both questions is sorry, Michael fry Womble bond Dickinson? And the answer to both questions is, is yes. We anticipated that that they were issues that you might raise in your first written questions, anyway. But again, they are as you're aware, so there are a number of DCs going through the process in the same area, the same, the same submissions were raised in Blofield. So I will see what was said there. And we will provide our comments by procedural deadline.

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thank him for that that's most helpful.

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I have no more comments or questions on this by the agenda. But just before I move on, can I just confirm whether anybody else has anything to say, on this item on the agenda?

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not seeing any hands or anything like that. So that's really helpful. Thank you very much.

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My case team got there before I did. And I was just gonna say if you could stop and share the screen. So thank you for that.

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So now let's turn to item five on the agenda.

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And for this, you will need annex D the rule six lecture in front of you.

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And perhaps I can ask my case team to pop this up. Again, this this might be helpful while while I'm talking as well, just so we've got that.

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What I don't intend to do sort of fully go through the examination timetable at this stage, but I just want to highlight some of the key points and in particular, some of the, the early stages.

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And what I'll do is I'll deal with the examination deadlines first, then a brief discussion on site inspections and finally hearings. But what I suggest I'll do is I will pause at the end of each one

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Just to sort of take any questions and go through any comments that people may will have.

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And in terms of the procedure deadline as submissions, I understand that and

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Mr. Fry, Norfolk County Council and again, Mr. Mackenzie, have got comments on this item. So, what I will do is I will, I will come to you in due course as we go through.

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So, just sort of providing very sort of a brief overview of the

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timetable, as we have drafted in the rule six. As I mentioned, the start as soon as practical after the start of the examination, I will issue my relate letter, which will finalise the timetable. And at the same time, I will issue my first written questions on the application.

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If I consider it necessary on a warm Earth, what a third round of written questions and this is timetabled for Friday, the eighth of October. And then there's a further round potential questions which is tantei for Tuesday the 30th of November.

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But also needs to be during the course of the examination, I can issue a specific request for information from the main parties, which is known as the rule 70 letter.

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So turning to sort of the initial deadlines deadline, one is currently timetable to the first of September, when amongst other things we won't be to submit written representations to the application. I will also be expecting the initial steps of common ground and the draft itinerary for a company to site inspections.

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first of September is also a procedural deadline see when I'll be expecting to receive written notification from those people or organisations that wish to speak at issue specific compulsory purchase or open floor hearings.

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Deadlines deadline to his programme to the 14th of September. This deadline, I expect responses to the examining authorities first written questions and the submission of local impact reports from the relevant local authorities.

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As you will see from the draft timetable, there are the 10 proposed deadlines for acquiring information to be submitted. For expediency, I don't intend to go through all these deadlines now. But if you do have any comments, please submit them in writing both procedural deadline B, which is already set in ninth August. However, I'm aware that a number of us have raised some comments and some thoughts on the timetable. And I think if we could just go through those now. And I think it might be helpful the prospect to start with you, Mr. Fry? Because I know you've made a number of sort of suggestions with regards to some of the the timetable and the deadlines.

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Michael Fry wbd? Yes, sir. That's correct. That they all set out in the rule six response that just to take them already. The first one was deadline three, we just noted that, that there isn't much time for response to written questions. And then there is afterwards quite a long gap between

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examination items. And so we wondered if it would be possible to push that date the 28th of September back by seven days to the fifth of October. Except of course that that means that your publication, your further written questions would probably also be pushed back much the same amount. But we still think that that would allow the hearings and deadlines for to take place in the way you set out in the annex D

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Should I keep going? Or do you want to hear any further submissions? I imagine that Norfolk may well have some things to say on each deadline as well. Yeah, I'm happy for you to sort of keep going and then we'll bounce it back if need be. So yeah, then it all? Yeah, of course. And I suppose the the overarching comment then is that with the greatest respect to those who drew the timetable together, it is just tinkering around the edges to try and I hope make things manageable for us. And importantly, for the interested parties to have time to make comments.

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The next item is item 14, which is deadline for

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again, the reason we've asked there for deadline for to be pushed back to Friday, the 12th of November, is that the hearings end on the fifth of November, and it gives very little time then for written summaries to be provided, along with of course the answers to original questions, which is always a busy time. So it was simply a request for slightly more breathing room on the assumption that we are going to be in ice ages till later on Friday afternoon. So that was simply a request to move it to Friday the 12th of November and I don't think that that really affects anything else in the programme. And the next item was item 21. Which I imagine a lot of people may have something to say sir

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In a week straight after New Year,

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I suppose the points are that the third and fourth of January are an English and Scottish bank holiday in order. And some of that team is Scottish. So the fourth might be difficult. We we were fairly confident that you will be sitting on bank holiday, sir. But in case you were tempted, I wanted to mention that. So we would ask that, to the extent that ice ages are required, they're moved to the Wednesday to Friday slots, and perhaps Monday, the 10th of January if there is an overhang, but we appreciate really, it's in our gift to provide you with the answers your written questions so that the ice ages aren't required to give everyone a decent break and Christmas.

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The second amendment falls out of that was deadline seven at item 22.

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And, again, it's just a request to move that deadline, and to the other side of the weekend to Monday, the 17th of January, again, in order to give people time to prepare the documentation, and we need to eat in two weekends. And that is what we will do in order to meet that deadline. Now, we didn't think that would have much of an effect on the rest of your programmes.

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Then the rule six letter proposes a new deadline which which are term deadlines seven a just to avoid moving everything along. And that is just asking that we might do written summaries about whatever all submissions have made those ish's as required in the week, commencing 17th of January, as well. And again, as those summaries, I don't think it should really affect much else in the in the programmes.

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And I think other than that, it is

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we contend with when the programme is set out, as I say my submission is really just to try and relieve pressure as much as we can and whilst whilst keeping your programmes.

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Thank you, Mr. Fry, that that's, that's helpful. What I can certainly say is that, yeah, those hearings past January, we picked up the Scottish. We had we had a part of your team where but we had picked up the Scottish bank holiday. So I think our intention was they would be towards the back end of that week, if needed anyway, but again, we'll take that on board, consider it and confirm that in more detail when we should define the timetable. So thank you for that. And thank you for the comments.

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If I could go to Mr. Cumming on behalf and offer county council.

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Yes, thank you, sir. David Cumming, strategic transport manager, Norfolk County Council. I think I'd like to start just by endorsing the comments made by Mr. fry, I think that they weren't helpful and

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unwelcome in terms of our comments, very similar theme, but they are much sort of broader rather than suggesting specific changes. The first comment really is about the hearing date. And again, it touches on the points made by Mr. fry about the resource and staff implications of holding examination hearings, in August, November. And in early January,

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the county council will need to call on a wide range of staff across you know, a broad range of spectrums,

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including highway staff colleagues in the league, lead, local flooding authority, etc.

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It is difficult to know particularly during holiday periods, people will be on leave people will be away. And so we just ask really that this resource requirement is borne in mind that there is flexibility given where it can be in respect to the deadlines, etc. And also, that as much notice is given in advance of the deadlines. And yes, time given to turn around necessary comment.

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In terms of something that was touched on before about virtual hearings, as opposed to non virtual hearings, virtual hearings, I think, are much less demanding on staff time.

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They negate the need to travel. So I think that we would prefer virtual hearings where that is appropriate. But do appreciate that in some cases, it's much easier to have a hearing in person to go through specific points.

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The second comment really, that I'd like to make is about the lack of detail in the draft timetable, regarding some of the issues being discussed. The issue specific hearing dates, and

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it's appreciated.

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As the examining examination progresses, these days will become clearer. The topics to be discussed will be come clearer. But we do need to make sure that we can plan to make sure that we've got the right people to deal with the issues. So we would ask that there is early confirmation of items to be considered each hearing

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in sufficient time to allow us to get the right people there to deal with those issues. And the third and final point really is the logistics of timetabling this examination along with the other two a 47 examinations. So blofield and burlingham. And thickthorn are proceeding. One of those things on I think, is likely to have very, very similar timetable to this one. And obviously, there's potential for those timetables to overlap, again, stretching on the resources, the County Council. So again, so just asking you to be mindful of the pressures that that will bring on that we are dealing with these other DCA applications as as we go through the process. Thank you.

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Thank you for that, Mr Mr. Cumming, that guts helpful in terms of just taking a sort of from from the last point you made? Yes, we're mindful of my case team are in contact with the case team for the other applications to try and sort of avoid the timetabling of examinations and bits and pieces at the same time, and whatever. So yes, we were aware of that. And we'll we'll continue to sort of do that over the next sort of week or so as we finalise the timetable. So yeah, thank you for that. And virtually intact, that's very helpful. Thank you for that. The other aspect that we could look at might be blended events, which the planning is better to have started to do, which is a mix of virtual hand in person. And a number of sort of events, certainly section 78 world have started that way and are proceeding that way. So there seems to be working well. So perhaps by the time we get to that point of his will have

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tried and tested the technology and fall into the pitfalls that we can avoid hope is that something will bear in mind set. So thank you for that.

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And in terms of the subjects and topics, the headings again, I think there's a point that Mr. Fry in the highways England rule, response raised as well. So you're conscious of resource implications and the need to give early warning and notice of what those are going to be so that you can have the necessary sort of staffing in place and breathed. Thank you for that. for that. That's helpful. And

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Mr Mr. Mackenzie, if I could come to you next. Thank you. So George Mackenzie, counsel for Mr. Meynell instructed by samples. So may I briefly speak to items seven and 11 in terms of annex D. So far as item seven is concerned, the penultimate bullet point I've largely already spoken to, and I would simply reiterate the request to you to request

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a statement of common ground between us and the applicant to be drafted in due course. And then so in terms of the accompanied site inspections, so we would again, this is just really to put the applicant on notice as to this matter, but we would want to add at time and provision in the I draft itinerary for asis for a visit to the berry Hall estate and the location of the proposed woodland junction

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itinerary.

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And then, finally, and just to reiterate comments that Mr. Fry made, so we would we would very much welcome and indeed invite you to extend the deadline three date from the 28th of September to the fifth of October. And so we entirely echo the comments made by Mr. Fry. And in that regard, we also specifically as you will have seen from our rule six letter have a difficulty in terms of one of the critical members of the team. In fact, counsel who I am deputising for today being unavailable due to court commitments from the 20th to the 28th of September. So that would only leave us with a week to complete a relatively heavy work stream so far as the as analysing the responses to your first set of written questions.

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That's all I have to say on this matter. Thank you sir.

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Thank you for that Mr. Mackenzie.

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Is there anybody else who would just like to raise any points. With regards to the timetable I will be coming on to site inspections and hearings and bits and pieces but in turn

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The timetable.

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I have a hand. Ruth, Goodall I'll come to you next. Yes, um, I mean, this is uncharted territory for me. So I don't know whether I'm coming in at the right place. But I don't I the issue

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we want to raise, we want to ask for a special issue hearing. And I'm not sure where in this process, an opportunity to raise that will occur. So I'm just kind of flagging it now. Really, that's fine. Or what I'm going to do now, then is I just wanted to run through set inspections, and then pick up hearings after that. So okay, fine. I'll make a point to come back to you at that stage. And then we can we can, we can hear from you that if that's how Thank you very much. Thank you have a problem. Thanks. And just before I move on to sound inspections, Mr. Fry, anything else that that you would like to add? In terms of the timetable? And the comments you've heard?

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Michael fry, W. Bd? No. So I think largely, or you're interested parties are in agreement. So I'm hoping that that gives you a good indication as to what you might decide to that. Great. Thank you very much.

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So if I can now just briefly sort of run through site inspections. And and my sort of, sort of thoughts on that.

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Just for your own information I've already undertaken on a company site inspection, which was carried out in public land only where I observed the proposed route notes of my site inspection were published yesterday on the second of August. So they're available on the national infrastructure website. And I propose to read those now but by all means, you can you can see those and have a look.

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Can I just ask Ruth Goodall, just don't just pop your hand down. If there's nothing else that you want to ask. It just keeps popping up on my Thank you very much.

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It is possible that I may undertake further and are currently satisfactory during the examination process, where an inspection is needed and why need consent to access the land, or where there's a reasonable request made to accompany an inspection and accompanied site inspection will be held. As a result, I will be inviting parties to indicate in writing if they wish to attend and accompany site visit, and suggest locations or sites for me to visit, including issues to be observed there and the reason why I need to be visiting that part of the site. And in terms of the agenda and the applicant is prepared is asked to prepare draft that to me by the first of September for the visit, which include relevant sites and locations,

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which have been referred to in the relevant representations, the locations or site suggested by parties and any of the sites and locations where the applicant has predicted likely significant effects.

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There is an opportunity to comment on that draft itinerary.

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And we'll look to finalise the answer at least three weeks before the event taking place. And the academy site inspection is timetable for the week commencing the 15th of November. Interesting parties share advice of their wish to attend and accompany site inspection, as well as submit any prospective locations currently drafted on the timetable, whether 14th of September,

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such as submission, again, should include why such a site should be why should be visiting such a site and the exact locations for those. But this does not preclude any further requests for prospective viewpoints during the examination, where there is good reason to do so.

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So just in terms of site visits. Mr. Cumming, is there anything specific you wish to add to the process from from the county Council's point of view?

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Hello, David Cumming at Norfolk County Council? No, not at this stage. Thank you, sir. Thank you very much.

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Mr. Mackenzie. I noted your your comments in the last bit for

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a visit to the state. And I will send it back and I'm pretty sure Mr. Fry will pick that up as well. Is there anything else that that you wish to add in terms of that scientific process at this stage? doors Mackenzie? counsel for Mr. Meynell? No, sir. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Fry. Anything, anything from yourself?

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microprobe web? No. So it's all been noted won't surprise you to know that he's already in the draft my query that we are circulating internally. Thank you very much. That's helpful. Mr. Hawler, I see you've got your hand up.

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Thank you, sir. Richard, Richard Hawler from Hockering

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that I note from your report that you have made a visit to Hockering but there's a

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A particular site that I think is worthy of visiting, but I realise that it's

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it's a public footpath which is currently closed due to problems in that area. How will this affect your ability to to make a site visit is closed simply because one bridge is unsafe?

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Are you able to do I need to request on your behalf, so to speak,

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permission to, to use that footpath. Although it's officially closed.

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Apologies, I realised I've muted myself so that I wasn't moving the papers wasn't disturbing. What I would suggest is that if you submit submit those details, through the process, we can then through the applicant, potentially, through the county council, who may be responsible for the footpath find a way to

sort of resolve that, of course, there is a reasonable amount of time. So it may well be that I can pick that up towards the back end of the examination, if needs be.

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But yeah, if you if you make that point to me early in writing, then we can we can start a process in shaper. So to look at how we can get safe access to that if if it's closed for valve and safety reasons, then I'm not entirely sure.

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I should be venturing on that if it's been deemed unsafe. But it may be we can get to a point which is which is safe for me to to view it from.

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Well, I must say that I'm very hopeful that the footpath will be rendered safe within the next week or so. Okay.

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I'm just catering for the possibility that that doesn't occur. That's fine. Well, if it doesn't, then we can perhaps keep that under review. And if that needs to be something that I need to pick up towards the back end of the examination, if we've not had a chance to pick it up either an earlier stage, then we can do that. Thank you very much. Thank you.

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Okay, thank you for those comments. So just before I move on to sort of talk about hearings, are there any further comments just regards to site inspection?

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Mr.Hawler, your hand is still up, I'm guessing that they will just be left over from from the comment you just made. Personal? No problem. Thank you. It's the world we live in leaving Hands up, unfortunately.

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Okay, thank you for that if I could sort of move now on to two hearings, as I mentioned at the start of the meeting, but at this stage, the starting point is that all hearings will be held virtually, and our draft timetable assumes this. However, I will keep this under constant review. As to whether it will be possible to hold hearings in person or potentially by blended events. We will give as much warning as possible of any decisions that we make on this. So please do keep an eye on the project page at the website for any announcements

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on the evening of the 12th of August and proposing hold a virtual open floor hearing. This is an opportunity to individuals and community groups to put their views forward verbally. The agenda will event or to be on the project page of the national infrastructure website, which are advised to read in advance of registering to be heard.

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This explains the oral submission should be based on representations previously made in writing, and not simply repeat matters previously covered in written submissions, but rather provide further detail and explanation to help inform me.

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The deadline for requests to be heard at the supreme court hearings procedural deadline fee, the ninth of August, which is at 12pm.

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If you wish to participate please complete the involvement form on the project page of the national infrastructure website. And the case team are able to assist with any questions that you may have with regards to technology required pretending this virtual meeting.

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Should the hearings be deemed necessary or requested by interested parties this draft timetable as we've already highlighted reserves. These dates for Tuesday, the second of November to Friday, the fifth of November for these. And if interested parties wish to be heard at these hearings. They need to notify as by procedural deadline D which is currently programmed for the 14th of September.

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As we've also discussed as additional week, commencing the third of January is also served for additional hearings if necessary.

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Perhaps if I could now see if there's any particular points on hearings. Mr. Cumming, is there anything from the county Council's perspective?

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David Cumming Norfolk County Council no said nothing at this stage.

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Thank you very much. Mr. Mackenzie. Is there anything else that you wish wish to add or raise at this stage with regards to their hearings

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George Mackenzie counsel for Mr. Meynell. No, sir. There is not.

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Thank you, Mr. Fry. Anything else that you wish to raise?

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Michael fry web? No, sir. Nothing.

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Thank you very much at Ruth Goodall this is probably your chance now to raise the point that you wanted to raise earlier. Thank you very much indeed.

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And I'm Ruth Goodall or I'm speaking today on behalf of Western novel parish Council.

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The counsellor has two issues, which would be grateful if the examiner would look at more closely. The first is the configuration of the woodland junction. And we'll be making written representations and I would support Mr. Mackenzie's request that that is also a special issue hearing.

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But for the purposes of this meeting, the issue that I want to raise is the side road strategy. And the council requests that the side road strategy which is implicit in the highways England application, should be considered at a special issue hearing and should include a visit to Western longville which would

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explain why the request is being made.

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The high ratings and high level strategy which was contained in the a 47, North Tuddenham to Easton junction, side road report, which was published in February of 2020. states that the development of the scheme was based on maintaining the old a 47 and connecting severed roads or accesses either with new connector roads or utilising the existing local road network.

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However, the the application which is before you involves the closure of seven north south access roads, leaving only three routes, the Matador link road, the B 1535 HGV route and the C 167. Both the B 5135. And the C 167 are in western longville. And nobody would argue that either road is suitable for the high volumes of traffic which they already carry.

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Most, but not all of these issues may be resolved if the Norwich Western link is delivered. However, and this is the real point of the request for a special issue meeting is that for if for any reason, the note Western link is significantly delayed or doesn't go ahead. The C 167 and the B 1535. will become the only direct means of connecting the a 47 to the a 1067 and the northern distributor road. And the traffic to the parish would as a consequence increased by 30%.

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Yeah, Western Longo was listed by highways England as an unaffected parish.

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And the parish Council has been in discussion with Norfolk County Council about measures to mitigate the impact if the western link doesn't go ahead, or is seriously delayed, but as yet there is no agreement in place.

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And highways England have only recently acknowledged that this is a problem, which will arise as a direct consequence of duelling the a 47.

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For this reason, the parish council would very much welcome a hearing and an independent examination through a special issue hearing of the side road strategy, which is implicit rather in a sense than explicit in the current tax application. And as a parish, we need the reassurance that an equitable Plan B will be built into any decio, which follows this application. Thank you very much.

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Thank you very much for their submissions. Thank you and what I would rephrase the need to sort of make the submissions to me and a procedural beyond the other deadlines as well in terms your written representations.

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I see I've got another hand up, Mr. Mr. Hawler.

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Thank you. So I just want to endorse Ruth Goodall's request for a side road strategy,

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issue specific hearing, because there is a possible impact on Hockering village and associated with the cyber strategy.

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I will suggest this later, but good areas for for a site visit would be lower Eastern, which would effectively be closed as a result of the, the GCF and that is what would give rise primarily to this

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situation that with good luck as mentioned.

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I will put that in writing obviously, to, to suggestion to.

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Thank you very much.

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Thank you for all your your comments. Are there any other further comments anybody else would wish to make with regards to item five of the agenda?

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not seeing any sort of hands or comments. That's great. Thank you very much.

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Just what I just like to just finally sort of take the opportunity to highlight the importance of ensuring that information is submitted in accordance with the set deadlines. Well, I do have the ability to accept late submissions into the examination. This is at my discretion, and should only be an exceptional circumstances, as less admissions restrict the ability for the parties involved in the examination to respond to information that can therefore jeopardise the examination timetable, it is important for you to note that if you do submit something late, there is always the possibility that it may not be accepted into the examination.

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So thank you for your comments on item five, and I like to move on to item six, which is procedural decisions. And this relates to annex F of the rule six letter? Well, not that I made a number of procedural decisions with regards to the management examination.

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And I accept explains that the details are those.

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With regards to the status of common ground, I've seen the details provided by the appellant in their procedural deadline air response, thank you very much for those which lists the various organisations with whom you're preparing sense of common ground. And I've also heard the discussions from Mr Mackenzie and the response from Mr. Fry, with regard to the potential for for an additional standard of common ground in their respects.

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Mr. Fry, you're supposed to question with regards to the habitat regulations and my request for the completed matricies. What I will do rather than picking up here if that's okay, but I will provide your response in may rule six, certainly relate letter unless there's anything further that you wish to add at this stage. Mr. Fry with regards to those points.

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My fry web? No, no. So we'll wait for your comments and writing. Thank you for that. And and are there any other procedural decisions or particular points anybody wish to make in terms of item six on the agenda?

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Again, I'm not seeing any hands or comments. So I'll take those as everything's okay. Thank you very much. Moving on to item seven, which is any other matters? I've not been provided with any other matters for discussion, but again, are there any other relevant items anybody wish to raise at this point?

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No, that's great. Thank you very much for that. And then finally, taxes on to the close of the meeting. So thank you very much for all your contributions and contributing so fully and usefully to this meeting. I do very much look forward to commencing the examination of the application. May I remind you that both notes and digital recording the proceedings today will be made available? As soon as is practical on the project page of the national infrastructure website? And just a sort of final comments, can I just remind you of the next stages of the process, procedural deadline B is new on the ninth of August, where any comments on the matters discussed today need to be submitted in writing for me to consider before the commencement of the resumed preliminary meeting. The resumption permanent meeting will take place on Thursday the 12th of August at 10am.

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And the open floor hearing will take place at 6pm on Thursday, the 12th of August.

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The time is now 1120. And this preliminary meeting for the North turned into eastern jewelery project is now adjourned until Thursday, the 12th of August. Thank you for your time and your inputs.