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Okay, it's 1140. Can I just confirm with somebody that somebody can hear and hear and see me that I'm clear to everybody?

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I can hear us. So

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thank you. Thank you, Mr. Walker. That's great. It's 1140. And this hearing is into the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton is resumed. So thank you very much for that. And before the break, we dealt with items one and two on the agenda. So now I'd like to move on to Item three on the agenda, which is scheduled to have the DCR, which is the requirements, Mr. Frey.

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So I am sorry to interrupt and to circle back, and I went through my notes during the break. And the one matter that we haven't addressed that Miss Ashworth may not thanked me for is the changes that were made to the to the draft TCO, and you asked for an update on those changes. I mean, they are in the document that you identified and Nordley technical and typographical. But if you'd like us to formally go through that. So we're very happy to do so before you move on to the next item.

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Yes, thank you for sort of going back to that that might be helpful, just to sort of recap where we are. And that's I think so yes. If you could briefly do that. That'd be great.

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After I find you back.

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Thank you, I'm Kate Ashworth for the applicant. So I wasn't intending to go through the whole schedule, because as you can probably tell, there have been various minor updates as a result of firstly, comments made by interested parties. Secondly, your first set of written questions. There have been also been quite a few minor changes made to the schedules to reflect updates to the rights of way and access plans submitted at deadline three, our EP three for the traffic regulation plans, our EP three, five on the classification of roads plans are EP p three, seven so that they're the updated plans. And due to the changes in those plans, this schedules have been updated slightly with with distances, etc. That schedule of changes was submitted at deadline three. So that is our EP 319. The substantive change and the only one that I didn't know if you wanted to discuss is the addition of Article Three, four, which disapplied, section 1611 of the Planning Act 2008. So that relates to the enforcement of a development consent order section 161. And this change was made

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resection referring to me Sorry, I was just trying to let them know Find

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Articles three, four, is the new drafting in the DCO. And then, in the Planning Act, it's 161.

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That's right. Thank you.

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Okay. So, effectively 161 deals with the enforcement of a development consent order. This provision was included that request of Orsted in their relevant representations. And it confirms that if compliance with the Hornsea three order compels a breach of the Tottenham, the 47 Tottenham order or vice versa, in that particular circumstance, the relevant promoter will not commit a criminal offence. So it has narrow application. But it ensures that the where there is overlap between the two schemes, there is not an inadvertent criminal offence committed.

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Thank you for that. I don't have any particular questions on that. And that was certainly part of the document that I reviewed in advance of this. So there was no particular questions that I had around around that

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earlier. That was the only substantive change. So I don't intend to go through all the others. If that's an okay update for you.

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That's fine that that's helpful. Thank you very much for doing that. That's great. So what I would now like to do is move on to Item three on the agenda, which is sheduled, two of the DCR, which is where it sets out the requirements. What might be helpful, Miss Ashworth is, again, I've got a number of questions and I'm happy to go through those but perhaps at and unconscious. The question that Mr. Hawker asked in terms of understanding the process, perhaps if you can just give a brief overview of the requirements and how they work, that that might well sort of help.

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Yes, sir. So in terms of the requirements, these are set out in schedule two of the order, and they are essentially the conditions subject to which development consent is granted. So you could think of them akin to planning permission conditions, so they secure all the various controls and mitigation, that that is needed to make the development acceptable in planting terms. So running through them very, very briefly. The requirements secure a five year time limit in which the authorised development must be commenced, beginning with the date the order comes into force, that the detailed design accords with the preliminary scheme, design on the works plans and the engineering and section drawings. It secures the preparation and compliance with the second and third iteration environmental management

plans. It secures the preparation and approval of a landscaping scheme. And thereafter its implementation a procedure for dealing with remediation of contaminated land and groundwater if discovered. It secures the carrying out of protected species surveys and the fact that works must cease were protected species are found. Until a scheme for the protection and mitigation has been approved. It secures the preparation of the final surface water drainage system, and also a written scheme of investigation for archaeological protection and a preparation of a final traffic management plan. It secures a requirement for fencing, and then it must be constructed and installed in accordance with the manual of contract documents for highways. It secures the details for particular ecological works, which are a ponds and ditches comprised in work number 56 and 97. And then finally, requirements 13 was included following discussions with Ofsted. It ensures that works that relate to the cable route cannot be implemented without their consent, and must be carried out in compliance with the relevant requirements in the Hosey. Three, order which secure necessary mitigation. And part two of the shedule sets out the procedure for approval of requirements by the Secretary of State. It makes provisions for requests for further information, how consultation under the requirements will work. And it confirms how England must give 15 business days to respond to any material that's consulted on and then report to the Secretary of State, setting out the consultation undertaken and any responses provided.

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Thank you very much. That's a that's a helpful sort of run through an overview of what the requirements are for. So thank you for that. I think that's what I'll do is if I run through my questions as we did previously, and then we can then pick up sort of any interested parties questions as we go through or at the end if that's the best way. And so perhaps if I can just start by looking at the interpretation, and you briefly touched on it there, which is the reference to ecological works. And he identifies 56 and 97. Just really wanted to understand why these two in particular, and and also the sort of supplementary question then to that is that there are a number of conditions. I think conditions for and conditions hate which refer to no part of the authorised development except for the cultural works printing, but that doesn't seem to apply to others. So for example, the archaeology on can say I keep calling them conditions for give me requirements on number nine doesn't include such as such a caveat. So it's really just to clarify like I said, Why does too and then why it's not evenly applied across those sort of pre commencement requirements.

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Yes, sir. Case, Ashworth, the applicant so those particular works have ponds and ditches that need to be constructed as early as possible. Following grant of the DCI to allow the habitats to establish. So it's been decided to carve those works out of certain requirements so that they, the applicant does not need to wait for those requirements to be discharged before carrying out those works. For obvious reasons, the written scheme of investigation does need to be dealt with an in place before ditches and ponds are dug. But in relation to all the other requirements, it was it was deemed that there wouldn't be any impact as a result of these works that would need controlling by the Environmental Management Plan, for example. That answers your question.

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That goes Thank you very much. Thank you. Okay, so my next question is related to requirements. Number four, which is the environmental management plan.

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And it picks up actually on a question that was picked up earlier by Mr. Walker in terms of the process. So I think what would be helpful would be to sort of understand what sort of the process is I understand we've got EMP one, how EMP two and then EMP three gradually sort of appears and what, whether they're in sort of timescales for that as well and how that sort of works in practice.

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Yes. So, the Environmental Management Plan, first iteration has been submitted with the application, and it records how environmental effects are managed, and how the impacts of the scheme will be managed and monitored, then have within that document the record of environmental actions and commitments for the Riak because it might also be invented. So that's table 3.1, in that document, and that records all the environmental commitments made in the various chapters of the environmental statement sets out more detail around their implementation and then ongoing management and monitoring. So, what requirement for of the draft DCO secures is the production of a second and third iteration environmental management plan. So, the first iteration contains the structures and the initial commitments. The second iteration will then be a more detailed document that deals with the construction phase of the development. So, it may also be referred to in other schemes as a a camp, a construction environmental management plan and then the third iteration. So, the second iteration, apologies must be prepared in advance of the authorised development commencing, but the ecological works as we discussed have been carved out of that due to the need to establish those habitats early. And then moving on to the third iteration that needs to be submitted on completion of construction of each part. And the reason for that is because the third iteration EMP deals with the operational phase of the development so the triggers reflect what the documents are designed to manage. In addition to that, requirement for two sets out a list of secondary management plans, so these all form part of the environmental management plan, they almost sit underneath them as appendices, but they are in themselves, their own management plans and requirement for to secures the preparation of each of these separate plans alongside the second iteration, environmental management plan and again, those deal with construction impacts.

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Okay, thank you. That's helpful. Just to sort of follow up questions, one, you said sort of advanced the development commencing, I presume, are prepared in advance around the commencing that also means Secretary of State will approve all those documents before development commences Is that is that my understanding?

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Yes, sir, that is my understanding. No part of the authorised development is to commence until any MP has been submitted and approved. Yes, in writing by the Secretary State.

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And they are then prepared in discussion with the various planning authorities or the hiring authority or whatever in terms of whenever. Okay, that's helpful. And then point K on the list. It says I NS management plan now from what I recall that invasive species, I think I wasn't sure what the rest of the acronym stood for. So just to clarify that it is what I think it is.

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Yes, it's invasive. Yes, non native species.

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Okay. Thank you. Okay, that's helpful. And number four, so, so thank you for that. And I'm just going to ask Mr. Hawker at this point, because I know he had some questions previously on underwriting to with regards to the function and environmental management plan to see what he's got any further comments or whether that provides sort of a an overview of the process and how it would work in practice? Mr. Hawker is anything that that you wish to add? Or any questions you have?

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Thank you, Richard Hawker from hunkering. I think that that helps me to understand the three iterations of the MP and what they're intended to do. I don't know if this is part of it. But but all those actions that are a part of that those plans, who monitors those? Is that part of the plan as well to dictate who will monitor this? Or is this up to the applicant or building himself?

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Thank you. I suspect I probably know this, but I continue to miss Ashworth just to provide that the category cancer are helpful.

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Yes, sir. Under the Planning Act, 2008, it would be the relevant planning authority who will be the enforcing authority. So it would work in a similar way to a normal planning permission whereby it would be for the undertaker to comply. But if there is any, any suspected breach or any obvious breach, it would be for the relevant planning authority to then take the necessary action. So I can't categorically say it will be monitored in a specific way by them, but but I'm sure they have their their own sort of methods of monitoring the development.

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Okay, thank you, mister. Okay.

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Richard Hawker from Craig, who would be the the planning authority here?

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Sorry, I just unmuted myself I suspect that would cover perhaps the relevant local authorities might might be able to sort of help here. But I suspect Norfolk County Council themselves with I think we would all take an interest would be my my assumption in terms of how that how this would work in

terms of its monitoring units. And the enforcement of those sort of requirements. I see Mr. Mr. Woods got his hand up. And perhaps he can he can sort of help there as well.

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Yeah, just just really just some word Breckland. Council. So just to sort of clarify that Yes. For the A part of the the road that lies within in Breckland Breckland would be what the local planning authority and would be working closely with the The Undertaker during the pre construction pre approval and construction phases to ensure inputted into the the requirements, the Secretary State will be the decision maker, and that we would work with the The Undertaker to ensure that conditions are are complied with where it's appropriate to do so.

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Thank you, Mr. Wood, that that does happen. There are matters in here as well that perhaps our county council matters. So they would pick up some of those sorts of issues that fall into their remit as well. And it does that answer your question, Mr. Walker at this stage?

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Thank you. Yes, I think it does. It's not perhaps the clear cut answer I was looking for. But that's the way it is. That's the way it is. Okay.

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Thank you. Okay, well, if I could move on to my next question, which is on requirement five, which is which is landscaping? And my sort of first question is the submission and approval of this scheme and bear with me a second. I just check my notes. Yeah, that was sort of exactly when that would happen because it sort of says has been submitted to and approved Writing by Secretary of State but it doesn't identify whether that is prior to commencement. There doesn't seem to be sort of a trigger for, for when everything needs to be to be approved in in that sense that I could see.

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Yes, sir. Kate, Ashraf the applicant, it is not a pre commencement requirement, because as you can imagine the landscaping will be carried out at the end. So what sort of the construction works have finished. And so it isn't a pre commencement requirement. There is no trigger in the requirements as drafted. But this is based on on a precedent requirement that's been included in numerous of the DCS. And ultimately, the landscaping design is secured by the Environmental master plan, it must be delivered, that is actually expressly stated in the React table 3.1 as well. So there is there is no option the applicant must deliver that landscaping. But there isn't a clear cut trigger for that.

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Because I was thinking about it refers to the landscaping scheme in a developing line, as opposed to the actual landscaping itself. serve as the scheme. I was wondering about the process for that being approved, whether the principles or that Yeah, and I appreciate that the point but where the actual scheme itself needs to be approved prior to commencement of development.

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I can certainly take that one away. But but as I said, This requirement is based on on precedent drafting. So I would need to take instructions,

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that would be fine, that that would be helpful. And then if you could give me if there are precedents as we those that'd be useful as well. Thank you. And on that same requirement under number for the last sort of couple of lines, it refers to rather recommendations of appropriate British Standards, or other recognised codes of good practice, and I'm not sure what are the codes of practice that could be that would be better than than the British Standards? And my sort of question was, is, are the British Standards not not sufficient in this instance?

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Yes, cater for the applicant. My understanding, again, is that this drafting is incorporated to ensure that if in any event for any reason the British Standards were revoked, or or renamed or superseded, then that would allow that flexibility without going back to apply for a non material change, which could seriously impact the progress of the scheme. So it's, it's included for that reason, not because there are necessarily others at this point in time.

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Okay. Again, it might be something that I just said, perhaps look at the wording of that, too. I appreciate that as a point, but perhaps to clarify that within within the wording there that it doesn't give a an either or option British Standards or something else. It is British Standards, unless there are issues with the British Standards, perhaps if that's something that could be taken away to to have a look at it'd be great.

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My next question relates to requirements six. But again, this might be more as a written question, because I was looking for whether the environmental agency, we're going to be here to provide some input. So I don't think there's my question now, I think I will pass over and there was a written question later on, I think it would need input from the Environment Agency.

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My next question is Article Seven, but again, sorry, requirements seven. Think you've helpfully answered my sort of question. And how that relates to requirements four and eight. And I think you've already sort of picked that one up.

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And then under the same on requirements seven, in paragraph four, the second line is refers unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary of State, again, the process for that, whether that needs to include writing or something, so it's actually agreed in writing by the Secretary of State.

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Okay, I can take that one away. And come back to my good yes, that would

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be that'd be great. Thank you. And my next one relates to requirement 10, which is traffic traffic management. And again, I think I know the answer, but I'm gonna ask the question anyway. It refers to work number one, only, and I'm presuming it refers to work number one because that Work Number one is a catch all for the whole development itself. Therefore, that's why it sort of encapsulates everything in terms of work. Number one.

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Yes, that worked. Number one is is the the new, a 47, the offline section, so it's the most significant part of the works. So that would trigger Yes. With all the other works.

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That's Thank you. And requirement number 11, which deals with fencing referred to do so any permanent and temporary fencing? Again, my sort of question was sort of a bit more clarity on that. Is it permanent and temporary or permanent or temporary at any type of fencing? To clarify, and for example, would it include noise mitigation fencing? Would it include any ecological mitigation fencing that might be needed during the construction process?

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Yes, that my understanding is, is yes, it is all fencing. Yeah, that sets out the standards that must be met for fencing. And the fencing is shown on the environmental master plan, the proposed fence.

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And like I say, I just wonder if that that opening line might need to be to be looked at to sort of clarify, and again, if I can leave that with you to sort of pick that one up? That would be good. And then, the next question relates to requirement 13, which is the Ofsted works. It will be helpful if you could just sort of explain why and then to have you envisage this working in practice.

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Yes, these these works were what was specifically work number four, is a work that was also incorporated into the whole Z three order. There is direct overlap with the Tottenham order limits, and that particular section of cabling. So it was decided to include those works in this order to allow for an instance whereby the cabling could be done this before or at an appropriate time. To allow them the tendon works to come forwards over the top. So if it was preferable to, for example, put in the cabling before the tenant scheme was then commenced. So it's it's it's taking a cautious approach to allow that to happen if that is preferable. My understanding at the moment is that that won't happen. But it has been included just in case there's an instance where that arises that there could be unforeseen delays. The purpose of that requirement, it was included after discussions with Ofsted. They did not want a situation whereby the applicant could instal cabling without their approval and without their consent, and that that was deemed reasonable. So that requirement was put into ensure Ofsted must give written approval for the for any part of those works to commence, which my understanding at the moment is is unlikely to be necessary. And in addition to that, we reviewed the mitigation secured as part of our environmental management plan and then identified the requirements in the Hornsey three order that may also need to be complied with on top of the mitigation that we have secured. So that

ensures that note those works can only be carried out in compliance with the mitigation identified in that order as necessary to make them acceptable.

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Thank you. That's helpful clarification that has gone thank you. So that's the end of my questions and sort of clarification points that I have on the requirements. Are there any other comments, questions from anybody else? Miss Ashley, proceed. Got a question for yourself possibly.

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I just I'm able to come back to you on one of the points that we talked about. So in terms of the process for secretary of state approval, requirement 14 deals with that process and states that any any amendments dealt with within part one of the requirements must be done by approval in writing by the social set. So I understand the comment 14 covers that off, if that assist, so it's not not necessarily needed to include that wording in each requirement.

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Okay, thank you for that. That covers that. Thank you. Mr. Percival, I see you you've got your hand up if I could come to you.

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Hello, John, personal soon historic, and via an officer Norfolk County Council are just checking to confirm that you didn't have any questions for me specifically relate to requirement nine?

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No, I don't. But if you would like to make any comments, please feel free to do sir.

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No, I have no comments. And in which case, I don't think I'm needed any further in this hearing. And this, my colleague, David Cummings going to say about that. David, coming in Norfolk County Council? No, I have nothing to say about that. That's nothing to matter for the Inspector. Yes, I'm happy if you feel this, there's no need. Yeah, if there's anything does come up, we can always respond in writing. And I'll be I'll be hearing I'll be attending into the in deities time when in the environmental section anyway. Yes, a cover off details.

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That's fine. Thank you very much for your time. Thank you. Are there any other questions from the house with regards to the requirements before I move on to the next item on the agenda?

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Not seeing any, any hands up or need any further questions. So on that basis, what I want to do is move on to Item four on the agenda, which is the protective provisions in the sheduled. Nine. And again, I think what would be helpful is I don't think we have any of the statutory undertakers here today. But it might well be helpful if the applicant could just sort of take us through that. I don't have any

particular burning questions on this. But he might we'll just be helpful and then we can see if there's any it generates any sort of questions for any interested parties if that's okay.

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So Michael fry for the applicant, I'm dealing with this agenda item. It'd be worth flagging up that there's a statement of commonality which is intended to be submitted a deadline for to serve and draft where applicable, but I can give you a brief update on the progress of protective provisions with particular statutory undertakers. First in respect of Anglian Water Services Limited the outcome has been in negotiation with Anglian Water. There are a few paragraphs of the protected provisions which are not yet agreed between the parties. And the intention is to submit a statement of common ground and next deadline, setting out any areas of disagreement which remains so we will keep the examination formed as the progress of those discussions. In respect of BT Openreach limited BT Openreach have confirmed that the standard protective provisions including within the draft DCO, part two sheduled nine, provide adequate protections for their interests, and therefore, do not intend to take part in the examination process any further. For that reason, they are entering into a statement common ground with BT Openreach and I presume, so they will write to the examination in that vein if they haven't already. In respect of National Grid gas, the applicant is negotiating standard agreement and protective provisions with National Grid gas and expects to reach agreement before the end of the examination. The only update sir is the discussions are ongoing in relation to the development of the design and construction methodology for diverting the high pressure gas pipeline in advance the main works. We're not aware of any issues yet, but if any issues are raised, that will then become a matter of a further statement of common ground and if necessary, sir. Respective UK Power Networks they are aware of the scheme and the applicant has been meeting regularly with UK PN and no issues have been raised to date. So far as I'm aware, there were no relevant representations submitted and in any event, UK Power Networks will be able to rely on the standard protective provisions included within the draft DCO again sheduled nine. Again, if any issues are raised by UK PN To the late stage the applicant will look at to entering into a statement common ground with them. But that is not anticipated at this stage that the last statutory Undertaker is Vodafone limited. And while none of their assets are directly affected, the applicants engaging with Vodafone about maintaining access to, to phone masks. And that position still under discussion and Vodafone are considering whether an socg is appropriate and reviewing the protective provisions contained within sheduled. Nine of the draft DCA, those that's the only update I have, sir on protective provisions. I think that is all the statutory undertakers dealt with. So

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I think it is Mr. Frey and get ticked everybody off that was was on the list. So that that's helpful. Thank you very much. And I think that's probably actually answered some of the questions on item six, actually, in terms of standards of common ground, actually. So practice just sort of jumping slightly ahead of ourselves. Are there any other steps of common ground relevance The DCR? I know, there's probably numbers that are happening in relation to environmental issues and other bits and pieces as well, which we can pick up at a later day. But are there any of this that I need to be aware of in progress with regards to those that deal with DCO matters?

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I'm not sure that there's anything specifically DCO related obviously, there are all statements common grounds being pursued with the with the council's and the county council. So those will almost inevitably encompass some DCM issues, but no specific DCO points other than as I say, the statutory undertakers who may or may not require statements of common ground in due course, not anticipated that that will keep the examination updated as required.

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That's fine. That was gonna be my only request is that if as long as I kept up to date of where we are with those, there'll be can be helpful to me, and I can keep track those. That's great. Thank you. Okay, so that, from my perspective deals with sheduled nine. So Agenda Item four, in terms of protective provisions, I don't have any particular questions, and I think actually, helpfully sort of deals with Item six as well in terms of steps of common ground as well. And frankly, I could just take one step back to identify the consents, licences and other agreements. Again, I don't have any particular questions, but it's a helpful opportunity for me to get an understanding of where the applicant is with with some of these and the timescales and the progress on these as well.

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Of course, I've got a brief update on the various ghost licence applications which are pending with Natural England in respect of greater crested newts, the case licence is still pending, further information has been requested. And the African continues to liaise with Natural England in respect of that very similar position, in respect of Matt's further information, again, has been requested and submitted by the applicant, and we're waiting for a response on that. And then in respect of badger and otter, Val, both of those applications are currently complete and letters of no impediment have been received, and I believe submitted to the examination, sir. So I think that is everything in terms of the consents that we would be seeking. For CCA then in terms of other agreements and legal agreements, so we're seeking cooperation agreements with Austin Vattenfall in respect of their schemes, and again, it's all tied in with the stamens common ground as Miss Ashworth has also set out the reasons for that. But it's essentially to deal with interactions between the schemes where they can't be dealt with in the DCO, or within protected provisions or requirements. So those are ongoing. And I'm afraid I don't have any date for that. But the parties are in communication, and it's obviously in everyone's interests to conclude those agreements as soon as possible. The only, it's not specifically a draft DCO legal agreement, but just to float to you, sir. We are exploring whether or not we need to have a further agreement with Mr. Menon for Barry Hall estate. No meeting has taken place on that yet. So there are no heads of terms or anything like that. But again, we'll keep the examination informed, and I'm sure we'll be hearing more about that at the next hearings.

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Yeah, I was just gonna say if we can, that's helpful for me to know. And it may well be we'll we'll touch on that. Put the issue specific to in terms of the environmental side of things on a number of matters, I suspect so. So thank you for the information on that one. So thank you for that. That's very helpful. And just before I sort of move on, are there any comments or questions for any the interested parties with regards to either the sort of the consents licensee sort of stance of common ground or any of the protected provisions side of things? No, I'm not seeing any hands or sorry, Mr. Walker.

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Thank you, sir. Richard Cochran, just, uh, I don't know if this is appropriate, but some regarding the licences, and obviously the big concern over the wildlife. I've been trying to find the the extent of the effective construction zone, sometimes asked me there's some free fringe is is that defined anywhere? Is the area which would be or could be subject to disturbance, or is that just a red red line of the DCO?

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Okay, what, what I would suggest is that we hold that question for the environmental side of things. Because there will be a sort of a specific section looking at the biodiversity and the ecology side of things as well. So perhaps, it's probably not relevant to the DCR per se that we're discussing at this moment. But I think it's something that I think we should can explore the next issue specific hearing, and I can see Mr. phrase is nodding. So I suspect he No, but he can take that away, and perhaps even come with an answer or something on that for us.

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Thank you very much.

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So if I can ask myself, if you made sure you, I will try and add that to my notes after we finished here. But make sure you've got to note that that that question sort of comes up. Thank you. Thank you. So that leaves we we've dealt with Item six steps of common ground. So thank you for that. So that moves us on to item seven review of issues and actions arising and there was a number of additional points. Mr. fryer, I think, Miss Ashworth said she was going to come back to me in terms of some of the DCO. And then a couple of minor points on the requirements. But I think you've dealt with one of them in terms of that additional point that you provide in terms of agreement in writing, Madam Secretary of State.

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Yes. So that's right, we've taken a note of each of the amendments that are made and the questions we will write to you when we provide the notice of hearing, sir.

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Brilliant, that's great. Thank you very much. And if I can now move on to Item eight, which is any other matters. So does anybody have anything else that they wish to raise any sort of comments, questions that haven't been dealt with at this stage? Mr. Hawk cap.

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Thank you, Richard Hawker from puckering. Really, it's I don't know if it's suitable time to mention this. But it is regarding the DCO. I mean to unprofessional layman like myself, looking at this, for the first time never never been had to look at a DCO. It the whole suite of documents is referred to the DCO referred as the DCO. But it seems very strange that halfway through them is the actual draft DCO itself, the which is what we've been discussing today. And it's rather confusing for that to be halfway through the set of documents that we start to look at. It makes it very difficult for for people like myself, I'm used to the format of things, I would have expected that to be one of the first documents in the suite. So

that's a bit confusing. And some of the documents themselves not within this the draft DCO but those referred to in other words, things like the hetero sheets, worksheets, the classification of roads, sheets, going to those documents themselves elsewhere in the suite of documents are not referred to directly in the draft DCO. So one has to search quite hard to find those. Those details. When you do find for instance, petrol sheets. I can't remember at the examination library system is very good because everything's fairly well rented. And a double piece oh one or something. Open that up. Nice contents at the beginning with all the 23 sheets listed. But it doesn't say what page of the document each each each map is contained on. Nor does it have even the briefest description of of the area the map covers. And it makes it very difficult for people like myself who've just got a desktop computer, which normally takes about 10 seconds to load each map to actually find the one you're looking for, is there any way that this system could be made more efficient effectively, as far as people like myself is concerned?

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Yeah, thank you. Thank you for that, I can appreciate that there is a substantial amount of information. And some of it is and the way that it's referred to and personally, there has to be as think of that, as I mentioned earlier, in terms of the the DCR itself, it has to be in a particular format, because of the legislation. And I appreciate from somebody who's looking at one of those for the first time. It's not the easiest document to get into. Mr. Fraser, anything that you wish to? To

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say No, not really, the only thing I could really add is in terms of how dcl application is set out and submitted, the applicant is bound by the guidance which is provided by pins. So it isn't a sort of a random order that we've alighted upon. It's the order that we were required to submit a DCO application. And so all I'd suggest Mr. Hawker is perhaps if he looks at the advice notes, it does assist, I think with with how to get into an application where the various documents saw, but I'm afraid there's not much more I can do about that as the applicant is bound to put in an application in the form that it's been submitted.

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Yeah, thank Thank you, Fred. And that's actually rapid, I think, I think Mr. froze advice to the advice notes is, is a very pertinent one, actually. Although it's more I appreciate more reading and more documents to go through, but it does provide sort of a systematic way of of how and why things are set out in the way that they are. Please,

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can I ask this advice note? Namely, this just passed me by I don't remember seeing this advice. Could you if you could,

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yeah, if you go into the the national infrastructure website, so if you actually go on to the project page, and all the of the websites. And upon the top bar, there's three or four sort of blue bars, home projects, application process, and the next one is legislation and advice. Under that drop down tab are all the various bits of legislation, but also, there's a whole plethora of advice notes as well that deal with a range of topics. And they're intended to support probably more the applicant, but it'll help you in terms

of understanding, but there are some introductory ones as well, that might well sort of take you through the process. And then a little bit more information there. This is also wanting in relation to the developer consent order and why and how that's set out the way that is set out and what needs to be set out to sit is. And that may help with some of your whilst it may not solve the problem, it might at least sort of explain why things are done in the way that they are.

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Well, thank you very much, I will do that. I suspect I might have done it already and not found it particularly helpful because I have looked at a lot of these documentation. And in particular, the one that I keep referring back to it because this is a transport proposal in the Department for Transport the transport business cases. There is a definite commitment from the Protect being open and transparent, transparent, inform those with a general interest and those who wish to understand the underlying decision making process. And I think for people like myself, I'm used to this. At the moment. It's a little bit obscure and enclosed, to be honest. But I suspect from what you've said that you are bound by the way things have been legislated for so perhaps I really need to talk to my MP about this.

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Like so many things. It would be beyond my remit to suggest how to it but I will leave we'll leave that for you mister. Okay. But no, I, I can appreciate that. There is like I said there's a lot of information down and it takes a while to get through it. But yeah, so hopefully, you know some of that information that would guarantee to mobile sort of help with that?

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Yeah, I think the real point is I, I would like you to tell me with hand on heart that when, for instance, in the examination library, there are AP documents on the environmental statement. There's about 50 environmental statement documents with different numbers, but with with very, very little explanation as to what area they cover. I tell them, that's the sort of thing that makes it very difficult to navigate through things.

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Okay. I appreciate that. I'm not sure we can take that that much further at this stage, because I think that's slightly beyond the remit of of what we're looking to sort of pick up here. But but I'm sure that the applicant is listening, and they do do a number of applications. So I'm sure that's something that they will, will have heard. So thank you for that. Mr.. HawKer. Are there any other comments or questions for anybody else before I move on?

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Okay, I'm not seeing any hands up. So I think if that's the case, I'll move on to item nine, which is the close of the hearing today. So again, thank you very much for your participation. participation today has been extremely helpful and very useful for me. As I mentioned at the start, there will be a digital recording, which has been made and that will be available as soon as possible since we finished on the project website. In addition, and request that you submit any information and the additional points that we discussed by deadline for which is Friday, the 12th of November. The time is now 1232. So again, thank you for your comments and your helpful answers my questions and I declared this issue specific

hearing A47 North Tuddenham to Easton is now closed. So thank you again for your time. Thanks.
Good afternoon.