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All Interested Parties, Statutory
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Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010043

Date: 29 August 2019

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Planning Act 2008 – Section 88 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 6 etc

Application by Norfolk County Council for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing

Appointment of the Examining Authority

I write to you following my appointment by the Secretary of State as the Examining Authority (ExA) to carry out an examination of the above application.

A copy of the appointment notice can be viewed at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010043/TR010043-000625-Notice%20of%20Appointment%20of%20Single%20Examiner%20TR010043.pdf>

I would like to thank those of you who submitted Relevant Representations. These representations have assisted me when preparing my proposals regarding how to examine this application.

Invitation to the Preliminary Meeting

This letter is an invitation to the Preliminary Meeting to discuss the Examination procedure. It contains a number of important supporting annexes.

Date of meeting: 24 September 2019

Seating available from: 9.30am

Meeting begins: 10.00am

Venue: Great Yarmouth Racecourse, Jellicoe Rd, Great Yarmouth NR30 4AU

Access and parking: Parking is available on site. Please see the Racecourse website for detailed information on accessibility. <https://www.greatyarmouth-racecourse.co.uk/plan-your-visit/venue-accessibility/>

Note: Given the volume and frequency of letters the Planning Inspectorate needs to send to Interested Parties during an Examination, we aim to communicate with people by email wherever possible as electronic communication is more environmentally friendly and cost effective for the Inspectorate as a government agency. If you have received a postcard but are able to receive communications by email, please confirm this with the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter, as soon as possible.

Deadlines

Please note that all deadlines stated in this letter end at 23:59 on the deadline day.

Purpose of the Preliminary Meeting

The purpose of the Preliminary Meeting is to enable views to be put to me about the way in which the application is to be examined. At this stage I am looking at the procedure and not the merits of the application. The merits of the application will only be considered once the Examination starts; which is after the Preliminary Meeting has closed.

I wish to run a fair, efficient and effective meeting so that all relevant views can be heard. As such, I strongly encourage groups of individuals who have similar views on the procedure to choose one representative to speak for the group.

The agenda for the meeting is at **Annex A**. This has been set following my Initial Assessment of Principal Issues arising from my reading of the application documents and the Relevant Representations received. That assessment is set out in **Annex B**. As a result of this assessment I wish to hear at the meeting from the Applicant, Interested Parties, Statutory Parties and local authorities where they consider changes may be needed to the draft Examination Timetable set out in **Annex C**.

Up-to-date information about the project and the Examination can be obtained from: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/great-yarmouth-third-river-crossing/?ipcsection=docs>

This is the address for the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website, from which the Planning Inspectorate will make copies of all Examination Documents available to the public. As the Examination process makes substantial use of electronic documents, it will be useful for you to become familiar with this resource.

If you wish to receive an email notification when relevant documents and correspondence are published you can register on the project website to do so.

Further information on the Examination process is given in [Advice Note 8.4](#), which is available on the Planning Inspectorate's website.

Attendance at the Preliminary Meeting

If you wish to attend the Preliminary Meeting please contact the Case Team using the details set out at the top of this letter. Please confirm this no later than **17 September 2019**.

It will help the management of the meeting and benefit everyone if as part of the above confirmation you also:

- tell us whether you wish to speak at the meeting and on which agenda items, listing points you wish to make; and
- notify us of any special requirements you may have (eg disabled access, hearing loop etc).

The Preliminary Meeting provides a useful introduction to the Examination process. I will use it to make Procedural Decisions that will affect everyone participating in the Examination. The meeting provides you with an opportunity to have your say about procedural issues before these decisions are finalised. If you intend to play an active part in the Examination or you have questions about procedure it is useful to attend the meeting.

However, please note that you are not required to attend the Preliminary Meeting in order to participate in the Examination. If you are an Interested Party you will still be able to make a Written Representation and comments on the Written Representations made by other Interested Parties. You will also be able to participate in any hearings that are arranged. Should you no longer wish to be an Interested Party and do not wish to be involved in the Examination process, you can notify the Case Team of this in writing.

After the Preliminary Meeting

After the Preliminary Meeting you will be sent a letter setting out the finalised Examination Timetable. An audio recording and a note of the meeting will also be published on the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website.

Interested Parties have the right to request an Open Floor Hearing (OFH) and those persons affected by any request for Compulsory Acquisition or Temporary Possession of their land or rights may request a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH). The draft timetable at **Annex C** indicates dates for the OFH and CAHs that I may hold, should these be requested, although you will see further below that I have made a firm decision to proceed with an OFH shortly after the Preliminary Meeting on Tuesday 24 September 2019.

Any Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) are held at the discretion of the ExA and will be arranged if I feel that consideration of oral representations would ensure an issue is adequately considered. My Examination will comprise of Written Representations about the proposal and oral representations made at any hearings, in addition to consideration of the application documents, policy and legal positions, site inspections and any other matters I consider to be relevant and important.

All relevant and important matters will be taken into account when I make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will take the final decision in this case.

Notification of hearings

I have made the Procedural Decision to hold an Open Floor Hearing at **6pm** on **24 September 2019**, at **Great Yarmouth Racecourse**. Important information about this hearing is contained within **Annex D**.

If you wish to make oral representations at this hearing, please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter. We will need to receive notice of your attendance no later than **17 September 2019**.

It will help the management of these hearings and benefit everyone if you also:

- tell us whether you wish to speak at the hearing(s); and
- notify us of any special needs you may have (eg disabled access, hearing loop etc).

Other Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority

In addition to the hearing notified above, I have made some further Procedural Decisions which are set out in full at **Annex F**.

Your status in the Examination

You have received this letter because you fall within one of the groups described in this FAQ document: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Status-faq.pdf>

You are in Group A if you have made a Relevant Representation, are a host local authority or if your reference number begins GYRM-AFP or GYRM-S57. You are in Group B if your reference number begins with GYRM-SP and you have not made a Relevant Representation and are not a host authority. You are in Group C if your reference number begins with GYRM-OP.

Information regarding the formal status of Interested Parties and how you can get involved in the process is set out in the Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 8 Series on the National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-andadvice/advice-notes/>

If having read the FAQ document published at the link above you are still unsure about your status, please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter.

Award of costs

I also draw your attention to the possibility of the award of costs against Interested Parties who behave unreasonably. You should be aware of the relevant costs guidance 'Awards of costs; examinations of applications for

development consent orders' which applies to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. This guidance is available at:
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/guidance/>

Management of information

The Planning Inspectorate has a commitment to transparency. Therefore, all information submitted for this project (if accepted by the ExA) and a record of any advice which has been provided by the Planning Inspectorate, is published at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/Eastern/Great-Yarmouth-Third-River-Crossing/>

All Examination Documents can also be viewed electronically at the locations listed in **Annex E**.

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair Examination, I consider it necessary to publish some personal information. To find out how we handle your personal information, please view our [Privacy Notice](#).

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

Yours faithfully

Dominic Young

Examining Authority

Annexes

- A** Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting
- B** Initial Assessment of Principal Issues
- C** Draft timetable for examination of the application
- D** Notification of hearing under section 93 of the Planning Act 2008
- E** Availability of Examination Documents
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Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting

Date: **24 September 2019**

Seating available from: **9.30am**

Meeting start time: **10.00am**

Venue: **Great Yarmouth Racecourse, Jellicoe Rd,
Great Yarmouth NR30 4AU**

Item 1	Open of the Preliminary Meeting, welcome and introductions
Item 2	The Examining Authority's (ExA's) remarks about the examination process.
Item 3	Initial Assessment of Principal Issues - see Annex B
Item 4	Draft Examination Timetable – see Annex C
Item 5	<p>Deadlines for submission of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on post-application submissions from the Applicant (if relevant) • Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs) • Written Representations (WRs) • Local Impact Reports (LIRs) • Responses to the ExA's Written Questions (ExQ1) • Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) • Notifications relating to any hearings • Notifications relating to nomination of locations for site inspections • Procedural requests relating to these items that have been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in advance of the Preliminary Meeting by 17 September 2019.
Item 6	<p>Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedure of the Open Floor Hearing (OFH1) on 24 September 2019 – see Annex D • Date reserved and arrangements for ASI to application site and surrounding area • Date reserved and arrangements for an Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) on the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) • Date reserved and arrangements for OFH(s) • Date reserved and arrangements for Compulsory Acquisition Hearings (CAH)

Annex A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Date reserved and arrangements for any other ISHs• Procedural requests relating to these items that have been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in advance of the Preliminary Meeting by 17 September 2019.
Item 7	Any remaining questions or submissions regarding procedural matters not set out in the agenda that have been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in advance of the Preliminary Meeting by 17 September 2019 .
Item 8	Any other matters
Close of the Preliminary Meeting	

Please note: Please be available from the start and throughout the meeting. The agenda is subject to change at the discretion of the ExA. The ExA will conclude the meeting as soon as all relevant contributions have been made. If there are any additional matters to be dealt with or submissions take a considerable amount of time the ExA may change the order of the agenda items and may introduce breaks in the proceedings.

Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

This is the Initial Assessment of the Principal Issues prepared under s88(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). This initial assessment has had regard to consideration by the Examining Authority (ExA) of the application documents and of Relevant Representations received in respect of the application.

It is not a comprehensive or exclusive list of all relevant matters. The ExA will have regard to all important and relevant matters during the Examination and when it writes its Recommendation Report to the Secretary of State for Transport after the Examination has concluded.

The order of the issues does not imply any order of prioritisation or importance.

The policy and consenting requirements and documents associated with the PA2008 are an integral part of the Examination and are therefore not set out as separate Principal Issues.

It should be noted that a number of the Principal Issues set out below may have an interrelationship and overlap and these will be reflected in the Examination. It should also be noted that:

- whilst the effects of the proposal on the achievement of sustainable development including the mitigation of, and adaption to, climate change are not listed as specific Principle Issues; and
- whilst the effects of the proposal in relation to human rights and equalities duties are not listed as specific Principle Issues;

the ExA will conduct all aspects of the Examination with these objectives in mind.

Note: the issues listed below relate to both the construction and operational phases of the Proposed Development.

1. Context

- i. The purpose and justification for the Proposed Development and its effective operation.

2. Policy

- i. Whether the Proposed Development complies with the policy set out in the National Policy Statement for National Networks (NPSNN).
- ii. The extent to which the Proposed Development would comply with the policies of Local Development Plans.

3. The Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)

i. Whether the dDCO appropriately sets out definitions, transfer provisions, modification of legislative provisions, Requirements, arrangements for discharge of Requirements, Protective Provisions, mitigation and dispute resolution.

4. Environment

Design

i. The impact of the Proposed Development on the character and appearance of this part of Great Yarmouth.

Historic environment

ii. The effect of the Proposed Development on designated and non-designated heritage assets, including their settings.

Flood risk

iii. Whether there would be any increase in the risk of flooding (including offsite flooding) as a result of the Proposed Development.

Water environment

iv. Whether there is sufficient information presented to ensure that the risk to the water environment as a result of the Proposed Development is effectively mitigated.

v. In relation to nature conservation, the extent to which the Proposed Development would cause disruption or permanent harm to habitats and plants, invertebrate and marine species.

Air quality

vi. The extent to which the Proposed Development would impact (as a result of potential congestion and queuing) on air quality with specific regard to local residents.

5. Compulsory Acquisition and other land matters

i. Whether or not all the land and rights proposed to be compulsorily acquired satisfies the conditions set out in sections 122(2) and 122(3) of the Planning Act 2008.

ii. Whether or not the Temporary Possession powers proposed are justified and proportionate.

iii. Whether or not alternative designs for the Proposed Development, including the extent of land acquisition (both Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession) necessary to facilitate it, have been taken into account.

iv. The likely availability of funds to implement the Proposed Development.

6. Maritime and port operation matters

i. The effect of the Proposed Development on the safe and efficient navigation of the harbour for its users, vessels and environment.

7. Highway and transportation issues

i. The effect of the Proposed Development on traffic volumes and circulation in the wider area.

ii. The effects of the Proposed Development on road safety.

iii. The effects of the proposed TROs on existing residents and businesses.

8. Socio-economic

i. The extent to which the Proposed Development would result in any socioeconomic benefits in terms of the national, regional or local economy.

ii. The extent to which the Proposed Development would result in any adverse socio-economic effect in terms of the national or local economy, including local maritime, port and other enterprises.

9. Other matters arising from representations

Draft Examination Timetable

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

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

Item	Matters	Due Dates
1.	Preliminary Meeting (PM)	Tuesday 24 September 2019
2.	Open Floor Hearing (OFH)	Tuesday 24 September 2019
3.	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Examination Timetable • ExA's Written Questions (ExQ1) 	As soon as practicable following the PM
4.	Deadline 1 Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any updates to Application Documents submitted by the Applicant before or at the PM (if relevant) • Comments on Relevant Representations (RR) • Summaries of any RRs exceeding 1500 words • Written Representations (WRs) • Summaries of any WRs exceeding 1500 words • Post hearing submissions, including written submissions of oral case • Notification by Statutory Parties of wish to be considered as an Interested Person (IP) by the ExA • Statements of Common Ground • Provision of suggested locations and justifications for site inspections for consideration by the ExA • Notification of wish to attend any Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) • Draft itinerary to be provided by the Applicant for an ASI • Notification from any Affected Person of wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) • Notification of wish to speak at an Issue 	Tuesday 8 October 2019

	<p>Specific Hearing (ISH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of wish to speak at a subsequent Open Floor Hearing (OFH) • Notification of wish to have future correspondence electronically • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA 	
5.	<p>Deadline 2</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on WRs and responses to comments on RRs • Local Impact Reports (LIR) from any Local Authorities • Updated Negotiations Tracker from the Applicant • Comments on SoCG • Responses to ExQ1 • Applicant's revised dDCO (if required) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D1 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA 	Tuesday 22 October 2019
6.	<p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanied Site Inspection (if required) • Open Floor Hearing(s) (if required) • Issue Specific Hearing on any matter(s) (if required) • Compulsory Acquisition Hearing • Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) 	<p>Tuesday 19 November 2019</p> <p>Wednesday 20 November 2019</p> <p>Thursday 21 November 2019</p>
7.	<p>Deadline 3</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case • Comments on LIRs • Comments on responses to the ExQ1 • Revised dDCO from Applicant • Revised/updated SoCG (if any) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D2 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA 	Wednesday 27 November 2019
8.	Deadline 4	Tuesday 10 December

	<p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on Applicant's revised dDCO • Comments on revised SoCG (if submitted) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D3 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA 	2019
9.	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA's Further Written Questions (ExQ2) (if required) • ExA's consultation on the dDCO or dDCO commentary (if required) 	Tuesday 17 December 2019
10.	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to ExQ2 (if relevant) • Comments on ExA's consultation on the dDCO (if relevant) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D4 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA 	Tuesday 14 January 2020
11.	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required) • Any further information requested under Rule 17 (if required) 	Tuesday 21 January 2020
12.	Dates reserved for any hearings (if required)	w/c 27 January 2020
13.	<p>Deadline 6</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case (if relevant) • Responses to request(s) under Rule 17 (if relevant) • Applicant's preferred DCO • Updated Negotiations Tracker from the Applicant • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D5 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA 	Tuesday 4 February 2020
14.	Deadline 7	Tuesday 18

	<p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on Applicant's preferred DCO • Comments on updated Negotiations Tracker • Comments on RIES (if relevant) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D6 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA 	February 2020
15.	<p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.</p> <p>The ExA may close the examination before the end of the six-month period if he is satisfied that all relevant matters have been addressed and discussed.</p>	Tuesday 24 March 2020

Publication dates

All information received will be published on the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as practicable after the deadlines for submissions. An Examination Library will be kept up to date throughout the Examination and can be accessed via the 'Documents' tab on the project webpage. Each document will be given a unique reference. These references will be used by the ExA during the Examination:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/great-yarmouth-third-river-crossing/?ipcsection=docs>

Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

As the applicant has submitted a Habitats Regulations Assessment report entitled 'Information to Inform the Habitats Regulations Assessment' (Document 6.11) with the application, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the Examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the Examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's Recommendation to the relevant Secretary of State.

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

Notification of Hearing under Section 93 of the Planning Act 2008

The Examining Authority (ExA) hereby notifies all interested parties of the procedural decision to hold an Open Floor Hearing (OFH) as follows:

Hearing	Location	Time	Date
Open Floor Hearing	Great Yarmouth Racecourse, Jellicoe Rd, Great Yarmouth NR30 4AU	6.00pm Seating from 5.30pm	24 September 2019

Access and parking

Parking is available on site. Please see the Racecourse website for detailed information on accessibility. <https://www.greatyarmouth-racecourse.co.uk/plan-your-visit/venue-accessibility/>

Information about hearings is included in the Planning Inspectorate's 'Advice Note 8.5: The examination: hearings and site inspections', available on the National Infrastructure Planning website here: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

If you wish to attend this hearing please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter **no later than 17 September 2019**, stating:

- whether you wish to speak at the hearing; and
- notifying us of any special needs you may have (eg disabled access, hearing loop etc).

Seating will be available at the venue(s) 30 minutes prior to the start of the hearing to enable a prompt start. The hearing will finish as soon as the Examining Authority (ExA) deems that all those present have had their say and all matters have been covered. Depending on the numbers wishing to speak at the hearing, it may be necessary for the ExA to limit the time allocated to each speaker.

Hearing agenda

A more detailed agenda will not be published unless, in consideration of the number of participants notified to the Planning Inspectorate, the ExA decides that establishing a running order will facilitate the process on the day.

1. Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the Hearing

2. Representations by Interested Parties requesting to be heard

The ExA will identify those Interested Parties (IPs) in attendance who have already made a written request to be heard. If no such IPs are present, the ExA will proceed to Agenda Item 3.

IPs in attendance who have made a written request to be heard to speak will be invited to put oral submissions to the ExA. A time guide of ten minutes per IP will be applied to these submissions.

The ExA may ask questions of the IP and the Applicant about matters arising from written and oral submissions.

The Applicant will be provided with a brief summary right of reply. A time guide of five minutes will be applied to these submissions.

3. Representations by any other IPs

To the extent that there is sufficient time remaining, each IP in attendance and asking to speak will be invited to put oral submissions to the ExA. A time guide of ten minutes per IP will be applied to these submissions.

The ExA may ask questions of the IP and the Applicant about matters arising from written and oral submissions.

The Applicant will be provided with a brief summary right of reply. A time guide of five minutes will be applied to these submissions.

4. Next steps

5. Closure of the hearing

Availability of Examination Documents

The application documents and Relevant Representations are available on the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/great-yarmouth-third-river-crossing/?ipcsection=overview>

All further documents submitted in the course of the Examination will also be published at the above location.

For ease of navigation, please refer to the Examination Library (EL) which is accessible via a blue button under the 'Documents' tab. The EL is updated regularly throughout the Examination.

The EL records and provides a hyperlink to:

- each application document;
- each representation made to the Examination; and
- each Procedural Decision made by the Examining Authority.

Each document is given a unique reference which will be fixed for the duration of the Examination. A hyperlink to each document on the project webpage is also provided. Please use the unique reference numbers applied in the EL when referring to any Examination Documents in any future submissions that you make.

Documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge, at the following locations. Please note that you may need to bring a form of identification to use a computer at these locations.

Electronic deposit locations

Local authority	Location and address	Opening hours	Printing costs
Norfolk County Council	Great Yarmouth Library Tolhouse Street Great Yarmouth NR30 2SH	Mon: 9am-5pm Tues: 9am-5pm Weds: 9am-7.30pm Thurs: 9am-5pm Fr: 9am-5pm Sat: 9am-4.30pm Sun: Closed	B&W A4 20p A3 30p Colour A4 50p A3 £1
Norfolk County Council	Gorleston Library Lowestoft Road Gorleston NR31 6SG	Mon: 9.30am-5pm Tues: 9.30am-8pm Weds: 9.30am-5pm Thurs: 9.30am-8pm Fri: 9.30am-5pm Sat: 9.30am-4pm Sun: Closed	B&W A4 20p A3 30p Colour A4 50p A3 £1
Great Yarmouth Borough Council	Kings Centre 30 Queen Anne's Road, Great Yarmouth	Mon: 9am-5pm Tues: 9am-5pm Weds: 9am-5pm Thurs: 9am-5pm	Free wifi. Printing not available

	NR31 0LE	Fri: 9am-5pm Sat: Closed Sun: Closed	
Weblink to locations			
Great Yarmouth Library https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/your-local-library/locations-and-opening-times/great-yarmouth-library			
Gorleston Library https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/your-local-library/locations-and-opening-times/gorleston-library			
Kings Centre https://www.great-yarmouth.co.uk/Great-Yarmouth-Kings-Centre/details/?dms=3&feature=2&venue=0114455			

Other Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority (ExA)

The ExA has made the following Procedural Decisions under Section 89(3) of the PA2008:

1. Deadline for Notification by Statutory Parties, or certain Local Authorities of their wish to be considered as an Interested Party

The ExA has made a procedural decision that, in order to facilitate a timely start to the examination, Statutory Parties and certain Local Authorities must have decided whether they wish to be considered as an Interested Party and notified the Planning Inspectorate of their decision by **8 October 2019** (Deadline 1)

2. Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)

In relation to some of the Principal Issues identified in **Annex B**, the ExA would be assisted by the preparation of SoCGs between the Applicant and certain Interested Parties. The draft Examination Timetable at **Annex C** therefore provides a deadline for submission of SoCGs. This is Deadline 1 on **8 October 2019**.

The aim of a SoCG is to agree factual information and to inform the ExA and all other parties by identifying where there is agreement and where the differences lie at an early stage in the examination process. It should provide a focus and save time by identifying matters which are not in dispute or need not be the subject of further evidence. It can also usefully state where and why there may be disagreement about the interpretation and relevance of the information. The reasons for the differences and interpretation of the implications of a difference can then be expanded in the evidence. Unless otherwise stated or agreed, the SoCG should be agreed between the Applicant and the other relevant Interested Party or parties and submitted by the Applicant.

SoCGs are requested to be prepared between the Applicant and:

- A. **Natural England**
- B. **Historic England**
- C. **Environmental Agency**
- D. **Norfolk County Council**
- E. **Great Yarmouth District Council**
- F. **Great Yarmouth Port Authority**
- G. **Highways England**
- H. **Perenco**
- I. **ASCO**

- J. **Peel Ports**
- K. **MMO**
- L. Any other appropriate party.

In addition to the above the ExA requests a multilateral SoCG to be progressed dealing with the provisions of the draft Development Consent Order. Signatories should include all persons/organisations which are named in the Order.

Where a particular SoCG cannot be agreed between the parties by **Deadline 1**, or in so far as any local authority position represents an officer level view only, draft versions of that SoCG are requested to be submitted by the Applicant at **Deadline 1**, with a view to agreeing it by **Deadline 2**. The position of the relevant Interested Parties should then be confirmed in the course of the Examination.

The content of SoCGs is necessary to help inform the ExA as to the need to hold any Issue Specific Hearings in January 2020, and to enable the ExA and the Applicant to give notice of such hearings at least 21 days in advance of them taking place.

3. The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (the Habitats Regulations)

The Examination must include a process that provides sufficient information to enable the Secretary of State for Transport to meet their statutory duties as the competent authority under the Habitats Regulations relating to European protected sites. In order to inform the ExA's Report and Recommendation to the Secretary of State on this application and to provide stand-alone information for the Secretary of State, the Applicant is requested to complete matrices to:

- summarise the likely significant effects for each European site assessed; and
- summarise the implications for the integrity of each European site assessed, where a likely significant effect either alone or in combination with other plans and projects has been identified.

Templates for these matrices are available to download from the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Advice-note-10-HRA.pdf>

The date by which the completed matrices must be received from the Applicant will be discussed at the Preliminary Meeting.

4. Written Representations

The ExA has made the decision that Written Representations will be required at **Deadline 1 on 8 October 2019**.

5. Additional submissions and late Relevant Representations / Extension to the Relevant Representation period

Following acceptance of the application for examination section 51 advice was issued to the Applicant on 28 May 2019 [Document reference PD-001 in the Examination Library] recommending that a number of documents be reviewed. The ExA requests that the Applicant submits any updates to those documents **no later than 17 September 2019**.

The Applicant sent an email to the Planning Inspectorate on 24 July 2019 [AS-001] to advise that some of the notifications sent about the period for the registration of Interested Parties were returned undelivered and that therefore some Parties had not been served notice. The Applicant sent or re-sent further notifications to those Parties extending the deadline of the period for registration for those Parties to 28 August 2019. No further Relevant Representations were received following the extension to the deadline.

6. Guide to the Application

The ExA requests that, at each deadline, the Applicant provides an updated Guide to the Application document which provides a list of the most up-to-date documents before the Examination. A final version must be submitted before the close of the Examination.