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Good morning. It is now 10 o'clock. And welcome to part two of this preliminary meeting for the application made by highways England for the a four to eight blackcat to Caxton gibbet road improvement scheme. We will introduce ourselves in just a few minutes. Before we do that, please bear with me while I deal with a few housekeeping matters. Can I check with Miss Gregory? If everyone can hear me? Yes, we can hear you loud and clear. Thank you. And can you also confirm that the meeting recording and livestreams have started? Yes, both I can confirm both of those. Excellent. And have there been any request for reasonable adjustments or not staying there? Thank you very much. Okay. Just one final matter. We will be referring to the rule six letter dated the ninth of July, which is in the examination library, and has referenced PD dash 005. We will also make some reference to the letter dated the second of July with examining authorities procedural decisions. Our assumption is that all attendees today have read and have access to both these documents. If you do not, please speak to a member of the case team during the interval or after the meeting, and they will ensure to let you know where to find these letters. Okay, on to introductions. My name is Monica Sahaj. I have been appointed by the Secretary of State for housing Communities and Local government as a lead member of the examining authority to carry out an examination of the above application. I'll hand over to other members of the zoning authority to introduce themselves Mr. Parkin if he could start with you, please.

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Yes, good morning. My name is Andrew Parkin, and I've also been appointed by the Secretary of State as a member of this examining authority.

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Good morning, I'm Matthew Scriven, also appointed as member of this examining authority.

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Also present today are three members of the case team case manager today is Miss Michelle Gregory. Miss Gregory is covering for Mr. Emery Williams, who you may have had contact with previously and Mr. Williams will be returning to case management next week. Case officers covering today Mr. Edwin Maudsley, and Miss Katherine Ohlone. I want to acknowledge and welcome those who are watching the live stream today. And finally, welcome to attendees in the virtual room. From the attendance list on my screen, I do not see anyone here today who has not been present at the preliminary meeting part one. As such, I was not intending to go through introductions again today. But if I have missed anyone, and you are in this virtual room for the first time, please raise your hand on ms teams. Okay, I don't see anyone. Great. So I will request everyone as we go through the meeting today to please introduce

yourselves before before you speak. Sorry, apologies. Before you speak with name and organization euro represent. This is for everyone's benefit, particularly for parties viewing the recording later on. I believe we might have a clear Burton or misperiton sincere apologies. Thank you for pointing that out. If I could invite Miss clever to please introduce yourself.

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Thank you, ma'am. My name is Claire Burton. I'm from Huntington Shire District Council. Yes, I wasn't here, unfortunately for the first meeting, but I have been you did. So I'm aware of the hearing. Thank you.

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Thank you very much, Miss Burton, and welcome to a preliminary meeting part two. Okay, thanks very much. Now, there are some matters regarding the virtual event today that I do need to repeat, I appreciate much of this will sound familiar. However, it is necessary for me to cover these key points for anyone who may not have seen preliminary meeting part one. So the examining authority ourselves, we were attending the meeting from the planning Inspectorate office in Bristol, we might we understand you might be attending from your homes, offices, and so on. Unlike a physical event during today's virtual meeting, you will only be able to see our heads and shoulders, and which I admit makes reading body language more difficult. Indeed, we're unable to make eye contact. But I just want to assure everyone that you do have a full attention at all times. To avoid visual and noise distraction, only the panel member leading on a particular agenda item will turn their camera on. Again Please be assured that even if our camera is off, we are listening and we will contribute with comments or questions as required. We do our same if you please keep your cameras in microphones off unless you'd like to speak. We will pause at various points and give everyone an opportunity to ask questions or be comments. Please wait for those opportunities and use the raise your hand function on Microsoft Office teams. Please do not use the chat function is no one is monitoring the chat. on the agenda itself, virtual events cause fatigue. So we'll ensure that each session of the meeting is approximately 90 minutes. We need we note that you may have been in the arrangements conference for some time already. And if it appears that the meeting is going to is likely to run for much longer than an hour, then we will take a short break for 15 minutes at approximately 11am. If you do decide to leave the meeting during the breaks and you can rejoin using the same link provided in your invitation email. If you're watching the live stream, then please refresh your browser to resume each subsequent session. To ensure that we were able to finish the business of the day on time, please keep your representations brief and to the point. When invited to speak please introduce yourself by name and if relevant by organization. Okay, just one final matter from me. And this is regarding general data protection regulation GDPR and live streaming. This event is both live streamed and recorded. They just did digital recording that we make are retained and published. And they form a public record that can contain your personal information and to which GDPR applies the planning Inspectorate practices to retain the published record and publish recordings 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. It is very unlikely that the examining authority will ask you to put sensitive personal information into the public domain. Indeed, we will encourage you not to do that. However, if for some reason you feel that that it is necessary for you to refer to sensitive personal information, we would

encourage you to speak to the case team in the first instance, we will then explore with you whether the information could be provided in written format, which might then be redacted before being published. Does anyone have questions on the matters that I have covered? If you could please use raise your hand function on Microsoft Teams? Okay, I don't see any movement there. So I will I will hand over to Mr. Park and we're moving on to agenda item seven. And Mr. Parkin will take us through those matters.

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Thank you. Yes, agenda item seven is remarks about the written submissions received a procedural deadline be. The examining authority has received a few submissions and procedural deadline V, which is Monday the 16th of August 2021. And those submissions have now been published on the national national infrastructure websites. We are grateful to those who have made written submissions a procedural deadline v. And also for the feedback on the virtual preliminary meeting part one. I'd like to respond to two matters raise specifically. Firstly, whether the applicant intends to submit specific albeit non defined information to the examination prior to detailed design, and if so when this might be as this is a matter for examination. I won't give it much time today, but I will highlight that this matter is covered in our first written questions. We would encourage you to engage through that process and raise it as part of your written evidence to the examination. Secondly, there was a request for clarification regarding deferred items from statements of common ground and the timeliness of specific engagement between the applicant and interested parties on matters relating to statements of common ground. With regard to the second point various deadlines in the timetable allow for the permission that the submission of updated statements of Common Ground beyond deadline one. Therefore, positions may well change as discussions between parties move on. We want to encourage parties to reflect on the comments raised to ensure meaningful statements of common ground are presented at deadline one and at subsequent opportunities, as this will no doubt affect the matters to be discussed at hearings. There's a further matter that the governing authority would like to clarify a procedural deadline a and at the preliminary meeting part one, the matter was raised regarding borrow pits and if the examining authority can Is it to be a principal issue? I would like to confirm that yes, the borrower Pitts is being considered as a principal issue, as is not included in the initial assessment of principal issues. In the real six letter, it has been covered in our first written questions. Our strategy in this regard is to examine the matter as part of the construction methods and effects alongside other related matters such as the approach to construction, the construction program, construction compounds, waste management, and the environmental management plan. initial assessment of principle issues is not going to be updated. But we will note this specific points regarding our approach to the examination of borrow pits as part of the examination of wider construction methods and effects. In our rule eight letter. I trust this clarification covers the points raised However, if any of the parties wish to speak on this item, I'd be grateful if you could reuse the raise hand function now.

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I can't see any raised hands. Okay, thank you. That concludes this item of the agenda. And I will now pass on to you in this description who will deal with the next item.

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Thank you Mr. Parkin. So this is representations on matters that could not be raised at the preliminary meeting part one, and a few other items that we've got to say. So in light of the short time between the

closing of the plenary meeting and scheduled hearing six, seven o'clock priority considered there are few matters that parties would benefit from early notice on the first one of these is a change the timetable. We did not intend to go through all the changes here today that will follow in the old eight letter, but we do want to inform parties of one change. This has to do with the creation of a new deadline and the timetable and that will be a new deadline to for the submission of local impact reports from local authorities. We have taken this decision balancing the views expressed by the local authorities and the applicants and also taken accounts of the leading time needed by the examiner for which you prepare to prepare for subsequent publications. And so the new deadline for local impact reports will be Wednesday the eighth of September. This is a new submission deadline. And it supersedes our procedural decision at the second of July regarding local impact reports previously been requested as part of deadline 1/31 of August. In light of this accommodation, we will not accept any updates or supplements to the local impact reports during the examination. All the documentation requested for submission at deadline one on the 31st of August remains as presented in the draft timetable. There will there will be ever amendments to the examination timetable. However, these will be confirmed and of all eight letter rather than discussed here today and moving on to two procedural decisions. So the first procedural decision involves the scheduled evening open floor hearing on the 19th of August, which is tomorrow, given the low numbers requesting to attend or speak about hearing and having discussed with those who did intend to speak so as not to prejudice any party we've taken the decision to cancel that event. I'd like to thank those who have agreed to attend the morning session instead. The second second procedural decision in the interest of given parties as much advance notice as possible. We would like to confirm the hearings on a company site inspection that are due to be held later in September, are set out dates and times here but please wait for the notification that will relate letter for the high level agenda might just be discussed. The accompany site inspection will be held on Tuesday the 21st of September starting at 8am. at a location near blackcap Junction this will be confirmed near the time the compulsory acquisition hearing. One will be held on Wednesday the 22nd of September, and that will start at 1pm. And an issue specific hearing hearing to covering hiring matters and the draft development consent order will be held on Thursday the 23rd of September, starting Toby 10am. And a further issue specific hearing covering social, economic and environmental matters on the draft development consent order will be held on Friday the 24th of September, starting time again at 10am. And all these hearings will be virtual. So just to be sure. I hope all of that is clear. If that's unclear to anybody, can you please raise your hand now?

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Okay, so that's all I've got to say on that matter. So thank you. I'll now hand back to Mr. Hi. Okay.

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I will close the preliminary meeting shortly. Does anyone wish to raise any other matters before I do. Okay, that looks fine. Right. So that brings us to the end of the preliminary meeting. Many thanks to all those who have taken part both today and at Part One, and two those who have made written submissions are procedural deadlines A and B. Once I close this meeting, the examination of the applicant application and the testing of the evidence will start we will send out a rule eight letter which will include amongst other things, the examination timetable, time is now exactly 10:15am. I shall close this preliminary meeting and look forward to working with you during the examination. Thank you.