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Good morning. Can I just confirm that everyone can hear me clearly?

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Can I also confirm with Miss Patten that the live streaming of this event has commenced?

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Yes, we can confirm. Thank you.

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For those people watching the live stream, can they also advise that should we at any point adjourn proceedings this morning, we will have to stop the live stream in order to give us clear recording files. As a result, at that point of which we commence the meeting, can we start the live stream, you'll need to refresh your browser page to view the restarted stream.

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I'll remind you again, this should we need to adjourn.

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So it's now 10 o'clock and time for this meeting. To begin. I'd like to welcome you all to the preliminary meeting for the application made by highways England's who we will refer to as the applicant for an order granting development consent for the a one in Northumberland. More petroleum.

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Development proposed comprises two parts, as part A being the widening of the existing single carriageway to a geo carriageway for approximately 12.6 kilometres of the existing one between more than Felton.

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It includes approximately 6.5 kilometres of online widening and 6.1 kilometres of new offline highway.

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Part B involves the widening of existing single carriageway to geo carriageway for approximately eight kilometres the existing Awan between anneke and Elenin.

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So thank you very much for attending this virtual meeting. My name is Kevin Gleason. I'm a chartered town planner, a planning inspector employed by the planning Inspectorate. And I've been appointed by the Secretary of State's, for housing Communities and Local governments to be the lead member of the panel to examine this application.

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I'm now going to ask my fellow panel member to introduce himself.

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Good morning. My name is Andrea Pinto. And I too am a chartered town planner. And in a planning inspector employed by the planning Inspectorate, I have also been appointed by the Secretary of State to be a member of the panel for the examination of this application.

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Thank you.

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So together we constitute the examining authority for this application. And we will be reporting to the Secretary of State for Transport with the recommendation as to whether the development consent order should be made.

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You have all already spoken and heard from Miss Patton, who is the case manager for this project. She's being supported today by James Bunsen, Katie alone, and George Harold who are members of the case team, who you are likely to come into contact with during the course of the examination.

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If you have any questions or queries about the examination process, or the technology we're using for virtual events, they should be our first port of contact.

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their contact details can be found at the top of any letter you have received from us, or on the project page at the national infrastructure websites.

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We appreciate that conducting an event in this way isn't ideal, and can be challenging for those who are unfamiliar with the technology. Please don't hesitate to contact a member of the case team if you need help with the technology.

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Before I consider the items on the agenda for this meeting, I need to deal with some additional housekeeping matters. So those raised by Miss Patton in the arrangements conference earlier.

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

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Hearing nothing sell tickets, the affirmative.

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As I've already mentioned, this event is being held on the Microsoft team's platform. And there's been both live streamed and recorded

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as explained in my letter 19th of November because digital recordings we made

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have retained and published, they form a public records that can contain your personal information, and to which the general data protection regulations apply.

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The planning inspectorates practice is to retain and publish recordings for a period of five years from the Secretary of State's decision on a development consent order.

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Consequently, if you participate in today's preliminary meeting, it's important that you understand that you will be live streamed and recorded and that the digital recording will be published.

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If you don't want your image to be recorded, you can switch off your camera. We will only ever ask for information to be placed on the public record that is important in relevance to planning decision.

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You will then be in rare circumstances that we might ask you to provide personal information of the type and most of us would prefer to keep private or confidential.

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Therefore to avoid the need to edit digital recordings, or with us is that you try your best not to add information to the public records that you would wish to keep private or confidential.

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If you feel that personal information is necessary, please provide this in written documents that we can redact before publication.

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Does anyone have any questions with regards to this matter?

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Okay, I'll move on.

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As we are conducting this event virtually rather than as a physical face to face event, the dynamics will be different from those part difference for those participating and observing. By this, I mean that you may see me or Mr. Pinto look away from the camera appear not to be engaging with speakers. This is because we may be writing notes or looking at other materials on screens, I can assure you that we will be paying close attention to what is happening at all times.

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Finally, in these preliminary comments, chi repeats the request made in the arrangements conference. That's in order to minimise background noise, you make sure your phone is turned off, or turned to silence. And the same stay muted unless you're speaking.

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As a virtual meeting, we have structured the meeting today, in such a way that questions or points that you may wish to raise can be done so at the relevant points in the proceedings. When we get to those points. I would ask that if you want to speak, you use the Microsoft team's hands up function. There'll be advised there may be too late before we see it. And please wait to be invited to speak or asked to speak at an appropriate time.

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Can you also remind people that the chat functional Microsoft Teams will not work? So please don't try to use this to ask any questions or post comments.

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Once you've indicated that you wish to speak, please wait to be invited before making your contribution. Please speak loudly. And clearly. If you don't manage to ask your question or raise your points at the relevant point in time, there will be an opportunity at the end of the meeting for you to raise this Under Item eight of the agenda, which is any other matters. Alternatively, you can submit your question or information in writing I 22nd December, which is identified in timetable as procedural deadline B. We'll say more about the timetable shortly.

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Are there any questions or comments regarding any of the points I've just made?

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Yeah, okay.

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And so moving on.

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You will hit Save because you are one of the following categories. You are the applicants or representative of the applicant, you represent the local authority or neighbouring local authority. You represent bodies, the two statutory parties,

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you have sent in irrelevant representation, and therefore have become an interested party.

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You are an individual or a body affected by the application for compulsory acquisition of lands or rights over land, or you are a combination of any of these categories.

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There may also be people here who are not covered by any of these descriptions. But whichever you are, you're very welcome.

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This meeting will follow the agenda as set out in my letter 19th of November, which we shall refer to from now on is the real six letter.

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I hope you have a copy of that letter to hand. If you do please turn to Annex A which sets out the agenda of this morning's meeting.

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As you can see on the screens, we are currently on item one of that agenda.

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The letter and the agenda are also available on the project page of national infrastructure websites, or they can be found in the examination library as reference PD slash double oh six.

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We are proposing to make a slight amendment to the agenda, so that the procedural decisions taken by the examining authority, shown as item six on the agenda, addressed before the draft examination timetable, shown as item five, the reason being that some of the procedural decisions will help to explain why the draft timetable has been prepared in that way.

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So now, let me briefly explain the purpose of this preliminary meeting.

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We're here to focus on the way in which we intend to examine this application. We will be discussing only the procedural aspects of this examination today.

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We are not taking any evidence at this meeting we are not discussing is the merits or the concerns you may have regarding this application.

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We'd like to emphasise that we have taken no decisions yet about the merits of the application.

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The concerns on merits will only be considered once the examination of the application begins following the close of the preliminary meeting.

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Due to the event being held virtually this will be on Tuesday, the fifth of January.

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Hopefully, by the end of this meeting, we'll all be comforted, there will be sufficient opportunities throughout the examination for you all to express your views.

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A preliminary meeting for a developed consent order application would not normally have two parts. The reason in this case is because in holding the meeting virtually rather than as a physical face to face event, you want to ensure the people who do not or cannot make all the submissions to this part, because perhaps because of reasons to technology have the opportunity to respond subsequently. We'll say more about these matters shortly.

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This is a working meeting in running between centre temper efficiency with fairness, and been to allow you all to have your say if it is relevant, and to allow you to inform us of all we need to know at this stage. However, we will endeavour to make sure that your and our contributions are as to the point and focused as possible. So that we can make the best use of the available time and allow everyone who wishes to speak an opportunity to do so.

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We hope that yours will support us in this endeavour.

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notes are being taken of this meeting and these will be placed on the project page of the national infrastructure websites and deposited at the locations listed in annex F of the rule six letter as soon as practicable after the close of the preliminary meeting.

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As already mentioned, digital recordings are being made at today's meeting. And these two will be placed on the project page of the website as soon as possible at this meeting.

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With this in mind, it will be enormously beneficial to us. If each time you speak you can state your name and if you're representing someone who it is you represent.

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

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Thank you.

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So I have been provided by the case team with a list of those who have expressed the wish to be heard today. People representing the following organisations.

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highways England is the applicants their legal advisors, DLA Piper,

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Northumberland County Council, the Environment Agency,

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the rockethub consultancy representing a number of individuals

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and George fyh LLP, also representing a number of individuals.

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We also have the number of individuals who have indicated that they wish to speak

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I'm now I'm going to ask those of you those of you who are participating in today's meeting, to introduce yourselves to the examining authority, and the people who are watching the livestream of this event.

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When I said your organization's name, if you could unmute yourself, and if you have your camera turned off, switch it on and then introduce yourself stating your name and who you represent. Can I start with the applicants and any of their advisors please?

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Good morning, sir. My name is Howard bassford. I'm a solicitor and a partner at the law firm, DLA Piper, UK LLP. And I appear with Mr. Michael Gregg on behalf of highways England, which as you've already noted, is the applicant for the development consent order, set out drafting the application.

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I am supported by Mr. Mark Stoneman of highways England, who is the project manager, and also in attendance should we need to call on them on Mr. Kevin Stubbs, who is an environmental impact assessment specialist. And Mr. David Morrow who is a host engineer, both from the consulting engineers Ws P.

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Thank you very much. Mr. basford.

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Would you mind switching your camera off when you're not speaking please mister password possible.

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Thank you.

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Next Can we move on to the host local authority Northumberland county council.

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Good morning. My name is Katherine Robbie, I'm Senior planning officer working for Northumberland county council.

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And I'm also supported this morning by Matthew Payne, who's a highways engineer for the council.

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Thank you very much.

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Are there any statutory consultees who wish to speak?

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I don't have any on my list. I do have an indication that's

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Lucy know from the Environment Agency was likely to be watching live stream that's

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not wishing to speak so. Leave that as it is. That's fine.

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If we can move on then to any non statutory organisations.

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Those representing

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individual landowners.

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I think we have Mr. Phil, we've got so consultancy.

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Morning. And first of all, can I just correct you on how pronounce Ellington it's not Ellingham is Ellen, Jim. Okay. Thank you. Just for the record. I do live here as well. So it's very annoying when people call it Ellingham.

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Yes, my name is Louie fel. And my firm is called Brock thought consultancy, and we represent a

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number of landowners including Northumberland estates, rock estate, and the various

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entities. They're both in North understates and rock estates. Mr. Thought Mrs. Graham's or Mrs. Grey, and a couple of the Northern estate tenants Mrs. Robson and Mrs. Thompson.

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Thank you, and

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Mr. fells the representations from your company. And some of those are submitted by Mr. Thompson. I take it that you're doing a double act and you're representing all of those interests today. Yes, yes. Those would be doubling up on time. Yes, no, I'm representing all the interest just here today. That's good. Thank you. And thank you for correcting me on the pronunciation sign. As you'll notice, we haven't had chance to visit the area yet. And that points you get to

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a lot of people how to say, No, no, it's absolutely fine. If I fully get it right, start with and then you won't offend all the locals. certainly wouldn't want to do that. No, no, good. Great. Thank you. Thank you. And

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Miss Michi from Georgia whites.

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Either, yet, good morning.

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And can you outline who you're representing please? yet, so we act on behalf of a number of landowners up and down the scheme. Mr. Robson Cliff lane farm fund with a farming East van with that mistake. He's still on his house and

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Mr. Mark halls but I think he's also listening in at Mr. Charlotte boxwood farm. Hebron I partners. Mr. Jim Gibbons, Mr. Graham Carter, Mr. Keith Pattinson

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middlesmore and Mr. Dixon of Welbeck house.

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Thank you very much. Can I just clarify with you as well?

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There is a relevant representation listed, which is our oh two Oh, which was submitted by me, Bill and sons. And within that representation, he refers to George F. White. The clients listed in your letter tend to December don't include me, Bill and sons to represent Mr. Bill.

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Yeah, that's another member of the firm George white along with their solicitors. Who was John Reed. Okay, so

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while they are speaking on I'll not be I'll not be making any representations on behalf of their case. Okay, but they are represented by your company by others. Okay. That that's Yes. Thank you.

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Okay. Is there anyone else who wishes to participate in today's event?

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Mr. Hawes, did you wish to speak at this point? You're on my list. Yeah. Good morning. My name is Mark Hawes. And I'm I'm representing North Gate farm. But more is already mentioned by Tim. Tim is effectively also representing North Gate farm interests. Okay, that's helpful. Thank you for that. And to contribute if if you wish to

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maybe.

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So if there's no one else who wishes to contribute at this point.

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That concludes then item one on the agenda. So thank you for that. Let's move on to item two, which is the examining authorities remarks about the virtual preliminary meeting process.

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As I explained in the real six letter, and particularly the link to the planning Inspectorate advice notes 8.6. Due to the covid 19 pandemic, the planning Inspectorate is having to adapt the way in which we examine applications. Consequently, as you're currently witnessing the preliminary meeting of this application, it's been held virtually,

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I'd like to apologise for the inconvenience this may have caused and take the opportunity on behalf of the examining authority and case team. Thank you for your continued patience, and for the contributions you've made so far in this respect.

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Taking into account the responses to the questionnaire that we sent out on third of November, the likely effects of the ongoing public health controls, we made the decision to start examination as a virtual event.

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However, in order to ensure that everyone can participate in the preliminary meeting is being held in two parts. As I've explained, this consists of today's events, which is described the preliminary meeting part one, which will be followed by a period of Germans, where people who have participated in today's events, as well as those watching or listening to the recording will have the opportunity to write to us with any points that they wish to examine the authority to consider regarding the proposed way in which this application will be examined.

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The deadline is commented procedural deadline p, which is next Tuesday 22nd of December,

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following our consideration of any submissions received, the preliminary meeting will then reconvene as part two on Tuesday, the fifth of January at 10am.

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Are there any comments that anyone wishes to raise with regards to the virtual preliminary meeting process?

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Now Hands up, so I'll take that

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as affirmation and we'll move on.

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So if we can now turn to item three on the agenda, which is the examining authorities remarks about the examination process.

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In order to streamline the running of this event, in annex B, six letter we provided an introduction to the preliminary meeting. And the examination process more generally, explaining how it will be conducted and how you can participate. On the basis of this is set out in writing. We don't propose to devote too much time to it.

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It's important to the examining authority, that you're clear in your understanding of the process. Therefore, if there's anything you're unclear about, or on which you need clarity, then please do ask.

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One of the advantages of holding the preliminary meeting and hearings as physical events is the when the formal proceedings have ended. The applicant and parties who have attended the event, take the opportunity to talk face to face

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People seem to find this informal interactions, a useful way to discuss matters, which may have been outstanding for some time,

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and being in the same room seems to be a spur to action.

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As we are conducting this event, virtually the same opportunities don't occur. Nevertheless, we would ask the applicant to engage in dialogue with parties attending today's event, and with others, to try to make progress where matters are still in disputes. This is particularly important in relation to matters of compulsory acquisition, and temporary possession.

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Due to the current covid 19 pandemic, we are currently having to plan, just as is the case for today, attending events for the foreseeable future will be held virtually, although the examining authority will continue to review this in the light of the current government's advice, and the relevant points in time.

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As you will see, they're coming in site inspection is currently timetables for the latter half examination in the hope the tenure restrictions will have been lifted.

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Finally, if you have any specific points to make regarding the draft timetable, these will be considered later in the agenda. Now under item six.

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So on the basis of the information set out in annex B, are there any questions about the way in which the examining authority intends to examine this application?

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But I can see that no, no wishes to speak. So I will now hand over to Mr. Pinto. He'll deal with item four for the initial assessments and principal issues. Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Gleason. So now I will turn to item four, which is the initial assessment of fiscal issues. For this item, it would be useful if you could have an exceed of a drill six letter in front of you please also aim to share

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a version of this with you on the screen now.

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I am now going to share the list of the 12 main headings of the principal issues on screen. But you can find this as I have mentioned previously, within NSC, that this list provides an initial framework of issues for the examination of this proposal. Though it does not preclude us from amending this list by removing or adding to the proposed principle issues at a later stage in the process.

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We have one request from Northumberland county council to speak on this agenda item which I will invite shortly. The examining authority may also have questions and I will give the applicant a chance to speak at the end of this agenda item as well.

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by inviting you to speak please remember that we are not looking for submissions on the merits of the scheme that will form part of the detailed examination of the application, which commences after the preliminary meeting. We are only considering under this item comments on the broad principle issues he has identified it is at stage.

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With that in mind, I will now invite submissions in May I remind you again that given that we are recording today's meeting, can you please remember to introduce yourselves indicating where that whether you are representing an organisation or not? And if so, what is its remit? So with that in mind, can I please ask Northumberland county council I believe Miss Katherine Robbie, who will be speaking on this item to introduce herself in please present their case.

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Thank you, sir. Yeah, my name is Katherine Robbie, I'm a senior planning officer with Northumberland county council I'm leading on on the Avon Julian scheme

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on the authority's behalf.

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We're broadly in agreement with the principal issues, but there's just three items that we'd like to ensure that are going to be covered. And as part of those I just like to would just like to draw your attention to those. The first one is traffic management issues,

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particularly during construction, and with particular reference to the potential increased use of the a 697 as a result of roadworks happening on the a one and the impact on the communities along that route, particularly long hoesley and long from Linton. We'd like to make

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Those are covered by the, by the examination. The second item is

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the extent of works proposed by the scheme on the de Trump a one with particular reference to cycle routes, cycle links between the Felton and more Perth section of the route. We'd like to make sure that that's that's adequately covered by the examination. And the third item, again, relating to transport is to ensure that the active travel agenda is is covered by the examination. And but other than that, we're broadly in agreement that the the the topic areas are adequately cared to be covered by the examination. Thank you.

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Thank you, thank you for that. Miss Robbie.

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We will bear those comments in mind. And we'll take those into consideration. And I believe that the items that you have mentioned, will probably be covered under transportation and traffic. And also perhaps because you mentioned communities, social economic issues as well. But we will make sure that that those items are included and adequately covered as part of the examination process. Thank you.

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May I ask if the applicant would like to intervene at this point, or if there are any further comments that the applicant would like to make on that?

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Good morning, Mr. Pinto, thank you very much for that introduction and for his

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contribution. I believe that all of three items that Miss Robbie has, has mentioned are already at large in the submissions made in writing by Northumberland county council. And so those are already before you

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and housing and is already considering those. So I have nothing to add to was Robbie's submission.

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Otherwise, the various topics that you've set out on your slide and didn't go to detail in annex C are acceptable to the African. Thank you. Thank you, Peter basford. Any further comments from any of the other participants?

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I don't see any hands raised or any microphones being unmuted at the moment. So I'll take that as a now. So as Chambal fine.

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So I have no further points or questions on this agenda item. Nevertheless, as I have mentioned before, if anyone wishes to comment on either the broad headings, or the individual matters proposed under the principle issues, please do submit these in writing to the examining authority by Tuesday the 22nd of December.

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So before I close this item, I would just like to thank you all for your participation. And I will now hand over to Mr. Gleason, who will deal with agenda item five, which has indicated is now to procedural decisions taken by the examining authority. Mr. Gleason

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Thank you.

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So if you can turn to annex here, the real six letter, where you will note that we've made a number of procedural decisions about the management of the examination.

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annex six explains in depth The reasons for all of these procedural decisions. So I'm going to comment on some of these matters. Before inviting questions or comments from participants.

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I'll begin with statements of common grounds. The aim of the statements of Common Ground is to agree factual information to identify where there is agreements and where the differences lie between parties at an early stage in the examination process, it should provide the focus and save time by identifying matters, which are not in dispute, or need not be the subject of further evidence. You can

also use the state where and why there may be disagreements about the interpretation and relevance of information.

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The reasons for the differences and the implications of difference can then be expanded into the evidence.

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So we know that the applicant is proposing to prepare statements of common grounds within the London Cancer Council natural England's the environmental agency, and historic England. In addition, we'd like to see statements prepared with the Forestry Commission, the woodland trust, and affected statutory undertakers and the topics which we would wish to see included in these statements set out in annex II.

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Next, I'd like to briefly mentioned site visits or site inspections. These ensure that the examining authority has an understanding

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Proposed developments within its site, and surroundings as well as its effects.

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The examining authority will be undertaking an accompanied site inspections join the examination, where we can view the things that we need to see safely from public lands.

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Awareness won't inspections needed on lands where we need consent to access the lands, or there are reasonable requests made to come in inspection and accompanied site inspection will be held.

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As a result, we're inviting parties to indicate in writing if they wish to attend the company site inspection, and suggested locations or sites for us to visit as part of such visits, including the issues to be observed there, and the reason why the site has been nominated.

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The applicant should then prepare a draft itinerary for the visits, which should include relevant sites and locations refer to the relevant representations received the locations or site suggested by parties, and then the other sites and locations where the applicant has predicted likely significant effects.

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Comments on the applicants draft come in site inspection arrangements and itinerary can then be made by interested parties. And the final itinerary will be published at least three weeks in advance of the event taking place.

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In terms of written questions, our first written questions which are referenced PD w seven were published alongside the rule six letter.

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responses to these questions questions should not be submitted until the examination starts, which is the day after the preliminary preliminary meeting closes.

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We decided to publish these practical examination form is starting to give parties longer to respond and would normally be the case. The vast majority of questions are direct to the applicants as a number are also directed to the local authority and statutory bodies, such as the Environment Agency and natural England and others. This doesn't prevent other parties from providing response or pertinent information on that topic.

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The questions are based on our initial reading of the application documents and to some extent irrelevant representations.

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If we haven't asked the question at this stage, it doesn't mean that we won't contrast the matter later during the examination.

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This could be through further written questions or join hearings. In addition, we expect the applicant to provide a response to all matters raised in representations, which will then consider further

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following the acceptance of the application. The applicant submitted the range of correspondence on the 14th of September in response to our procedural decision of the fifth of August, which is referenced PD double o three.

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On the 16th of September, the examining authority accepted these additional submissions, which have now been published on the project websites can be accessed through the examination library with references as w One, two as well now.

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Since the rule six letter was submitted, there have been a number of further additional submissions to the examining authority has accepted from energy Undertaker's and these are referenced as Oh 11 two as Oh 16.

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In addition, a procedural deadline a we receive correspondence from the applicants name their covering letter, and noise and vibration reassessment and details of proposed changes to the application.

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These documents are available on the websites reference PDA double o One, two PDA double o three.

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late yesterday afternoon, we also received from the applicant who revisions to the documents outlining the proposed changes to the application.

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This will be treated as an additional submission in the examination library.

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In something authority is considering the procedural implications of the proposed changes and will respond shortly noting the applicants indicative timetable for consultation beginning on 29th of January.

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At this point can ask the applicants if anyone wishes to say anything about those proposed changes. Mr. Bus would you the appropriate person?

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Say yes

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Hopefully the cameras live now, I have a small time delay. So if it appears the tie, I am pausing. In fact, I'm working with the camera to activate I CPU. Okay, that's fine. Thank you. Excellent. So the

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we're very grateful for you already having admitted the proposal. And we fully understand that you're not able to consider the substantive application to amend the app to amend the DTO application until you have received the application in full. The purpose of the submission to you is to provide you with for warning, and also anyone else who may be involved in or interested in the application of

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a prior notice of the intention to amend the application, it means that people can see what is going to happen under the proposals for the timetable to ensure that it can be addressed properly within the ambit of the examination period of six months, which is specified in the Planning Act 2008. So that is why we have done that. The substantive reason for the changes, which obviously I do not invite you to examine is to

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is that as a result of the continuing refinement of the design, it's inevitable that a scheme of this importance and scale,

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it's not set in aspects aspect. During the examination, people continue to work on it, continue to refine it continue to improve it. And that is why these proposals are being put forward. And they're ready to be discussed with other participants, particularly people like natural England Environment Agency and affected landowners. So that that is the reason for the introduction, in terms of how people are able to respond to them, as I say, they are not yet in the examination, and you have not admitted an application to change the application just yet. However, it is possible for people to make submissions, which you may or may not have regard to. But that does at least enable us to see what people are saying. So effectively, the application is the thing that you're examining, without any of the changes that we have submitted. But if it's helpful for others, to set out their views early in relation to the prospective changes, then that may help us. But it will certainly help us and it may help you as well, in preparing for the formal application when it comes the addendum that we have posted in relation to the environmental impacts in respect of noise. There's a submission before you in relation to that. And again, that enables people to have prior warning of paperwork that will be coming their way in the new year. And the objective is obviously to make sure that there are no surprises and that the evolving, evolving information about the scheme is available as early as is reasonably possible.

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I have submissions in relation to the timetable. Do you wish me to address you on those now? Or would you prefer to wait and hear those shortly?

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If you could wait, we'll come on to those in the moments. That's while you're still with us. Can I just ask you to very briefly summarise what the changes are? Because I've outlined that's the applicants is considering changes to the scheme they wouldn't want people to and I'm sure you wouldn't want people to think that this is a sick I have to choose my words very carefully. People need

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Thank you, you describe what your changes.

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Yes, in order that the relatively modest as we would put it, scale of the changes can properly be understood. It's helpful perhaps if I explain them, and not perhaps for you to do so. So

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there are three elements to the proposed changes. The first is in relation to earthworks and this deals with the storage and movement of materials during the course of the application and the the future profiling of the land. We believe that that is within the assessed environmental impacts. We believe that it's relatively minor change and that notice is being given of that. So, it can be understood that that is within the order powers as applied for that the first change. The second two changes are allied. The first relates to the

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stability of slopes in the river kokott Valley. Now you will be aware so that there's an existing bridge across the river kokott and the

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proposals in the application are to achieve the duelling at the one in that location by the construction of a parallel bridge on the eastern side of the existing bridge, ground investigations have been undertaken and this is quite normal. Of course, one works as efficiently as possible. And those have revealed that there are some elements of slope instability there. And in order to ensure the design life of the structure and its solidity, it's important that reinforcements be provided in the slope

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by by intimate physical interventions piling in two locations, the installation of those paths requires some additional land on a temporary basis in order to enable the piling rig to be brought him to site for the slope stabilisation works to be undertaken. And then the bridge is constructed after scribed in the application.

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Similarly, there is proposed to be some bank stabilisation in the river kit at that location as well in order to protect from erosion. So that's the second element, there is an opportunity afforded by that,

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by that set of works because additional land is needed, it's possible to provide an access to the southern bank of the river kokott from the northern bank for the caring of out of works in that location that provides a gentler incline which is useful for plants. And it also reduces the land take in some areas on the southern bank and so certain impacts. So in order to take advantage of that, it's proposed that access to the southern bank rather than being taken from the level of the one which is elevated above the river level at that point that the northern bank access be extended over a temporary bridge to the southern bank and that is the third element of the points which are before you

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or not before you but will subsequently be before you. Thank you. That's very helpful to clarify that position. Good. Thank you.

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If you could switch your camera off now please Mr. Password.

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building on that. We have also received correspondence from Northumberland county council and shore Jeff white LLP. And these documents are reference PDA Diablo four, and PDA w five. These essentially are matters which relate to today's meeting, but they are there if anyone wishes to see them.

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Does anyone have any questions regarding the acceptance of any of these documents?

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No, not seeing any hands up. So I'll move on. So

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having provided an update with regard to procedural decisions generally, does anyone wish to speak at any of them?

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Oh, good. Thank you.

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So just to clarify, interested parties are asked to submit any comments they may wish to make on any of the additional submissions or documents submitted procedural deadline A by deadline one, which is 12th of January, unless they relate to procedural matters with regards to the determination of the application, in which case oDesk or response, a procedural deadline B, which is 22nd of December.

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Finally, on this agenda, I'd say that while we've accepted and publish these documents prior to the examination, commencing, we would advise parties that any documents submitted between deadlines are not normally published until the subsequent deadline has passed.

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Thank you. I'll now hand over to Mr. Pinto. He'll talk about the draft timetable for the examination hearings and site inspections. Mr. Pinto?

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Thank you, Mr. Gleason.

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It would be useful if you could now have 60 of our rule six letter from the 19th of November in front of you for item six.

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I will try and share a condensed version of this drive time table with you again so please bear with me for one second.

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hope. In the interest of brevity, I don't intend to read this out fully, but I will draw your attention to some key points. I will start by dealing with the deadlines for the examination first, then dates for such inspections and then finally hearings.

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So as soon as practicable after the start of the examination, we will issue our rule eight letter, which will finalise the timetable. At moment, deadline one is currently timetabled for the 12th of January and it deadline one and most of the things we are expecting to receive responses to our first written questions, comments on relevant representations which we have not published on our website, return notifications from those people organisations who wish to speak at the compulsory acquisitions or open flow hearing, or attendee accompanied satisfaction suggested locations for all interested parties from accompanied site inspections.

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local impact reports from the relevant local authorities and also initial statements of common ground this is also detailed within draws fix letter.

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It then like at deadlines deadline to currently programmed for the 26th of January is when interested parties will need to submit their written representations on the application if they wish to make one. At this deadline we are also expecting to receive among other things, comment on responses received to the first round of written questions, progress statements of common ground, an updated version of the draft development consent order and a draft accompanied site inspection schedule by the applicant including arrangements in the itinerary.

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At deadline three on the ninth of February 2021. We are expected to receive comments on local impact reports, comments on written representations and updated compulsory acquisition scheduled in both clean in tracked versions and also progress statement of common ground.

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As you'll see from the draft timetable, there are nine further proposed deadlines where the examining authority requires information to be submitted. In the interest of expediency. I'd not attempt to go through those deadlines in detail now. But I ask interested parties to review them and submit any comments in writing by procedural deadline B, which is on the 22nd of December

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a procedural deadline a we have received a response from the applicant regarding two proposed dates, I believe, particularly raising issues with deadline One, two and three. We have also received a request

from Northumberland county council and I believe from Mr. Mike Hayes in Mrs. Philippa Hayes to speak as well. In relation to this item of the agenda, I will invite to submission softly

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again, may I remind you to say your name and your organisation if any before you speak, given that we are recording today's meeting please. And I will actually start with the applicant, I believe Mr. basford perhaps, if you wish to add anything else to the previous submission, thank you.

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Sir, thank you very much

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put the applicant our team and having promoted number of development consent orders. Previously, we are very concerned about deadlines 123 and the tempo at which they are occurring.

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Typically deadline two

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which is the response to the various documents which are provided at deadline one which will include comments by others in relation to the

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in relation to recent questions,

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any other submissions and importantly, the local impact report which has never slender documents all have to be provided the deadline to

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deadline to is for applicants usually the toughest deadline deadline, one and three being close second to that. And frankly, I believe that this is very very difficult if indeed to comply with as a timetable. It is only a fortnight that has been provided for this on an extensive scheme.

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I wouldn't

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Put it as high as to say that this is a well being issue for team members should the volume of information required be similar to that on other schemes. So I would say that those periods needs to be at least three weeks for their duration, rather than being two weeks as two weeks is like to be far too tight. I'm sure that I won't be alone in this. Others inception takers, North American Council will need to march to the same beats as we do. And so it's important for them also. And in terms of the information available to us to respond parties, such as the Environment Agency have indicated to us perfectly

properly as open to them, that they will only be able to reply in relation to draft protective provisions at deadline on which means that we can't, we can't preempt this, there's no early work we can do to reduce the workload for deadlines two and three. So I would say that this is actually a very important point. And that more time definitely needs to be allowed at that stage.

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Okay, thank you, Mr. bassford.

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I would also like to invite comments from Northumberland county council.

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Miss Robbie, if you mentioned that you would like to also speak on this item?

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Yes, thank you. Thank you, sir. I think we would like to echo those comments made by Mr. Bass for just now, we are really quite concerned about the amount of work that the authorities going to need to do to particularly to hit deadline one to complete the local impact report.

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Given the nature of the nature of the scheme, and the amount of

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information that we've got to we've got to consider.

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So we may, we may not be able to hit deadline, we may or may not be able to achieve that, especially with our sign off procedures, with directors and such like to get the report issued with follow in the Christmas period. So I would like to echo Mr. Butler's comments that those deadlines are very tight and very close together. And if we could potentially look to move those, that would be very much appreciated.

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Miss Robbie, in my writing, understanding by your intervention, just now that your main concern is deadline one, I believe from Mr. bassford intervention earlier, he spoke mostly about deadline two is your main concern deadline one. And I think I think it is yes, but obviously that has does have knock on impact. The other folders on deadline day two and three. So I appreciate that, you know, that would call that we'll call Mr. Boss with some

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concern if we can't, if we can't comply with deadline deadline one. So yeah, it's it's for us it's deadline. One is, I think is most important consideration, but I, you know, I appreciate that, that does have knock on effects for others.

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Of course, it must also stress that

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exempting authority when establishing and setting timetable, we also have got to be mindful of the deadlines that we are required to meet in order to complete the examination of of this proposal.

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Um, I would actually also like to bring Mr. Gleason to this conversation, if there is anything that Mr. Gleason would also like to add at this point.

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just been so you just want to clarify, is there anyone else wishes to speak on this particular points? Before you respond?

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Any other parties? We've heard from the applicants and

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counter counsel, just want to make sure no one else wishes to respond? before? Mr.

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Sorry, I think that Mr. Ford has advocated it was was like, Well, okay.

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It's those. Yeah. Hi, there. I'm just looking at the timetable. I've never been through this process before. It's hard to gauge just how demanding This is. But certainly, first reading of this, it does feel very demanding, particularly with the ongoing constraints of COVID.

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But more importantly, from my perspective, I'm concerned that we are starting a process where I don't feel I have the sufficient detail to make a judgement on this. This key

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Planning details that are missing that will ultimately decide how I might respond to this examination process.

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Think I'm given the additional comments

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made earlier about the changes being made to plans feel it does feel pretty fluid at the moment. And clearly it's is it feasible to make a judgement here? Well, things are still moving, you've got moving pictures and things are changing.

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Can we just just start just by way of illustration, I submitted a, I discovered in July, that this is quite a significant level of lung tech required for my property. And I responded with 24 queries related to that, as yet, I'm still missing, I still don't have the answers to those 24 queries.

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Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Horse for that.

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Mr. basford, would you like to intervene again?

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Yes, it in lighter, Miss Robbie's mission. And she's absolutely right to anticipate this. This response. If there is additional time allowed for the submission of a local impact report by Northumberland county council such as a it is provided that deadline to or after deadline one, this then merely moves the pressure for the applicant to deadline three.

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So that's, that's very important from the applicants point of view, and we would not want there to be any misunderstanding as to the the real difficulty there would be in complying with this timetable as it's drafted, it would really difficult.

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The in terms of deadline one and deadline three, we are as concerned by those although we would say deadline two is the most difficult to comply with given experience in DCs previously, the burden on applicants in the early part of the examination is extremely high. And it does involve a lot of midnight and post midnight working for teams, which as I say is a well being issue in relation to Mr. Horse submissions. Thank you very much, Mr. Horse for drawing those to the examinations attention. I'm sure you will have set out your concerns and your representations. And if not, then obviously you're at liberty to do so. I'm aware that our team is in touch with you and is seeking to work through those points. And I know that they they've been in touch with me today and say that they're intending to continue to try to satisfy you in relation to the points that you have raised.

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Thank you, Mr. Botsford.

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Mr. Pinto? Are you happy for me to make some comments at this point? Yes, please.

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Okay, thank you.

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Mr. basford. First of all,

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let's try and unravel what is being proposed here, put it in terms of our deadline is proposed. And also your suggested changes to that.

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So we accept that it is unusual to issue first written questions with a real six letter.

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But the reason we looked at that was because those questions were prepared by the examining authority, pattern early stage, and therefore we sought to give you

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the most time we could transpose questions

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rather than waiting to the normal position would be to issue questions with a relate letter. What we have endeavoured to with in doing that, is to give you it's approximately eight weeks to respond to that recognising that there is the Christmas period in the middle. A weeks is,

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as far as I can see fairly typical, if not more generous than most gcos. So I don't think that those questions in themselves are matters that

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I don't think we were being hard on you there in allowing you. That's time for response at deadline once those questions, but please come back to me. Shortly on that,

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then I would just like to go through. So we don't have

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an issue with that at the very centre. We don't have an issue with that. And indeed We think

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sure for you to have issued the written questions.

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As it enables them to be prepared in a timaeus, and, and sensible manner. So we are grateful for that departure. Thank you. So, as far as there's been formed, those questions are, I would think probably

90% of them are aimed at the applicant. So the burden is with you. So I'm pleased to hear that you think you can respond

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to those written questions? If we move on from those, then if we look at what's required, it's headline one.

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So local impacts report,

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I'll ask, this will be about that shortly. In terms of procedures, that would be normally something that has to be provided at its deadline to accept that. But given that the real six letter was submitted, issued, on the 19th of November, again, eight or more weeks to provide that response, I don't think is unusual, or particularly harsh.

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Notwithstanding Christmas in the middle, we'll come back to that.

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The next item comments on irrelevant representations.

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Or perhaps you can tell me, those representations have been on the website for quite some time. And presumably, comments have started to be prepared quite some time ago to those representations. There are, I think, 47 representations, which isn't an enormous amount. So again, slightly surprised that you're suggesting that's sideline one isn't suitable. for that. It isn't, we can save time here. So it isn't, it isn't deadline, one of which we've had ample notice. And of course, applicants always know as they head towards examination, they don't have to respond to relevant representations and so forth. But if you if you think about deadline one, and then the consequence of it, and what we're talking about is the proximity of the three deadlines close together, deadline one, you would receive the local impact report. And other documents at that point, they may very well.

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They may very well only be available several days after deadline one, even with Stakhanovite accurate activity on the part of your team, which mean that, for instance, the local impact report, we may have less than seven days to reply to, and that could be a voluminous documents.

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Similarly, any other comments by parties on the, on those

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on the written questions, and any other submissions made to by parties who might want to make a fuller representation they did in their relevant representations. That's what we're concerned about. It's, it's not so much deadline one and what has to be done for it from our point of view, although you've heard as Robbie, it's about the fact that very hard on its heels is going to cut him is going to come deadline to and then that is where the problems start, from our point of view, and that it's difficult for us to then then turn things around in the time available.

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And it's worth saying that if we produced on deadline one, as you've required us to do our full set of written questions, and the responses to all of the relevant representations. All of the other party's going to have to review that and consider those by deadline to and I predict that our submissions will be really missed that deadline one.

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Again, what I would say is that

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examinations I've been involved in, I think it's fairly standard practice is to give two weeks between deadline one to deadline two, and deadline two to deadline three, which is what We have provided.

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Does that notes that Google experience, I don't think that's the that's certainly not my experience on it. And it is not the experience of housing that I think which is the largest promoter of development consent orders in England. So it's.

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So even if that is the case, then the particular volume we have here is going to be difficult to comply with the time available.

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So particularly the volume you have here.

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Can you expand on that please? This is there are a relatively large number of written questions on this scheme in comparison with Sam it is it is effectively to conjoin scheme. So it is quite extensive. And we we can expect as a result, the volume of information that we we will receive from people like

Northumberland county council perfectly properly to be voluminous and two weeks is extremely difficult to comply with.

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You do not see of course,

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applicants are like swans you only see the smooth,

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external appearance as opposed to the frantic paddling beneath the waves. And the the timing I can tell you is extremely tight to the point that I have mentioned to you now, twice, and I will do it a third time well being as an issue on this. I don't doubt that there is an issue about well being that needs to be considered in any of this.

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inspectorates and myself personally would be very concerned if what we set out leads to well being issues.

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I I think there has to be a balance here we are accustomed to. And I have been involved in details from the rookery, the very first one where there was four weeks between deadlines.

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Instead of the upping the tempo as time has gone by and the inspectors have asked more and more questions.

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There were only I think about 25 questions and the whole rookery were where we are now there has to be a balance. We believe that the balance lies around about three weeks, so that there is sufficient time to

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to look at the amount of information that is going to be generated in this case.

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Before we move on to any other point, can I just ask Mr. Horse if you

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if your hand is still up?

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I'm not sure if you would like to intervene again? Or if it was left up from your previous intervention on on this matter?

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high that it wasn't left up in potentially if it was, if it was at all I thought I had dropped it down. We're sorry, Bella. Not problem. Thank you. And

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Mr. Phil.

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Sorry, Mr. Gleason. Apologies.

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Miss Robbie has a hand up as well as Inc.

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Yes, thank you, sir. It's just it was just a point to raise really, that term, in terms of, we are a little bit concerned

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about the amount of engagement we're having with the applicant. So we didn't, as an authority didn't see that submission in its final form until it was published on the pins website. So that's the first that was the first opportunity we've had as an authority to go through the scheme in the the amount of detail that we've needed to go through. So although we've been having meetings, pre submission, around General, general issues around routing and such, like we hadn't seen any any of the documents from in the environmental impact assessment, so we haven't had any opportunity to, to,

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to discuss those with the applicant, and the agents.

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And I know any any items that we didn't agree with or wanted clarification on or anything like that. So we've, we've had to work very, very swiftly in terms of coming to our

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getting our thoughts together on that. Also, we've made, we've made a number, we made quite some substantive, relevant representation at the end of October, we've had no discussion with the applicant on any of those items, since we've also made no progress at all on the statement of common ground. So, um, you know, just again,

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in terms of hitting those deadlines, we may have to make decisions on what we choose that we if we can get the local impact reporting that will potentially be

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be a priority, but that will be written on the basis of the information that we have before as at this present time. So it may still raise lots of questions that could quite easily be ironed out and and dealt with. And so I'm just that's why that's where our concerns come from that time is ticking and we haven't had

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a lot of discussions, for instance, the amendments to the proposed amendments, the scheme.

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They were they were emailed to me yesterday. So okay, I

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know that that's very helpful. Thank you for that. Can I just check with you

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I'll describe your processes for approval or submission of the local impacts reports. Are they entirely internal to you? Have

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you done? Yes, I've been to protect them report to our

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planning committee to get delegated approval. And that delegated approval is just for the director and the chair of the committee to to see that report before it's submitted. Thank you. That's helpful. Did you?

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Can I just raise further points with you, Mr. basford, about the deadlines and why we had suggested

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the approach we have in terms of time periods. And, as I've said, we've allowed two weeks between

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deadlines one, two, and three in each case, which, as far as I'm aware, is current practice. For recent examinations. The reason why we have

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particular concerns about your proposed said line three, which you've suggested could be the 18th of February, is that the hearings take place the following week, with the first development filled with consent or two hearing on Tuesday, the 23rd. And that, therefore, would give

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facts a couple of days between deadline three and substantive hearings taking place. And as we've set out, we would normally expect to issue detailed agendas at least five days before the hearing. So if we move forward with your suggestion of Thursday, the 18th of February for the deadline three, then that puts pressure

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on to the hearings the following week, which may not then be as meaningful as they might have been, people won't have been able to, to respond to those. Could you comment on that, please?

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Mr. Smith,

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Mr. Buffett also making into a muted microphone. The approach that has taken place on a number of decio applications where I've been involved recently is to have the first decio hearing. In fact, immediately after the preliminary meeting, which which obviously differs from the timetable, you have adopted.

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the question, therefore, is the penet. sufficiency of time to prepare for the

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the hearing on the DCA, which you have slated for 23rd February. Now, if you were to move deadline to which is the one I'm making submissions about, in particular president back I one week, which would take it to the second of February, that would still provide

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something like three weeks to prepare the agenda. All you would be seeing in the interim would be the comments of third parties on the draft development consent order and frankly, they should be making submissions in relation to the draft develop consent order, which has been public since the summer well before for them.

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So, I think that that is not a particular concern provided the deadline to was moved to the second of February. Could you though comments on the issues specific hearing then follows the decio hearing later in that week, because issue situations there would be different you would have

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you would have received two terms of bound already by then. And so you would have the information available from deadlines one and two already because of course deadline one is much earlier than it is very frequently on other DCA O's. The deadline three hopefully should be a point at which you're seeing they're looking at the issues anyway. So So I would say that that is something which can be accommodated.

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Okay, I would hope so. If it was the ninth of February, you would be looking at a hearing date. If you wanted to retain those dates have the submission date. The

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second would be the first one then if it was two weeks, it would be the 16th

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for submission, which would give a week, otherwise it is immediately before.

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Okay, thank you.

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Miss Robbie's you still have your hand up. Is that's as has a new point which to make or Thank you. So

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that's fine. Botsford I'm afraid to join set position. Yes, Miss Robbie.

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You still had your hand up as well. It was having consequences. You're having your hand up as well, please. Sorry. I have I have a slight time delay. So do forgive me.

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Mr. Pinto? I think we're position now where we need to probably give this some thought. And given that we've been going for an hour and 20 minutes. And I think perhaps we should have an adjournment for 15 minutes. While Mr. Pinto and I speak about these submissions we've heard and then come back. But before we do that, Mr. Pinto, I think you had some

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revised dates. That's if we could put two parties now. Let them think and then we'll come back and discuss those after the agents.

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Certainly, thank you, Mr. Gleason.

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Following the written comments, which as I have mentioned before, we have received on these points, and

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we have given the comments some consideration and the proposals that we had drawn previously were for Friday, the 15th of January is deadline one. Friday, the 29th of January is the deadline to in Friday, the 12th of February is deadline three.

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particularly looking, I believe it Mr. basford. In Miss Roby. In terms of what perhaps your thoughts were on this outside with Mr. bassford, please.

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Well, the that doesn't really help us because those are still the same

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distance apart. I also in light of Robbie's comments, have to

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have to make a submission as she has submitted about and the inadequacy of consultation with Northumberland county council that is, you will be wholly unsurprised to hear very far from the truth. In fact, there have been four weekly progress meetings which has saved meetings every four weeks, relevant representations have been discussed. There have been staff availability issues, as you might expect on the path of Northumberland county council bearing in mind that there is a global pandemic undertake under way. So we understand that but it is absolutely not true that housing has not been engaging with Northumberland county County.

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The matters that have been canvassed include public rights of way adoption of new roads, landscaping, de trunking, air quality noise, so there I am, landscape heritage, surface water, all of those have been discussed with North North American Council, it is not the case that there has been an absence of communication.

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In terms of the consequence.

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The The point is that there is only two weeks still between 15th of January. So if the 29th of January was, was to be the second deadline, then it would obviously assist if the first deadline remained where it was, because that would provide some additional time, but only a matter of days, which is rarely helpful at all. But as I mentioned remains the same, that approximately three weeks between deadlines that's appropriate on this case, but I believe that the days that we are proposing are not that dissimilar to the ones on your initial submissions to bassford unless I'm incorrect on this point.

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My submission was that they should be three weeks that's 21 days apart. And even with my poor math 15 from 29 does not equal 21.

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and then the button

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Rule 12 is still 14 days. The point is that the the intervening period between the deadlines.

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Thank you, Mr. bassford.

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Sorry, can I just check that Mr. bassford, you were suggesting

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the 18th of January, consent line one, then Wednesday is the third of February. We are the 12th of January is fine for deadline one. And of course, if we move things,

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if we move things backwards from the 12th of January, then it eats into the duration of the examination, which has to be six months. So

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the 12th of January from housings point of view is, is fine. The issue is the

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is the 26th of January, which is only 14 days later. And I'm saying that there needs to be 21 days,

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which I suggested second of February.

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2 February being a Tuesday. Yes, there they are all I think Tuesday's we were suggesting 29, which is the previous Friday, the end of Friday.

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So, effectively, you have one working day, although taking your point that people two working days, to Monday and Tuesday, yes. Okay.

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Ours count in DC. I do appreciate that. They come for us all.

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And what I wouldn't want to do is put people under additional pressure by saying close a business on

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a Monday or Tuesday, recognising that people will then work like crazy over the weekend, which is part of the reason why we suggested for 2019 as of Friday, but are you Then could you consider and I'm not asking for an immediate response with having the Germans come back to it. But if we were to, to have

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to keep deadline one as the 12th recognising that that does put Cannes council

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under some pressure, we'll keep that as the 12th and then have deadline to as the 29th.

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And deadline three as the 12th

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of February.

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Could you consider while we are achieved just Could you just read those back to me again, sir. So

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close to 20? Yes, 29th. deadline to and then

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swells of February for deadline three.

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Thank you, sir. We very much appreciate that you are under pressure in a DCA examination because it is a an intense pit of activity for you and your team as well. So I suggest we look at those during the shops adjournment and then we can discuss them and we return as you suggest. Miss Robbie does

have her hand up as well. Right. Okay, there's going to be two hands come back now or or two and to respond after the shorter turn.

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Just come back quickly, quickly now if that's okay. I don't I don't want to get into an argument with with the highways England at all about the level of

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of consultation and things that we've had. We have raised a number of issues. I don't feel like we've made any substantive progress on them. And it's that's fine. And we'll just wanted to raise that point at this at this this moment in time. If if the local impact reports written on the basis of the information we've got before us. That's that's what we'll that's what we'll do. We just I think we just hope that we would have been able to have made a little bit more progress towards a greens agreeing some of the issues before deadline one that's that was all kind of like like to say, and obviously, you know, if deadline one needs to stay as the 12th of January, we'll we'll accept that. We'll

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we'll endeavour to

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to to achieve that. That deadline. Thank you.

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matters changing during the course of the examination. But that's useful to have that input for now. Thank you.

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So it's now 1130. Can I suggest we have a short break until we will adjourn until

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1145? I think the process we need to go through here is that we turn cameras off and turn microphones off. But stay logged on. And then at 1145 Mr. Pinto, myself will rejoin at that point. Can I just check

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with Miss Patton if there's anything else we need to technology

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Why's at this point?

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No, that's absolutely correct what you're suggesting Mr. Gleason. Okay, thank you very much. So we'll adjourn the

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meeting now. It's 1130. We'll adjourn until 1145. Thank you. Thank you.