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It's now 1145 and this meeting is resumed. And that is the left Can I just ask if the left stream is also resumed Miss pattern.

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We're currently waiting for the live stream to be resumed.

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And recording is still continuing, I believe

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the recording is still continuing and the live stream is now resumed. Thank you.

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Thank you very much. May I start by just checking some information that we were able to ascertain during the adjournment regarding the proposed dates by df pal intentionally, so, Mr. bassford, if you are still with us, and I have actually checked your response to procedural deadline, Ace, believe dated from the 10th of December, and we didn't get response. It does say that deadline, the applicant proposes that deadline want to be moved to the 18th of January 2021. deadline to to be moved to the third of February 2021, in deadline three to be moved to the 18th of February 2021. Office in light of the previous conversation that we have had, this does not really match with the three weeks that we were discussing. So can you please talk a little bit more in explaining terms of why data that was submitted to us in writing on 10th are no longer applicable?

# 02:09

Thank you. So if you if you would just bear with me whilst I open a diary. So I have the weeks in front of me. The applicants viewers that either would be workable one, which is the 2021. But the the particular concern for the particular concern is the period between the relevant date now in that regard, we have I've had the opportunity to have a discussion with my client. And our view is that the that unless you feel that either the suggestion that I talked you through, or the suggestion in our letter of the 10th of December is acceptable, then we would we would suggest that going for the 12th of January the 29th. And the 12th of February would be a suitable compromise.

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Okay, thank you, Mr. basford. And Miss Wahby, would you like to intervene on this point as well, I can see that your hand is up.

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And it's not up to me? No, I'm not. I haven't put my hand up. But we're happy with that if that's if that's okay with everybody else.

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Right.

# 03:42

And I would I would also like to respond to miss Robbie as well and just say that, that the team will be in touch because I know we have draft statements common ground and so forth in preparation, accepting it is the festive period coming up, but we will be in touch in relation to those as soon as we can in order to make progress that her side is obviously seeking.

#### 04:06

Okay, thank you very much as the bassford and in light of this discussion now, and discernment, I believe that the examining authority was probably minded at this point in time to keep the date of the 20th of January is deadline one. proposes twin,

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Sir 12th, not 20th. Of course.

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Yes. Thank you. Apologies. Yes, the 12th of January is deadline wensel. To keep as it was proposed within the rule six letter to 29th of January is deadline to indent to wealth of February as deadline three

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Thank you. So we're grateful.

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So at the moment, that is what we would be matched to, but obviously the final decision on this specific issue would be made within the issue of the rule eight letter. Any further comments depth anyone would like to raise on this specific point?

# 05:30

Thank you. Therefore, as previously mentioned, we have issued our first round of written questions with our rule six letter on the 19th of November. And if we consider it necessary, we may issue a further round of written questions. You'll see from the draft timetable, that if required, this is currently pencilled in for the 19th of march of 2021. We may also again if necessary, at any point during the examination, issue a specific request for information from named parties, this is not this is known as a rule 17 letter. Are there any other thoughts in the body would need to raise on these deadlines before we move on to the next item? I shall take silences now. So now moving on to the timetable for the site inspections. The company site inspections have been timetable for week commencing 29th of March in the hope that current restrictions may have been eased by then interested parties should advise us of their wish to attend and accompanied site inspection as well as submit any prospective location by the end line one which was previously was previously stepped on the 12th of January 2021. So, if in light of discussions,

if we are minded to actually change it, you would exit actually deadline one apologies would keep the same. So we would still be the 12th of January 2021. Even in light of the of the conversation that we have just had will remain. Such a submission should include an explanation of why you consider an accompanied site inspection is required from the proposed location. However, it should be noted that this does not preclude any further requests for site visits, including performance submissions of prospective locations during the examination, where there is a good reason for doing so. Does anybody have any questions in relation to the site inspections before we move on to hearings?

#### 07:55

Okay, I'll take that. As we can moving on to it. Yes, we can move on to hearings. So as mentioned, it starts off this meeting. Our draft timetable assumes that all hearings will need to be held virtually in the future. In the future, if the restrictions is in resulting public health advice, it relaxes sufficiently women make a decision to hold some or all of the subsequent events in a more traditional manner. We will give you as much warning as possible of any decisions that we make on this. So please do keep an eye on the project page of the national infrastructure website for any announcements. Although we have not received any requests for an open floor hearing yet, on Monday, the 22nd of February. Let me just check if that will particularly stayed same.

#### 09:02

Yes, it was the time the examining authorities proposing to hold two virtual open floor hearings, one at 10am and another one at 6:30pm to provide opportunities for all those who wish to participate to do so. An open floor hearing is an opportunity for individuals and community groups to put their views to the examining authority verbally, or submissions should be based on representations previously made in writing and not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission. This should rather provide further detail on the issues previously raised to help inform the examining authority. The deadline for requests to be heard at these hearings deadline one the 12th of January. So please also confirm by this deadline which of the proposed open for humans you would wish to attend. A compulsory acquisitions hearing is scheduled for the 24th of February. An issue specific hearing on the draft development consent order is scheduled for Tuesday the 23rd of February. On Thursday, the 25th of February initial specific hearing is scheduled on other environmental matters with the 26th of February as an additional reserve date, if required. Further to this, the second of March is also reserved for any further issue specific hearing again, also if required. If interested parties wish to be heard at any of these hearings, they need to notify us in writing by deadline one. We have also seen comments from interested parties submitted in response to the rule six letter a procedural deadline a in relation to appearing in a compulsory acquisitions hearing. In addition to those points already made, are there any other points about hearings anyone else wishes to raise?

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I don't see any interventions or any hands up. So what will continue? as part you should be aware that at anytime, after the last deadline or event set out into timetable, we may decide under Section 99 of the Act, that examination is complete. This may be before the end of the six month period, which is a statutory period for completion of the examination. In any case, when the examining authority has completed its examination of the application, it must inform each of the interested parties. I also wanted to take the opportunity to highlight the importance of ensuring that information is submitted in

accordance with set deadlines. Whilst we do have the ability to accept late submissions into the examination, DC is at our discretion in should only be done in exceptional circumstances is let submissions restrict the ability of the parties involved to respond to the information which can jeopardise the examination timetable. It is therefore important for you to note that if you do submit something late, there is always the possibility that it may not be accepted into the examination. So thank you for your comments and your interventions. We will be considering your requests and suggestions when finalised timetable as I mentioned before, in our rule eight letter, I will now hand over to Mr. Gleason for any other matters.

# 12:30

Thank you. item seven covers any remaining questions or submissions regarding procedural matters not set out in the agenda that have been submitted to the planning Inspectorate in writing in advance of the preliminary meeting. I've had no matters notified to me onto this agenda item that people wish to raise at the meeting. Can I check? Are there any items in relation to procedural matters? anyone wishes to raise at this point?

#### 12:59

Not from the applicants.

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Thank you for helpful. And I'm not getting any indication from anyone else. So in that case, we will move on to item eight, which is any other matters? Again, I've had no matters notified to me that people wish to raise and to this item. Are there any other relevant items that anyone wishes to raise? Can no hands up? No comments? In that case, I will move to adjourn the meeting. So thank you all for contributing so fully and usefully to this meeting, particularly recognising the challenges as a virtual event. we very much look forward to commencing the examination of the application. May we remind you that's post notes and digital recording of the proceedings today will be made available as soon as practicable on the project page of the national infrastructure websites. May we also remind you of the next stages of the process. So we have procedural deadline B which is next Tuesday 22nd to December, where any comments on matters discussed today need to be submitted in writing for the examining authority to consider before the commencement of the resumes preliminary meeting. And the resumption of the preliminary meeting will take place on Tuesday, the fifth of January 2021 at 10am again through the team's channel. So now the time is 12 o'clock Exactly. This preliminary meeting for the a one in Northumberland. More person to ailing gym project is now adjourned until the fifth of January 2021. Thank you very much.