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Well, good morning and Happy New Year to you all. Can I just confirm that everyone can hear me please? Yes,

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yeah. Are you? Yes.

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Can I also confirm with this pattern that the live streaming event has commenced?

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The live streaming has commenced. Yes, I can confirm. Thank you.

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For those people watching the live stream, I should advise us that we should. Should we at any points in German proceedings this morning, we will have to stop the live stream in order to give us clear recording files. As a result at the point at which we recommend the meeting and restart the livestream. You will need to refresh your browser page to view the restarted stream. I'll remind you this again should we need to adjourn. So it's now 10 o'clock and time for this meeting. To begin. I'd like to welcome you all to this resumption of the preliminary meeting for the application made by highways England for an order granting development consent for the one in North London's more persuading him to development proposed comprises two parts is Part A being the widening of the existing single carriageway to a dual carriageway for approximately 12.6 kilometres the existing a one between more personal Felton. It includes approximately 6.5 kilometres of online widening and 6.1 kilometres of new offline highway. Parts B involves the widening of the existing single carriageway to a dual carriageway for approximately eight kilometres of the existing Awan between Anak and telling them this is an assumption of the preliminary meeting that was opened in the journal on Tuesday the 15th of December. Welcome to anyone who is not with us on that day. And welcome back to those who thank you for attending this virtual meeting. There is information about the project and the examination process. On the project page of the planning spectrum national infrastructure websites, the web address for which can be found in our little six letter. It's the 19th of November 2020. I don't intend to repeat the opening remarks from the earliest session. So I would encourage anyone joining us for the first time to read the background notes to the preliminary meeting, set out at annex B of the rule six letter and to listen to the digital recording of the early session of this meeting. that's available on the websites. And so two introductions. My name is Kevin Gleason. I'm a chartered town planner. I'm a planning inspector appointed by the planning Inspectorate, and have been appointed by the Secretary of State for housing Communities and Local governments to be the lead member of the panel to examine this application. And now contrast my fellow panel member to introduce himself.

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Good morning. My name is Andre Pinto, and I too, am a chartered town planner in planning inspector employed by the planning 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. So together we constitute the examining authority for this application. And we will be reporting to the Secretary of State transport with a recommendation as to whether the development consent order should be made. I'd also like to introduce our planning inspector colleagues working with us on this examination. Candice Patton, who you will have spoken to in the joint conference is the case manager for the project. Candice is being supported today by George Harold and Katie alone are members of the case team who are likely to come into contact with during the course of the examination. James Bunsen is a further member of the case team, but is unable to join us today. If you have any questions or queries about the examination process, or the technology we're using for virtual events, they should be your first point of contact. That contact details can be found at the top of any letter you've received from us, or on the project page of the national infrastructure websites. We appreciate that conducting events 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. So this evening Meeting is being held on the Microsoft team's platform and is being live streamed. In order to minimise background noise, can you please make sure your phone is switched off or turned to silence, and that you stay muted unless you're speaking. As this is 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 as so as 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 delayed for seats, and please wait to be invited to speak or asked to speak at the appropriate time. Can they also remind people that the chat function on Microsoft Teams will not work? So please don't try to use this to ask any questions or post comments. I don't think we have any telephone participants today. But if we do, you should clearly state your name if you wish to make comments. Once you've indicated that you wish to speak, please wait to be invited before making your contribution. Please speak loudly and clearly, especially those on the telephone. If you don't manage to ask your question or raise your points at the relevant points in time, there will be an opportunity at the end of the meeting for you to raise this under item four on the agenda any other matters. Because the digital recordings that we make are retained and published, they form the general record that can contain your personal information, and to which the general data protection regulations apply. To planning inspectorates practice is to retain the published recordings for a period of five years from the Secretary of State's decision on the development consent order. Consequently, if you participate in today's meeting, it's important that you understand that you will be live streamed and recorded and that the digital recording will be published. 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 and relevant to the planning decision. It will only be in the rarest of circumstances that we might ask you to provide personal information. The types of most of us would prefer to keep privates are confidential. Therefore, to avoid the need to edit digital digital recordings, what we would ask is that you try your best not to add information to the public records that you would wish to be kept private or that is

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

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Does anyone have any questions with regards to this matter? Now I'm not seeing any hands up shall move on.

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So the purpose of today's meeting is to conclude arrangements for the examination of this application. The agenda for today's meeting is set out in Annex A to our will six letter 19th of November, you may find it helpful to have a copy of the agenda in front of you and to refer to it as you go through today's business. Again, can I remind those participating in today's event that for the benefit of the digital recording, when you speak you state, your name your organisation and the person or persons that you're representing representatives of the applicants have joined us virtually today. I'd like to ask them briefly now to introduce themselves.

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Good morning. My name is how my name is Howard Burford. I am a solicitor and partner in the law firm DLA Piper UK LLP. I appear on behalf of highways England, which is the applicant for this scheme. I'm supported by Mr. Michael Greg or my firm. Also in attendance is Mr. Mark Stoneman, who is highways England's project manager and Mr. David Morrow and Mr. Kevin Stubbs, who are both from the consulting engineers W. Sp, who advise highways England.

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Thank you, Mr. Patterson. I don't have any requests to speak at this meeting. And they're just going to confirm that this is the case for those who have joined us virtually. Is there anyone who wishes to speak today. He will of course get the opportunity as we move through the agenda. But that's useful to know at this stage. Thank you. So our introductions are now completes before we move on to the second item on the agenda. Does anyone have any questions about the meeting today? No, in that case, I'm going to pass over to Mr. Pinto, who will deal with the next two items on the agenda. Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Gleason. Firstly, I would like to go through agenda item to determining authorities remarks about written submissions received by procedural deadline be. I would like to thank all of you that contributed to the first session of this preliminary meeting. We received one response from the applicant at procedural deadline B. in two other responses from interested parties, which are now available to view on the website in on the project page does work to address matters raised orally in the first part of the preliminary meeting. On the 15th of December. One of the written submissions received was from a party watching the livestream of the events. And domain matters to note from these responses are comments in relation to a number of changes proposed by the applicant to the original application, the timeliness of the engagement between the applicant and certainly interested parties. It also fuse onto proposed changes to the examination timetable. I now would like to ask if the applicant wishes to comment on submissions made by any of the two interested parties. Mr. bassford? Perhaps?

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Thank you, sir. In relation to the comments from the interested parties, we're grateful for their submissions, we have read them and considered them. We don't believe that there are matters that on which you need to make a ruling today unless you want to indicate to me otherwise. We note the helpful comments, however, and we'll address them with the interested parties directly or through our submissions to you. But for now, I believe that that is where matters stand.

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Yes. That's very helpful. Thank you, Mr. basford. Does a new one else have any observations on this agenda item that they would like to raise now?

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Okay, I have not seen any hands raised up. So I'm going to continue. In all proceeds to item three of the agenda, procedural decisions made by determining authority. So at procedural deadline, a examining authority received correspondence from the applicant including a request for changes to the application documents are available on the website, referenced PDA 0012 PDA 003. Mr. bassford for the applicant described two proposed changes during part one of the preliminary meeting. Thank you. And the examining authority has accepted version two of the documents submitted by the applicant referenced PDA 003 with revised version referenced a s zero 17 s track changes and a s zero 18 is the clean version. In response to the applicants request for changes to the application. The examining authority has received responses from natural England referenced as a s zero 19 in from Mr. infinera. It is an affected party on behalf of the West and anglers. As I understand these will be available on the examination library shortly and likely to be referenced as as zero 20 dictum authority has made procedural decisions to accept these as additional submissions. We have had no requests to be heard on this agenda item so far. Having heard what has been said so far. Would anyone wish to make any comments or take this opportunity to make a contribution on any new procedural matters? Again, I can't see any hands raised

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again. Yes. Okay. Again, sir, I would stand up the applicant that these are raised points which we can address through our submission to you, as the examination proceeds rather than requiring us to make substantive comments or procedural comments at this stage.

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Okay, it's useful. Thank you, Mr. basford. In that case, if no one else would like to raise any new procedural matters, then I would pass it over to Mr. Gleason who will deal with the next agenda item item before. Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Pinto. So agenda item four, is any of the matters. I've had no matters notified to me that people wish to raise under this item. Are there any other relevant items anyone wishes wishes to raise today?

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I'm not seeing that anyone does wish to raise anything further? No. So in that case, I'll move to adjourn the meeting. Sorry to close the meeting. We've now completed the business of the preliminary meeting. We trust that all the items on the agenda have been covered. And we believe that we have provided an opportunity for those who notify this third desire to speak to so. And now to the meeting and the digital recording will be added to the website as soon as possible after this meeting. Thank you for all your contributions throughout part one to have the preliminary meeting, and especially for adapting to the new virtual formats. To conclude the examination will be will commence tomorrow for a maximum period of six months. We are aiming to publish our rule laid letter in the next few days. This will confirm the examination timetable. We look forward to receiving your submissions, deadline one, which is Tuesday the 12th of January. The time is now 1018 and the preliminary meeting theory one in Northumberland. One more persuading them is now closed. Thank you