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#### 00:02

So good afternoon. Can people hear me clearly please?

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Yes can hear clearly Mr. Gleeson. Thank you can Ms Patten confirmed live streaming of events has commenced. I confirm that we're live Mr. Gleeson for much.

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For those watching the live stream, should we at any point in Gen proceedings will have to stop the live stream in order to give us clear recording files. Therefore, when we commence the meeting and restart the live stream, you'll need to refresh your browser page to view the restarted stream. I'll remind you of this again should we need to adjourn.

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So the time is now five o'clock and time for this meeting. To begin. I'd like to welcome you all to this third open floor hearing who relations the application made by highways England for the a one in Northumberland. Morpeth to Ellingham

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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 of the existing A1 between Morpeth and Felton

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

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Park B involves the widening of existing single carriageway to a dual carriageway for approximately eight kilometres of the existing a one train ohmic canal engine.

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Thank you for attending this virtual meeting.

#### 01.41

My name is Kevin Gleeson. I'm a chartered town planner. I'm a planning inspector employed by the planning inspectorate it's an appointed being appointed by the Secretary of State for housing Communities and Local Government 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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Thank you, Mr. Gleeson.

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

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And together we constitute the examining authority for this application. And we'll be reporting to the Secretary of State transports, with a recommendation as to whether the development consent order should be made.

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As you've heard, we've also been joined by Candice Patten, who is the case manager for this project, and by James Bunten and George Harrold Who are the members of a case team.

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This 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 turn to silent? And that you stay muted with the camera off? Unless you're speaking?

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If you wish to speak as relevant point during the hearing, please use the Microsoft team's hands up function. Please wait to be invited to speak.

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

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Please speak loudly and clearly.

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Because the digital recordings we make are retained and published a form of 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.

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If you don't want your image to be recorded, you can switch off your camera.

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In addition, we will only ever ask for information to be placed on the public record. That is importance and relevance to plumbing decision.

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Therefore, to avoid the need to edit digital recordings, or we would ask is that you try your best not to add information to public records that you would wish to be kept private or that is confidential.

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If you feel that personal information is necessary, please provide this in the 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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Not really Hands up. So I'll move on

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the formal purpose

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Severe proflow hearing is to discharge our duty as the examining authority to hear interested parties who request to be heard. That is, it's an opportunity for us to hear firsthand about your thoughts about the application.

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It is being held primarily to address the changes, which the applicant proposed to make the application submitted deadline for, but it also provides an opportunity for parties to comments more generally about the application.

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Unlike other hearings, we're not going to ask all people here to introduce themselves at this point. But we will ask individuals who wish to speak to do so when they wish to address the hearing.

## 05:47

So that addresses the first item on the agenda. Welcome introductions and arrangements for the hearing. Are there any questions of an introductory or preliminary nature? Before I move on to agenda item two?

## 06:15

Okay, I'll move on to item two, then I set out on the agenda. item two is representations by any interested parties.

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And the agenda says each affected person and interested party in attendance and wishing to speak will be invited to put oral submissions to the examining authority

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to examining authority will invite any additionally interested persons

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to make oral representations on matters addressed and previous hearings related to the proposed developments. The whole

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examining authority may ask questions of the interested party and the applicants about matters arising from written and oral submissions. And the applicant will be provided with a summary right of reply.

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Can I ask if anyone wishes to speak today, please? I can have two people who've indicated

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visit Ms. Coulson is the first.

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Can I say in email was picked up on the a one Morpeth to Ellingham website this afternoon, sent from Mr. Colin Moore dated the 10th of June 2021. I would be interested to know if the meeting referred to in that email is about Mr. Moore's concerns in his letter of objection to the proposed new rodelink to the Warner's development from Westview. That was dated the fourth of October. Thank you.

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Thank you,

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and Mr. Rowland's to wish to speak as well.

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It was only really in in support of this development of the understand there's been objections and I would absolutely say that myself and my wife from one Westview are absolutely in support of the proposal as it stands.

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I should say that we have read since we are familiar with representations submitted by Ms Coulson Library Reference rep one Oh, 84 hands Mr. And Mrs. Rowland's which rep one? Oh, 79 and 82 submitted that deadline one. And we have obviously also seen the various contributions made by Mr. Moore during the examination so we are familiar with those.

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Does anyone else wish to speak?

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Or is there anything else that's missed calls? No. Mr. Rowland's wish to add at this point.

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So if you can't

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answer the question, as it was initially.

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So the question as you say there was

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submission published on the 10th.

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For the records,

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it's, as you'll recall, the following my submission thing expects her to his great meeting to discuss my concerns would be undertaken, a meeting was subsequently undertaken, minutes produced, there were actually points to be followed up from those minutes, which are still outstanding, have contacted costings who have agreed to chase this up. However, until these points are actions, I'm not able to comment further on the proposals. Likewise, I have not seen

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them minutes on the documents register for the project. Hence, my concerns are not recorded. My views go and hurt canasa this result importantly, attention of the inspector. So that certainly has been brought to our attention. We will take that on board. So Ms Coulson and you are you wanting a response to that loan submission itself? Yes, please. Because I believe that may refer to his

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his original email in October.

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Yes, I mean, the representations that Mr. Moore has made at various stages throughout the examination, they will all be taken into account. The applicants will have answered some of those all of those early submissions, and that's on the record. And I would expect the applicant will be looking to respond to these comments from Mr. Moore submitted on 10th of June. I think probably at this point, it's appropriate to ask the applicant, if they wish to comments at this time. On the comments. We've heard from Ms. Coulson and Mr. Rowlands and to respond to the column more submission as well.

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Mr. Bassford, will you be responding this point?

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Sir, I don't think we have very much to say at present in relation to these points. Obviously, we have set out the case for the scheme in in substantial detail. I'm very grateful Ms Rowland's support for the scheme. And we have been addressing Mr. Moore's comments as they have been made during the the examination.

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If Ms. Coulson is concerned, then we obviously will be looking into whether matters are fully before us. But so far as I'm aware, we're picking up all of the

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we are picking up all of the relevant representations, written representations and responding to them.

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Thank you.

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So Ms. Coulson, your representation, as I said at

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deadline, one

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that has been responded to generally the comments of Mr. Moore, the 10th of June, we will not be responding to those directly as the examining authority at this point. That's not the way in which this examination works. But we will take those on board as alongside Have you comments you have made?

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Do you wish descending further.

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I think what I will do is I think are writing in

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basically seeing exactly what my son in law has said that we are

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going to support what you wish to do with regard to s view.

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It's not what we wish to do as the exam is not is for the applicants. But I take your points. And you've also I see from your representation that you've said

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that's you are in support of the scheme as a whole. So that that is recorded as well. Yes, I don't think I commented on Westview. And I think because of the criticisms of Mr. Moore, I think we need to put our case forward for Westview. And I'll do that in a letter. That's fine, if you could, and this goes for Mr. Rowlands as well. If you want to make any further submissions, can you please ensure that done by deadlines 10 of the

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timetable, which is

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Tuesday, the 29th of June, please. Okay, okay. We do that then.

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Good. Thank you very much. I would just say, because of course, this is not your proposals, or Mr. Pintos proposal, the inspectors proposal, it is the proposal of highways England, we do welcome the support of, of business call summon Mr. Rowland. And we are we know, because we know how these examinations work that you will take account of the submissions that they have made, and the submissions that others such as Mr. Moore has made, you will weigh those all in the balance with the whole scheme. And it very much depends upon the the whole case rather than the individual representations. But you will have regard obviously to to Ms. Coulson, and Mr Mr. Rowland's submissions, I noticed that

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thank you for that clarification, Mr Bassford. That's helpful. Thank you.

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So is there anyone else who wishes to speak?

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Or does anyone wish to say anything further?

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I'm not hearing that there is anything further. So that's concludes item two on the agenda. I'll now hand it over to Mr. Pinto, the remaining items. Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Gleeson.

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The next next item would be review of issues and actions arising next steps, I believe that there are no specific ish actions to be to be brought forward from today's discussion. So we'll move on to next steps. So before we draw this meeting to a close, are there any other matters that anyone would like to raise at this point?

#### 17:07

I can't see any hands raised or any microphones being a mute, muted soltec. That is the now. So that moves us to the last item of today's agenda, which is closure of hearing. So thank you very much for attending today and for sharing your views on the proposed development. We will take all of these into consideration and also thank you to Ms. Coulson for participating today, particularly in expressing her views. We now confirm that this open floor hearing is closed at seven at 5:18pm. Thank you very much