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Good morning, everybody.

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Welcome to this preliminary meeting. It's obviously now 10 o'clock. And we're here to

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open the preliminary meeting which is being held in connection with an application made by Gloucestershire county council for a development consent order for the EM five junction 10 improvement project.

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Now, before I go any further, can I just check that everyone in the room can hear me clearly?

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Thank you, for anyone on teams, can you. So show by sort of using the raise hand function that you can also see and hear as clearly.

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So but thank you very much. And I'm assuming from the case team that the live streams commenced. Thank you.

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Just for those people who are watching on the live stream, just to advise you that if at any point, we adjourn.

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This morning, we'll have to stop the live stream in order to give us clear recording files.

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And as a result at the point of which we recommence.

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You will need to restart the live stream and therefore need to refresh your browser page.

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I'll remind people in the event that that should occur.

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Now just let me introduce myself. My name is Edwin Mouned. I'm a chartered town planner and a planning inspector and have been appointed by the Secretary of State

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to be the lead member of the panel of examining inspectors to examine this application. And now ask my colleague to introduce himself to you.

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Thank you, Mr. Morgan. Good morning. My name is Luke Regan. I'm a chartered transport planner on the planning inspector and have been appointed by the Secretary of State for levelling up Housing and Communities. As a member of the panel of examining inspectors to examine this application. I will now hand back to Mr. Maan.

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Thank you today. Together, we constitute the examining authority for this application.

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Let me also introduce our colleagues from the case team. And today we have with us in person Spencer Berman, who's the case manager and Jessica Weatherby

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and Melbourne Evans supporting us remotely.

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During this preliminary meeting, if you have any questions or queries about the examination or the technology we are using, please discuss with them there'll be your first point of contact. Equally, their contact details can be found at the top of any letter you have received from us or on the project page of the national infrastructure website.

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Now before I go any further into the main agenda items this morning, I'll ask Mr. Regan just to highlight a few housekeeping matters.

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Thank you. Firstly, please could I ask everybody to set all devices and phones to silent in terms of toilet facilities there are ladies and gents toilets available out the door to the left and via reception and then via the stairs which are immediately on the left when you get to reception. There is also a disabled toilet at ground floor level just to the right of reception. Regarding fire arrangements. The venue has confirmed that there are no fire alarm tests planned. So in the event that we do hear a fire alarm,

please could I ask everybody to exit again via reception in the main door and meet in the car park at the hotel meeting point please.

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I'm not aware of any requests have been made for any support to enable participation in this preliminary meeting. But please Could I just check that's correct.

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Thank you I'm not seeing any responses. So I will continue.

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As explained in the rule six letter dated the seventh of May 2020. For digital recording of this meeting will be made. The meeting is also being live streamed to assist viewers and listeners. Anyone speaking should introduce themselves each time they speak please.

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As the recordings are retained and published, they form a public record that can contain the personal information to which the General Data Protection Regulation applies. The implications of this are explained further in the rule six letter at Annex B and the planning Inspectorate privacy notice is linked in the same part of that letter.

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As Annex B of the rule six letter explains if there is a need to refer to information that participants would otherwise wish to be kept private and

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confidential, it shouldn't be in written form. If you prefer not to have your image recorded, you can also switch your camera off.

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For those of you attending via teams, I will repeat the requests made in the arrangements conference. Please ensure your microphone or telephone is muted and that you stay muted unless you are speaking. For those of you attending in person. Unless you are in an emergency contact, please set any personal mobile devices to silence.

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From the arrangements conference, we know who wishes to speak, on which Genda items will use this information to ensure that you are introduced for those items. At certain points for those people attending via teams, we may ask you to use the virtual hands up function. If you do not manage to ask your question or raise your point at the relevant stage, there will be an additional opportunity at the end of the meeting for you to raise this on the item six, any other matters if necessary.

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I would also remind people that the chat function on Microsoft Teams will not work. So please do not try to use this to ask any questions or post any comments.

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During a physical meeting, we would normally have breaks to avoid fatigue. And we will do the same in this blended meeting. Our intention is to take a 15 minute break every 90 minutes or so, depending on progress. A longer lunch break will be taken at approximately 1pm. If we have not completed the meeting by then.

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Are there any queries on any of the housekeeping matters covered so far?

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Not seeing any hands. Thank you. I'll now hand back to Mr. Mom.

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Thank you.

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I've been provided by the case team with a list of those interested persons who've requested to be heard today. I will now ask each of you to introduce yourselves to as the examining authority and to also the people who are watching the live stream. So if I can begin with the applicant

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Thank you sir. My name is Andrew take ta i t Casey for the applicant.

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I have on my left Mr. Douglas Haycock from Burgess salmon, and on my right to Mr. Gary Solomon, from also from Burgess salmon. And then to his right. Mr. Chris Beatty from Gloucestershire county council, and to his right Mr. Tim Pierce from Atkins realice. But I will be the principal speaker on this occasion.

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Thank you. If I can then come to the council's.

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Shall I start with the joint councils.

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Thank you, sir. My name is John Webster. I'm a partner at DW F. I'm instructed by Gloucestershire County Council, as county planning authority and highways authority. Alongside me is Mr. Andrew Andrew pattern of Atkins pianist is instructed by Gloucestershire county council, and Mr. Nick Bryant, associate director at Tewkesbury Borough Council and we're here to make agreed submissions on behalf of the joint councils being Gloucestershire county council, Tewksbury Borough Council and

Cheltenham Borough Council a statutory consultees and host authorities for this DCO and the joint councils have agreed to cooperate on their input and responses to the detailed process and this examination and in this respect, Gloucestershire county councillors, the county planning authority and Highway Authority troops with Borough Council and Charlton Borough Council or the respective local planning authorities for the area within which the project is situated.

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And we will be attending the hearings this week on this basis. Although we do not think this will occur if we were asked to comment on anything which falls outside of that currently agreed between the joint councils. I can take instructions from Gloucestershire county council in their own right from Mr. Patton. But in respect of anything specifically for Tewksbury Borough Council and Charlotte Borough Council, they would seek to comment five the written process at deadline one.

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So that's what I was proposing to say now about the joint councils but if there's any question that I can assist.

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Yes, please, just in terms of the role of the lead local flood authority and the street authority, is it the same?

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Understand, sir, it's only in respect of the streets authority, but not the local flood authority and Antonius Mr. Pallant he's confirming that as well.

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Okay, well, we'll no doubt come to that in due course. Thank you. So is this someone separate?

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Leave from Cheltenham

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no say that there isn't today but we are speaking to the Joint Council if there was something which wasn't agreed by children then that they would respond separately in writing. And similarly with Tewksbury that's correct sir thank

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can then come to national highways

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Thank you sir. I'm Sophie Stewart, a partner at DLA Piper UK solicitors instructed on behalf of national highways. And I have with me today to my left Andrew Alcon programme manager, Rob Ranger, senior DCA manager and tansy Galvin in house counsel

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is Mr. badam here Thank you Do you wish to introduce yourself? You got

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Can I Can I just pause for a moment while a microphone is brought to you?

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Thank you so I'm the chair of Arlington parish council.

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Insofar I have registered as a

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on behalf of the

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parish council to participate, but insofar as this morning's proceedings are concerned, I'm simply here to observe

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computers playing silly buggers.

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Mr. Hadley

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Okay, when if you can just switch your microphone on and introduce yourself Mr. Hadley?

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Yeah, my name is Neil Hadley. I am an affected party.

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written concerns, and I'm here to observe this morning. Thank you very much. Very welcome.

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And I'm Mr. Webb.

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So I'm Alan Webb ----- The road which is going to be demolished.

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And I'm here to have my say the following meeting. Okay, thank you very much, Mr. Webb.

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Mr. Mrs. Holbert.

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Would you wish to introduce yourself? You just wait for the microphone.

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Mr. Holabird, Mr. Mr. Herbert, and we're just here to observe really?

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That's absolutely fine. But if at any time you feel that you wish to say something, then just let us know. And we can try and bring you in at an appropriate point. Okay. Thank you. Thank you.

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Next we have Tony Weston.

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Good morning. Tony Western. I'm a partner at Gowling W. LG, and I'm here this morning on behalf of blue homes and persimmon homes. Thank you,

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Mr. King.

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I think that's all of the people I have listed. I believe there's somebody on teams who's observing

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Do you wish to introduce yourself at this time?

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Is this somebody virtually?

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No. Okay. Oh, the screen saying otherwise.

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What? Morning, sir. Can you can you see me?

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We can thank you. Yeah. It's just it funny. So, Andrew Burton, partner at AWS, a colleague of Mr. Webster is instructed by the

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Gloucestershire county council on behalf of the joint councils but again today just in an observational capacity.

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Thank you very much

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as there is there anyone who I've inadvertently missed who would like to introduce themselves to the meeting,

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just just here to observe.

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Okay, thank you very much

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okay, then, if we go on to the

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second item on the agenda now that we've done our introductions, and this is really just about the remarks about the examination process.

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This is a scheme for the M five junction 10 improvement project includes three main elements and all movements junction of the M five at junction 10.

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A New West Cheltenham link road east of junction 10, running along from the a 4019 to the B 4634. And the third element which is the widening of the a 4019 to the east of junction 10, including a bus lane on the 4019 eastbound carriageway from the west Charlton and fire station to Gallagher junction.

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Now the purpose of this meeting is to assist as the examining authority in determining the process that will be followed in conducting the examination.

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I will reiterate that we will not be hearing comments on the merits of the application this morning, as those will be dealt with during the examination itself, which does not formally begin until after the close of this preliminary meeting.

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We have read the letters that we've received from procedural deadline a and all the written submissions that have been received prior to that.

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And also the requests we heard orally at this meeting. And subsequent subsequent hearings that we've already announced, will come to those participants who have expressed desire to speak shortly,

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I would stress that the written submissions received carry equal weight to any oral submissions.

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So in our initial examination proposals, we set out in our rule six letter dated the seventh of May, inviting you to this meeting. Our aim is to keep this meeting as efficient and focused as possible. And in that respect, we anticipate that you have read that rule six letter and the various annexes attached to it prior to this meeting.

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And that includes the national infrastructure planning, privacy notice, and our advice note on examinations, which include virtual elements.

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Further information on the content of the agenda items has been provided in the detail for the agenda this morning.

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We're very grateful to those who've made written submissions. And we'll aim to pick up each of those points as we go.

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We're holding this meeting as a blended event. So in person, and we've virtual access via the teams.

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To date, we've not received any particular concerns about that approach. But I just want to check with everybody if there are any concerns or views that they wish to let us know about if we continue to use this format. So I look around the room, see if anyone has any particular concerns.

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Now, I think then our intention will be to continue using both. I think it gives everybody the greatest opportunity to participate. So thank you for that.

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Okay, so swiftly on to Agenda Item three then which is our initial assessments of the principal issues.

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These were set out in Annex C of the real six letter

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list is not intended to be exhaustive or set in stone for the duration of the examination. Nor does it preclude us from amending the list by removing or adding to the principal issues.

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For consideration at a later stage in the process.

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We will take into account all issues and evidence brought before us and the initial assessment of principle issues will not constrain the examination of other of other important and relevant matters.

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It's not usual for the list to be routinely updated as it is only that initial assessment.

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just reiterate that we will consider all important and rare

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on matters that are submitted to us through the examination, and also will include those within our recommendation report to the Secretary of State

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now noted that the applicant in their response has made reference to including scheme funding.

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As part of an issue specific hearing, can I just clarify whether

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it is your view that you consider it to be a principal issue? Or is it just that that you wanted it to be subject to a hearing?

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Andrew take for the applicant,

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principle issue or provisional principle, issue nine includes the question of adequate funding already. So it's only a matter as to whether you thought it might be useful to have an issue specific hearing on that, that that's the point where we're seeking to make at some point later in the examination.

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Thank you.

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Now, we haven't had any other points on this raise. So I'll just check. Had anyone else got any concerns? Yes.

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Tony Western for blow homes and persimmon homes. I've read the applicants letter on the proposal to have an issue specific hearing on funding. And I support that suggestion. I think it's very sensible suggestion. I think it is a principal issue. So we would certainly welcome that.

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Thank you.

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Anyone else?

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Yes, thank you. Sophie Stewart for national highways, we would

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echo the previous comments that we'd welcome hearing as well on funding. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Any further points on on that?

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Note now. Okay.

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So we then move on to the examination timetable, which is agenda item four.

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Obviously, the timetable sets out deadlines for written submissions and notifications, dates and formats for hearings and arrangements for site inspections.

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We have received requests from the applicant for adjustments to the timetable. And I will come to Mr. Tate in a moment on that.

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But obviously, there are a number of elements that you've referred to. And I think it would be helpful for us to go through those chronologically. But also, in light of some of the procedural decisions that we've identified further down in the agenda. I would just add that I think it's sensible for us to include a deadline one request for a summary of the IES, which would be as per what is typically chapter 16

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vs schemes that other highways matters.

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Other highway DCO schemes have provided can give you some specific examples, if you wish, later on when we we deal with that.

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But effectively, it's a summary of the each of the findings of each of the chapters so that it all comes into one place. So I think that should help all non specialists, particularly in understanding the conclusions that you have reached on the Yes.

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It's important also that we should include a notification of wish to attend to future hearings. So I think we should add that at deadlines three, and five.

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And also, in light of our decision to ask for a land rights tracker, we would need to update update the examination timetable to reflect that. And again, we can come to that later on. But just so that when we're talking about the examination timetable, everyone's familiar with those elements that we're we're looking to add.

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So before I hear from the applicant, are there any other interested parties who have any concerns about the specific timetable that we've set out to date?

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Yes.

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So anyway, Western on behalf of blah homes and for seven homes. I think the only two comments I had on the draft timetable was firstly, at deadline one, we note that the examining authority has asked for written representations to be submitted. And it would be good if the examining authority could clarify exactly what's required by way of that requirements. Obviously, as an interested party, we won't have seen the applicants responses to our relevant representations until the end of deadline won. So it would be good just to understand what more might be required.

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Ultimately, we're looking for

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traditionally irrelevant representation would have been a brief summary of someone's comments and a written representation their full assessment

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to their concerns or the matters, they would wish the examination to address.

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So effectively, if your written represent your relevant representation is already comprehensive, then just confirm to us that that's the case. But if there are additional points you would wish to add, then that would be the time to do it.

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Thank you. That's helpful. I think that's fine. And we can certainly do that. I think probably once we've seen the response from the applicant to our relevant reps, we would want to put in supplemental written reps that probably deadline to

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that's fine.

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Yes, John Webster, joint counsels. I believe it's gonna be picked up by the applicant. But we would ask that deadline three, which is currently set for Tuesday, third of July 2024, was moved to the sixth of all August 2024. This is just to allow for further week to respond to as Q one.

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A second point is that in relation to the ASI and hearings, which are down for week commencing 12th August 2020, for sure, it shows you are also aware that this is during the peak August school holiday period. And

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we would note that there may be interested parties and the professional teams that may be on annual leave and unable to participate during that time.

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And the only other point I'd made, sir, is that the joint counsels are proposing to submit a local impact report at deadline one.

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Thank you, sir. Thank you.

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Any other matters before it comes to the applicant?

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No. Okay, Mr. Tate.

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Thank you. So they work with three headings essentially. The first is deadlines, second, availability. And the third was one matter of clarification. So on the deadlines, the first point that we made in our PDA, w one was the same as Mr. Webster's first point, which was to seek to adjust deadlines three.

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But in relation to the first bullet point of deadline, three, the responses to the first quest set of questions, to be able to move that to give a little more time to respond to the first written questions, because we don't know how extensive how many there will be

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intensive they will be. But if that was moved to the following week, by one week, A to the sixth level, sixth of August from the 30th of July, that additional weeks,

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And related to that is deadline five in response to the second set of questions. So the first bullet point of deadline five, seek to move that by week to the to the first of October.

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relate to D three and D five and then in relation over the page to

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With the publication of the release and the draft, your commentary on the DCO 22nd of October.

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provides deadline seven on the 12th of November for the final DCA to be submitted and comments on the release. And we had suggested in PDA w one that you may wish to consider a staggered approach for the applicant to respond it D six

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to those documents with responses by other parties at D seven, and then the applicant can respond to that at D eight.

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And that may be of benefit to other parties having seen the applicants response and ultimately been more focused for for your consideration. So that's the third deadline point.

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There are then three availability points, which we've mentioned, which relates to the the applicants team. Yeah, can I just pause you there for a moment, and that's fine. Just wanted to clarify with you in respect of blood line three and five.

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The way the way I hear it, you're expressing a slightly different request from the joint counsels in that it was just the written request.

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Student you're seeking to remove and the other elements to stay put. You're absolutely right. Yes, yeah. Okay. Can I then just come back to the joint counsels? If if we were able to accommodate the applicants request? Would that

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a lay your current concerns? Or would you remain concerned about the other elements on those deadlines? It will allow current to delay our current concern, sir.

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Thank you.

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Mistake. Thank you, sir. The second main point relates to availability. And we've just indicated that for reasons others have adverted to being mid August, that our water environment team would only be available for one day and the August hearings. And the arboriculture population, human health and cumulative

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team would not be available in that week. And the materials and waste team were not available in the October week. So I appreciate those juggling to be done that we would hope that that that might influence

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which which is h is if any of those are covered. You programme. Yeah. So can I clarify with you when you said the Water Environment Team, how far that extends in terms of issues? Is it flooding, drainage? And ecology in terms of the water environment? Or is it the flooding drainage side?

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This Mr. Pierce

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may know the certain PS for the applicant.

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I believe it's mainly the the flooding and drainage side. But if it's okay with you, sir, I'll come back to you on the watch Recology shortly. So, okay. Just

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just want to be certain in terms of making sure that we do get

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the correct people as best we can. Yes, yeah. Yeah. So people obviously listening have just been confirmed is just the flooding site. Okay, thank you.

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Mr. Tate. And so the third matter was a question or a matter of clarification relating to Deadline one.

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And that provides for a draft NPS tracker to be produced at that point.

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App a, pp 135. Appendix C to the planning.

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Sorry, Appendix B to the planning statement is the tracker against the extant MPs from 2014. And we had only proposed to update that insofar as something additional comes up, that that needs to be updated that may not have been covered. But Appendix C is the appreciate we're coming to this tomorrow, the status of the recently designated

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MP MPs.

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And we have in Appendix C, the draft revised MPs tracker. And we were proposing to update that by deadline one in relation to the newly designated MPs, but it would remain in Appendix C, and sit alongside Appendix B, which, of course, is the determining MPs.

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That's

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very much what we were hoping, clearly the currently designated MPs from 2014 isn't going to change. So it'll be any changes that happen through the examination to either modifications to the scheme or responses to queries, and so on. So it's just making sure that by the time we get to the end of the examination, the tracker correctly reflects the final position, having taken into account everything that's been heard. That's understood. So yeah, and I think whilst we're talking about that policy tracker, it's not just the national policy statement, you've you've There are obviously local policies which are on the move potentially, because as I understand it, the local plans are developing and consultations on certain elements are ongoing, which may influence the final positions. So again, it's important to keep those up to date as we as we go. We will do that. That's an appendix A of the of the same same document and we will we will keep an eye on that the way you've indicated. Thank you.

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In light of everything that's been said, Has anyone else got any further points on any of those elements?

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Okay, well, we will obviously, consider and review the points that had been made. And when we set out the rule eight letter, hopefully early next week,

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we will set out any adjustments to the timetable that we we can accommodate to try and ensure best examination that we can.

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So can I just come then to the arrangements for the site inspections.

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And the applicants helpfully included a list within their response to procedural deadline A, but we have undertaken to unaccompanied site inspections already, and a number of the locations that you've identified we have viewed. So if you wish us to revisit those, then we would be content to do so. But I think it would be helpful to understand more about why you feel that there would be appropriate for an accompanied site inspection when they are available to view from the public streets. So I wouldn't rule it out just now. But again, we would appreciate a greater understanding as to why they're, potentially to be included.

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So we will reflect on that and reconsider their position in the light of what you've indicated. I think in addition, there is may as well say it now. So everyone's can hear, there are a couple of other places, we think we should be able to see what other aren't available from public land. And that's either side of the M five,

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I think it's a barn farm, and also adjacent the travellers site where environmental screens are being proposed. And we obviously can't easily ascertain the relationships, either from the motorway or from public rights away. So

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I think that they

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and any other locations, which aren't viewable where you're proposing environmental screens, was clearly one down the a 4019. But I think we can view that from the current road. So if you can look at those as part of the

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ASI itinerary, it would be helpful. Obviously, as part of

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our interests, we also want to hear from interested parties as to whether there's any particular places you think we should go and visit. We've obviously done two unaccompanied visits already. And we will

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be likely to conduct further ones. But again, I would ask everybody to consider if there are particular places you think we should see, so that we have a full as understanding as possible. Again, there's an indication on the timetable when we would wish to hear from you on those. So please think about that. If there are particular areas that you think we should go and visit, then please let us know. So if they're on private land, the applicant can

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look to make appropriate arrangements. But equally, if there are places that we can go and view them from a public point of view a public right of way, then again, that's an opportunity for you to point that out to us.

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Mr. Webb,-----.

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I don't know if you're aware that

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who gave permission to dump 200 tonnes of fresh manure up the road along with the chicken poo. And Mr. Webb thing that's not an environmental mess was not something I can answer. It's a no but to who gave permission. You're the council here. So that today this morning, would you like if you had 200 tonnes of poo? Mr. Way of your garden? Mr. Webb. It's not something that we're going to be able to answer this morning. And it's not

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it's not something that I could provide an answer to and appreciate that this is going to be an examination into the motorway scheme

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or the motorway scheme is it it

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Mr. Webb, please, we're only going to be able to conduct these examination if we were all respectful of each other. And that we can conduct the hearings and deal with the matters before us on a managed process. Any local environmental concerns you have,

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you can obviously raise it the open floor hearing this afternoon. But it's not for this morning, I've reported environmental health issues. And

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that's fine. You knew about this. Now, it's not something it's not something for now. Mr. Webb. Okay. I'm sorry. But it's not something for now.

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We're just what it moved.

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I hear what you say.

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So, we'll move on then to

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the procedural decisions that we've made.

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Thank you. So Sophie Stewart for national highways, just before we move from site visits.

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And without wishing to state the obvious, can we just repeat that during unaccompanied and accompanied site visits, there should be no stopping in the hard shoulder or on the slip roads of the motorway. But also if it would assist the panel, national highways can make their own vehicles and personnel available if there are particular viewpoints that you would like filming

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that would assist you that that that can be sorted out for you. Thank you.

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Thank you at the moment, there's nothing particular that springs to mind that we would need that we have driven the motorway in both directions. And we've taken it in turn in driving so that one person can observe. And we've used each of the junctions in each of the directions. But I think it's a very welcome offer. And what I would suggest is, if you can have a conversation with the applicant to see if there are any particular points that might assist us, then then perhaps we can see if that's a way of moving forward. But at the moment, there's nothing particular that springs to mind. Thank you.

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Okay, so I think we're on to Agenda Item five.

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And this is just reflecting some of the procedural decisions we've already taken. And that's to confirm that we have accepted the additional submissions from the applicant. Firstly, in respect to the section 51 advice that we gave after the acceptance, and they are set out in the examination library, at references as dashes 0012 as dash zero 55. And then subsequent documents, which was as zero 56, two as zero 59, which were in response to our rule nine letter of the 30th of April.

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We've also obviously decided to undertake the two issues Pacific hearings later in this week, as blended events. And they will be held here and also on teams tomorrow and Thursday.

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We agree that the list of statements of common ground that the applicant had kindly set out in their initial submissions are an appropriate list of bodies to

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undertake statements of common ground with and we've also made a decision to seek principal area of disagreement summary statement with national highways. So just invite any comments from any interested party about those decisions.

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Okay, and I think then, the only other point

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there's two other decisions which I've mentioned already

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intend to request a land rights tracker, which we will set out in detail in our rule eight letter. And that effectively seeks to provide a table which would include updates within

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the land rights negotiations as they progress so that

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we can understand the progress that's being made.

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Particularly on there, those areas where agreement hasn't been reached,

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it's very similar. And effectively, we would seek to model the table that's been used on the rampion. Two schemes. So that's available on the website now. And it's linked to their rule six letter, which is PD, double oh six on the exam timetable for that. So hopefully, that's

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making more efficient use of everybody's time and tracking the land rights issues as we go through the examination.

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The other element, which we mentioned already was the equivalent of a chapter 16 from the National Highways, schemes and the examples that I can provide the A 66 recent do DCO scheme, the a4, one, seven, and the M 25. Junction 28. I think all had them. So hopefully, that will give you a pointer as to as to what we're hoping to achieve.

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Okay, so later in this week, we have the policy needs and alternatives hearing. And that's on Wednesday, tomorrow. And on Thursday, hearing on the draft development, consent order. And detailed agendas of both of those have been published on the website, if you wish to look at the questions that we're we're seeking to go through later in the week. And this afternoon, we have the open floor hearing, which is an opportunity for everybody to come and speak openly about their concerns about the project. And so that's the time when we can hear from anyone who has an interest

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about any concerns or indeed support they have for the proposal. So I'd invite everybody to take that opportunity. So we have as fullest understanding as possible of your concerns about the project.

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So I think unless there's

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just check any other issues that anybody has any concerns or any other business that

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you wish to raise this morning.

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Okay, well, I'll just then like to thank you all for your attendance. And I look forward to seeing no doubt many of you this afternoon. And as we go through the examination, so it's now

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1047 And a preliminary meeting is closed. Thank you