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I make that 1130 and so the preliminary meeting is resumed. Thank you very much. Before we adjourn, the applicant, you were going to give some consideration to nsdcs request for some further visual assessment. Do you want to come back with your comments to that on us?

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Thank you, Mr. Stone Lara Hendry, for the applicant in the break which we thank you for. We've confirmed with the team that we're able to provide the additional photo montage requested by the district. What we will do, though, is just in the meantime, have a discussion with the district to make sure that what we're providing them is is kind of exactly what they need, so that the the end result is gives them as much information as they as they want. And we would propose to do that by deadline too.

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By deadline too. Thank you. Yeah, Mr. Love

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thank you for that confirmation. My understanding is with bottoming out, the impact on the went up conservation area. So if you could get together, as you suggested, and just bottom that out, saves me a written question in the process as well. And as you say, by deadline two, and then we'll add in comments to that, and the other VPS for deadline three, so that would be useful. Thank you very much. We'll continue now with item agenda, Item number five, examining authorities, procedural decisions, some of this we we've already covered in an earlier item. So I will, I will endeavor not to repeat, but I'm sure one of my colleagues will jog me along if I do so, if I could ask the applicant to bring up annex f of the rule six letter, please. And you'll see that we've made a number of procedural decisions about the management of the examination. Thank you. So annex F explains the reasons for these procedural, procedural decisions. Now I've assumed that everyone has read that annex, so I'm not going to go through it in detail. Furthermore, I don't appear to have any comments in the procedural a deadline and identifying a wish to speak on this item. However, what I will say is we did receive two written responses with specific comments. Most of this has been covered already, but I'll just run through it just to pick up one or two things that haven't been done. So the first response we had was from the applicant. We had another from Newark and Sherwood District Council, and these are available in the examination Library Reference, PDA 001, and PDA 002, respectively. So in response, we've already done responses to those. However, in the applicant did comment on the unaccompanied site inspection commentary about the Civil War landscape. It was a general what it was a general comment, more than anything else that we were just we were aware of the historic landscape. But I do have a question prepared for you on that matter, going out with our rule eight letter. But thank you for those comment

and with respect to Langford Hall, yes, we we observed existing and proposed elements of that. So thank you for that commentary. Newer can share with District Council. I think your points have been covered already. And I would just say thank you for that letter that was that was useful. I'll just Yes, we've come and we've come. We've covered those covered those aspects. So I'll just jump on now to we did accept a late submission from a Mr. Andrew Leary. This suggested that the examining authority visit the bottom of Hargan Lane. And I can confirm that during the unaccompanied site inspection, we did walk the length of Hagen lane and made some common well, you can see that in our commentary from the USI. So I'll now make some general comment with respect to the the decisions with reference now to annex F. So if I start with item one, which was statements of common ground, so annex F technologies and welcomes the preparation and proposed submission of various statements of common ground between the applicant and various bodies. We have, however, requested the submission of some further statements of common ground, which we think would be of assistance, namely, with Lincolnshire county council Newark, a 46 active travel partnership and Newark and Nottinghamshire agricultural society. And would, bearing in mind the comments earlier from Mr. Asbury, does the applicant? Can the applicant confirm they're happy to provide those additional statements, and if they have any other commentary to make, please do.

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Thank you. Mr. Love. Larae Hendry, for the applicant, no no additional comments and no objection to providing those statements of common ground, as suggested by the XA and I believe Mr. Asbury, we were you were discussing with the applicant during the break some of the logistics around producing the statement of common ground,

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that's very helpful. Thank you for that. Would expect to have these initial drafts provided by deadline one. And can I confirm that's that's acceptable as well, the

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right hander for the app client? Yes. Thank you. Mr. Love

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Thank you. And then further iterations at various deadlines, as we go through the examination with finalized documents submitted by deadline. Eight our deadline. One request is that there is also a statement of commonality. The rule six letter requests that at each point the updated statement of common ground are submitted to meet the deadline in the examination timetable, the applicant submits an updated statement of commonality. This document should provide an overview of the position of each statement of common ground at the relevant deadline, for example, noting where the discussions are ongoing and where a final statement of common ground has been submitted. It would also assist the XA to have summaries of commonality in respect of the topics of the examination. And this material should be presented in a tabular, color coded format wherever possible. And this is a reasonably common document in the nationally significant infrastructure projects examinations. And there are lots of examples. And does anyone have any comments would like to make with respect to statements of common ground, a statement of commonality, but come to the applicant first. Please.

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Lorraine Henry, for the applicant, no further comment. Thank you

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the host, authorities. Apologies, Mr. Asprey, you've heard what the applicant has said there. That sounded pretty positive. No, I'm fine. Thank you. Excellent. We haven't got anyone else online. Anyone in the room wants to make a comment? Make a comment on statements of common ground? Thank you. If we move on now to item two of annex F, thank you. We spent quite a lot of time on a company's site inspection and suggested locations. So I don't intend to cover that again. Does anyone have anything they do want to add to site inspections? No, I'm going to take that as a no, lots of shaking of heads. So we'll move straight on to Item three, which deals with additional submissions. This covers documents that we have decided to accept as additional submissions, and these have been set out in the annex, along with the relevant examination library reference numbers. We will therefore not spend time discussing them here unless anyone has a specific question they would like to raise with us now, anyone in the room with anything on the submissions accepted to date? No, what I will say is, we'll draw your attention to the fact there has been, there is a further additional submission which we've accepted since the rule six letter, which is not identified in that annex. That is in respect of castlegate, pension administration limited and examine, examination library references as 101, they have identified that they should appear in the book of reference on an affected party. I don't believe there's anything further in terms of future submissions once examination begins, which is after this meeting closes, we will generally take the approach of only publishing submitted documents once a deadline has passed, so there won't be a trickle approach to publication of documents. So parties should be aware that any documents submitted between deadlines will be published on the subsequent deadline or day or so afterwards, allowing for GDPR issues if I now move on to items four and five of annex F. Thank you. Annex items four and five provide notice of when we'd wish to see receive local impact reports and written representations to be submitted to the examination. Item six, requests, that's yet requests that the applicant keep a formal document tracker updated at each deadline to keep the examination informed of the latest version of each document. Items seven and eight, we have touched on that was in respect of Historic Environment and visual impact assessment, additional submissions to assist our understanding assessment of the effects proposed development. As I said, we've already covered that item and now item nine, requests. Address the submission of a land rights land rights tracker in an Excel spreadsheet format to assist the X A's understanding, tracking up discussions with effective persons and reporting to the Secretary of State. So that concludes the matters that were addressed in our procedural decisions. Does anyone have any comments they'd like to make on this agenda item before we move on, I'll come to the applicant first.

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Thank you. Mr. Lovell Ray Hendry, for the applicant. No comments. Thank you.

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Thank you. I'll turn to the host, authorities and anyone else in the room who would like to make comment. No, perfect. I don't have anyone online, so I haven't forgotten about them, but I'm aware there's no one there. So that being the case, we'll now move on to any other matters, which is Item six on the agenda, and I shall pass back to Mr. Stone. Thank you.

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All right. Thank you very much, and thank everybody for your contributions. Just a final request. Are there any further items in relation to procedural matters or other relevant matters that anyone wishes to raise with us today, having heard any of the discussions? Okay, nope, given that today is the preliminary meeting and for us to gather information and to go away and consider and decide in the finalized agenda, which we will publish under our rule eight letter sometime next week. Don't think we've picked up any particular action points other than those matters that were discussed and in terms of submission of information that's been agreed, but I don't need think that we need to identify it as particular action point and publish that. Can I just thank everybody for their contributions, and I'll now move to close the hearing. Thank you everybody for engaging in this morning's meeting. We look forward to working with you all in the examination of the application. May we remind you that both a written note and a digital recording of the proceedings today will be made available as soon as practical on the a 46 New York bypass page of the national infrastructure website. We would also take this opportunity to remind you of the next stages of the process. We've got an open floor hearing this afternoon at 230 and a compulsory acquisition hearing tomorrow morning, starting at 10 o'clock, where we will consider the applicant's strategic case for compulsory acquisition and temporary possession relate letter, including the finalized examination timetable and our first set of written questions will be issued during next week. Deadline, one which is the first substantial deadline, which in the draft timetable, is set for Tuesday, the 22nd of October. But all deadlines will be confirmed in the finalized timetable with the ruling letter I make the time now 1143 and the preliminary meeting for the a 46 New York bypass project is now closed. Thank you very much. Applause.