



Preliminary Meeting Note

Application:	Immingham Green Energy Terminal
Reference:	TR030008
Time and date:	20 February 2024 at 10:00
Venue:	The Stallingborough Grange Hotel, Riby Road, Stallingborough, Grimsby, DN41 8BU and virtually via Microsoft Teams

This meeting note is not a full transcript of the Preliminary Meeting. It is a summary of the key points discussed.

[Immingham Green Energy Terminal - Project Information \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

1. Welcome and Introduction

Menaka Sahai, welcomed those present and introduced herself as the lead member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors and Adrian Hunter, Liam Page, Katharine Metcalfe and Mukhtar Shaikh as panel members to examine the Immingham Green Energy Terminal application.

Ms Sahai explained the appointment was made by delegation from the Secretary of State (SoS) for the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on 31 October 2023.

Ms Sahai explained that the Examining Authority (ExA) would be examining the application made by Associated British Ports ('the Applicant') before making a recommendation to the SoS who will decide whether an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed project, which is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), should be made.

Ms Sahai explained the purpose of the Preliminary Meeting (PM) and noted that the Examination will commence after the PM closes.

The ExA confirmed that all documents and submissions received and accepted during the Examination will be published on the project-specific page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

Ms Sahai explained that Mr Hunter would become Lead Panel Member in April 2024, following her resignation, and another Panel member would be appointed to maintain a five-person Panel of Examining Inspectors. These changes are subject to confirmation in writing by the SoS, which is expected in March 2024.

2. Audio recording

The video recording of this Preliminary Meeting is available on the National Infrastructure Planning website and can be accessed [here](#).

3. General Data Protection Regulation

The ExA explained the Planning Inspectorate's duties under General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Further info relating to the GDPR can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's [Privacy Note](#).

4. Examination Process

The ExA briefly explained the examination process under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008), further info can be found in the [Advice Note 8.4](#)

5. Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

The ExA explained the purpose of the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (section (s) 88 of the PA2008), which can be found in [Annex C](#) and asked for any observations on them.

No comments were made by any of the parties in attendance.

6. Examination Timetable

The ExA noted requests, already received in writing, to amend the draft Examination Timetable contained in [Annex D](#) of Rule 6 letter and also welcomed further suggestions from the parties in attendance.

All comments received were duly noted by the ExA and considerations will be reflected in the Rule 8 Letter.

The Examination Timetable can be found in the [Rule 8](#) letter published on 28 February 2024.

The ExA confirmed that Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) and Statements of Commonality are due at Deadline (D) 7 but updates should be provided throughout the Examination.

The ExA confirmed that Local Impact Reports (LIR) are due at D1. Northeast Lincolnshire Council discussed that a Local Impact Report (LIR) would not be complete for D1 but confirmed a draft LIR could be provided.

The ExA requested that nominations for locations to be included in the Accompanied Site Inspection and any requests for an Open Floor Hearing and Compulsory Acquisition hearing be submitted by D1.

In response to the Applicant's Habitats Regulation Assessment report, The ExA may provide a Report of Implications of European Sites (RIES). The RIES would be published on 17 July 2024, if required, and comments would be required by D7.

The ExA confirmed that any changes to the Proposed Development be made by D3 to allow parties sufficient time to comment. More detail is provided in [Advice Note 16](#).

Ms Wakeham, on behalf of Captain Firman, Harbour Master Humber, confirmed that they were unavailable during the week commencing 8 April, and requested that any hearings relating to matters for involvement, including Shipping and Navigation, be held in the week commencing 15 April.

7. Hearings and Site Inspections

The ExA clarified the purpose of:

- Issue Specific Hearings
- Compulsory Acquisition Hearings
- Open Floor Hearings
- Familiarisation Site Inspections
- Accompanied Site Inspections
- Unaccompanied Site Inspections

The ExA sought comments on the arrangements for the above events. These were duly noted and considered by the ExA.

Further information relating to hearings and site inspections can be found in our [Advice Note 8.5](#)

8. Procedural decisions

The ExA clarified the procedural decisions (PD) made under section 89(3) of the PA2008 and asked for any observations.

Procedural decisions can be found in [Annex F](#) of the Rule 6 Letter.

The ExA confirmed that Written Representations (WR) are due at D1.

The ExA explained that Ms Grzybowska could prompt the examination of technical outline of case, however, did not make a PD during the PM. The ExA requested Ms Grzybowska to submit her queries and concerns at D1, for the Applicant to respond at D2. Subsequently, the ExA will decide how it wished to engage with Ms Grzybowska for the rest of the Examination.

The ExA confirmed that the Examining Authority's Written Questions 1 (WQ1) would be issued shortly after the PM, with responses due by D1.

The ExA requested LIR from Northeast Lincolnshire Council West Lindsey District Council, East Lindsey District Council, North Lindsey Council and Lincolnshire County Council. LIR from Hull and East Riding of Yorkshire Council are requested but not required.

The ExA accepted the request that the Harbour Master Humber and Harbour Estuary Services submit one SoCG, instead of separate submissions.

The Applicant discussed the progress of SoCG with relevant bodies.

The Applicant gave an overview of the Change Request for the Proposed Development submitted on 6 February at PD A. As a result, targeted consultation would run from March to April 2024. The ExA requested an explanation of how the small extension to

the Order Limits would not trigger Compulsory Acquisition (CA) regulations and suggested providing an alternative timetable in case CA regulations are triggered.

The ExA requested a consolidated list of changes in the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) alongside the Schedule of Changes and would highlight an Examination where this has been done successfully.

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