



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Reference Number: 20038746

Planning Inspectorate Case Team  
Hinckley SRFI

**Re: HNRFI Preliminary Meeting**

Dear Planning Inspectorate Case Team for Hinckley SRFI,

I am grateful to have received the Rule 6 letter and invitation to the Preliminary Meeting. Having reviewed the Hinckley SRFI Preliminary Meeting letter which the Planning Inspectorate has issued regarding the above proposal, I would like to formally raise concerns about the procedure and proposed timetable for the HNRFI Examination.

**Clash with parliamentary duties**

Like my parliamentary colleague and constituency neighbour Dr Luke Evans MP, I am unable to attend the Preliminary Meeting on September 12th in-person and represent the interests of my constituents of South Leicestershire. I will be in a meeting that I am obliged to attend in my capacity as member of the Parliamentary Standards Committee. I will however make efforts to attend online and speak if timings permit.

The issue going forward is that, as an important stakeholder, it is difficult for me as an MP to meaningfully partake in the examination process on days when Parliament is sitting. I would be grateful if key hearings, including at least Open Floor Hearing, could be scheduled either when Parliament is not sitting or on Thursdays and Fridays when there is less Parliamentary business (though I note that Dr Luke Evans MP has requested a Friday, which would also be my preference).

I have made it clear to the Minister that for us as MPs to meaningfully participate in the examination the Parliamentary timetable must be considered, and I was assured by the minister that this would be taken into account.

**Appropriate location for hearings**

Whilst I am grateful that PINS has provided the option to attend examination events online, I am aware of concerns that for the elderly and residents with accessibility needs, accessing online meetings and travelling long distances to attend in-person meetings is not possible. Future events, Open Floor Hearings especially, must be held in locations closer to the HNRFI site which affected residents can easily reach.

Residents affected by this development live in small towns and villages across South Leicestershire, Dr Luke Evan's Bosworth constituency, and beyond. As such, I would not only request that a more appropriate location (than Leicester Tigers Conference Venue) be chosen for future events, but that OFHs be held at a handful of locations near the site so that affected residents can attend in-person. My colleague and MP for Bosworth Dr Luke Evans has already suggested an appropriate location in his constituency, and I would ask that you consider holding OFHs in areas like Elmeshorpe, Stoney Stanton, Sapcote and Broughton Astley too.

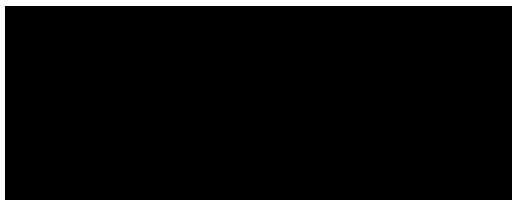
### **Accompanied Site Inspection**

I am glad that time has been set aside for Accompanied Site Inspections (if needed) and I would be grateful if the Examination Timetable would allow for time for me to attend a site inspection. Of the two days set aside for a site inspection on the provisional timetable, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November is the only one I am currently available.

I intend to make a request for an Accompanied Site Inspection before the October 10<sup>th</sup> deadline, but would like to ask, will there be an arranged site visit for the properties and sites that are proposed for Compulsory Acquisition?

Thank you for your consideration of the above concerns and I look forward to making further representations during the Examination stage of the application.

Yours Sincerely,



Alberto Costa  
**Member of Parliament for South Leicestershire**