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Preliminary Meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref: WS010005

Date: 6 January 2022

Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 – Section 88 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 4 and Rule 6

Application by Augean South Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the East Northants Resource Management Facility Western Extension

Appointment of the Examining Authority and invitation to the Preliminary Meeting

I write to you following my appointment by the Secretary of State for the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities as the Examining Authority (ExA) to carry out an examination of the above Application. I am Simon Warder. A copy of the appointment letter can be viewed under the [Documents Tab](#) on the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website.

I would like to thank those of you who submitted Relevant Representations. These representations have assisted me when preparing my proposals regarding how to examine this application.

Examinations during Coronavirus (COVID-19)

In the light of ongoing public health controls I will be carrying out at least the initial stages of this Examination using virtual methods. Please see the Planning Inspectorate's [guidance related to Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) for more information.

This guidance is updated periodically to align with the most up to date Government guidance relating to Coronavirus (COVID-19). On that basis we will remain flexible so that, should public health controls allow, I may have the option of holding physical 'in person' events during the Examination if it is safe to do so.

If you have received this letter and intend to participate in virtual events held during this Examination, including the virtual Preliminary Meeting, please read the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.6: Virtual Examination events](#) carefully. Advice Note 8.6 contains important information about how virtual events will be held and how you can participate.

If you wish to make representations to me about the use of virtual procedures to carry out this Examination, please make them by the **Procedural Deadline A** (25 January 2022) established before the Preliminary Meeting takes place (see **Annex D** of this letter).

Invitation to the Preliminary Meeting

As a recipient of this letter you are invited to the Preliminary Meeting to discuss the procedure for the Examination of this application.

Date of meeting: **Wednesday 2 February 2022**

Arrangements Conference: **9:30am**

Meeting begins: **10:00am**

Venue: **Virtual event (Microsoft Teams)**

Purpose of the Preliminary Meeting

The purpose of the Preliminary Meeting is to enable views to be put to me about how the application should be examined. I cannot hear representations about the merits or disadvantages of the application at the Preliminary Meeting. The merits or disadvantages of the application will only be considered once the Examination starts, which is after the Preliminary Meeting has closed. See **Annex B** of this letter and the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.3: the Preliminary Meeting](#) for more information.

The agenda for the meeting is at **Annex A** of this letter. This has been set following my Initial Assessment of Principal Issues arising from my reading of the application documents and the Relevant Representations received. The Initial Assessment of Principal Issues is set out in **Annex C** of this letter.

The draft Examination Timetable is set out at **Annex D** of this letter and I wish to hear from you if you consider changes need to be made to the timetable.

Attendance at the Preliminary Meeting

Because participation in a virtual Preliminary Meeting relies on the Planning Inspectorate providing you with a joining link or telephone number in advance, **if you intend to participate you must register by Tuesday 25 January 2022** (see **Procedural Deadline A** at **Annex D** of this letter).

If you wish to participate at the Preliminary Meeting, to assist the management of the meeting it is important that when you register you tell us on which agenda items you wish to speak, listing the points you wish to make.

The draft Examination Timetable at **Annex D** of this letter makes provision for a reserve Preliminary Meeting at 2:00pm on Wednesday 2 February 2022. **This meeting will be held *only* if technical or other matters prevent the 10:00am meeting from taking place.**

Please note that **you are not required to attend the Preliminary Meeting in order to participate in the Examination**. Whether or not you attend the Preliminary Meeting, if you are an Interested Party you can make a Written Representation and comment on the Written Representations made by other Interested Parties during the Examination. You will also be able to participate in any hearings that are arranged. Should you no longer wish to be an Interested Party and do not wish to be involved in the Examination process, you can notify the Case Team of this in writing using the contact details at the top of this letter.

If you wish to observe the Preliminary Meeting a public livestream of the event will be made available on the [project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website](#) shortly before it is scheduled to begin. A recording of the meeting will also be published on the website as soon as practicable after the event takes place. **The livestream and recording are publicly accessible and you do not need to register with the Planning Inspectorate in order to view them.**

After the Preliminary Meeting

After the Preliminary Meeting you will be sent a letter (known as the Rule 8 letter) setting out the finalised Examination Timetable. A note of the meeting will also be published on the [project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website](#).

The Examination will principally be a written process (see [Advice Note 8.4: The Examination](#)), supplemented where necessary by various types of hearings (see [Advice Note 8.5: Hearings and site inspections](#) and [Advice Note 8.6: Virtual Examination events](#)).

The Planning Act 2008 establishes a principally written process for the examination of applications for Development Consent Orders and **representations made in writing carry equal weight to oral representations** at all stages of the process.

All relevant and important matters will be taken into account when I make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, who will take the final decision in this case.

Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority

I have made some Procedural Decisions which are set out in detail at **Annex E** to this letter. They are summarised as follows:

- Preparation of Statements of Common Ground

- Draft itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection
- Updating the Guide to the Application
- Holding virtual events
- Acceptance of Additional Submission

Managing Examination correspondence

Given the volume and frequency of letters the Planning Inspectorate needs to send to Interested Parties during an Examination, we aim to communicate with people by email as electronic communication is more environmentally friendly and cost effective for the taxpayer.

If you have received a postcard but are able to receive communications by email, please inform the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter as soon as possible.

As the Examination process makes substantial use of electronic documents, it will be useful for you to become familiar with the [project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website](#).

After the Preliminary Meeting a 'Make a submission' tab will become available on the website which provides a portal through which parties will be able to make written submissions at relevant deadlines during the Examination. Further information about the 'Make a submission' portal will be included in the Rule 8 letter which will be issued as soon as practicable after the Preliminary Meeting.

There is also a function on the right-hand side of the project webpage called 'E-mail updates'. This provides you with an opportunity to register to receive automatic e-mail updates at key stages during the Examination.

Your status in the Examination

You have received this letter because you fall within one of the groups described in the Planning Inspectorate's document [What is My Status in the Examination?](#) If your reference number begins with '2002', 'ENRM-ISP', 'ENRM-BOR', 'ENRM-BORS57' 'ENRM-APL' you are in Group A. If your reference number begins with 'ENRM-SP' you are in Group B. If your reference number begins with 'ENRM-OP' you are in Group C. The meaning and purpose of those groups are explained in the document published at the link above.

If having read this document you are still unsure about your status, please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter.

Awards of costs

All parties will normally be expected to meet their own costs. Costs can be awarded against a party who has acted unreasonably and has caused the party applying for the award of costs to incur unnecessary or wasted expense during the Examination. You should be aware of the relevant costs guidance [Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders](#).

Management of information

Information, including representations, submitted in respect of this Examination (if accepted by the ExA) and a record of any advice which has been provided by the Planning Inspectorate is published on the [project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website](#)

Examination Documents can also be viewed electronically at the locations listed in **Annex F** of this letter.

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair Examination, it is necessary to publish some personal information. To find out how we handle your personal information please view our [Privacy Notice](#).

I look forward to working with all parties in the Examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

Simon Warder

Examining Authority

Annexes

- A** Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting
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Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting

Because participation in a virtual Preliminary Meeting relies on the Planning Inspectorate providing you with a joining link or telephone number in advance, **if you intend to participate you must register by the 25 January 2022** (see **Procedural Deadline A** at **Annex D** of this letter).

- Date:** **Wednesday 2 February 2022**
- Arrangements Conference:** **9:30am**
- Meeting start time:** **10:00am**
- Venue:** **Virtual event (Microsoft Teams)**
Full instructions on how to join online or by phone will be provided in advance of the meeting to those who register to participate
- Attendees:** **Invited Parties who have pre-registered**

A public livestream of the meeting will be made available on the project webpage [Project Page](#) shortly before the meeting is due to open. The livestream is available to anybody who wishes to observe the meeting.

9:25am	Event lobby Please arrive at 9:25am to enter the lobby. From here you will be admitted to the Arrangements Conference by the Case Team, greeted and given further instructions.
9:30am	Arrangements Conference The Arrangements Conference will commence at 9:30am. This will be hosted by the Case Team and cover the housekeeping arrangements for the Preliminary Meeting and allow for any questions to be asked about how to take part.
10.00am	Preliminary Meeting
Item 1	The Preliminary Meeting will formally open at 10.00am. The Examining Authority (ExA) will join, welcome participants and lead introductions.
Item 2	The ExA's remarks about the Examination process. Procedural requests relating to this item that were submitted in writing by Procedural Deadline A (Tuesday 25 January 2022) .
Item 3	Initial Assessment of Principal Issues – Annex C of the Rule 6 letter
Item 4	Procedural decisions taken by the ExA – Annex E of the Rule 6 letter

	-Procedural requests relating to this item that were submitted in writing by Procedural Deadline A (Tuesday 25 January 2025) .
Item 5	Draft Examination Timetable – Annex D of the Rule 6 letter, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanied Site Inspection • Notification of wish to speak at a hearing • Use of electronic correspondence • Date for receipt of Written Representations, Local Impact Reports and Statements of Common Ground Procedural requests relating to this item that were submitted in writing by Procedural Deadline A (Tuesday 25 January 2025) .
Item 6	Any remaining questions or submissions regarding procedural matters not set out in the agenda that have been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in writing by Procedural Deadline A .
Item 7	Any other matters
Close of the Preliminary Meeting	

If you are joining as an active participant of the Preliminary Meeting, please join the Arrangements Conference lobby promptly using the instructions that are sent to you. In common with Preliminary Meetings held in physical locations, the event will start at 10.00am irrespective of any late arrivals, for whom access may not be possible.

The agenda for the Preliminary Meeting is subject to change at the discretion of the ExA, although in making changes the ExA will be mindful of the need to provide opportunities for fair involvement to all Interested Parties.

The draft Examination Timetable at **Annex D** of the Rule 6 makes provision for a reserve Preliminary Meeting at 2:00pm on 2 February 2022. **This meeting will be held *only* if technical or other matters prevent the 10:00am meeting from taking place.** The Arrangements Conference will start at 1:30pm and the Agenda will be as set out above.

Introduction to the Preliminary Meeting, Hearings and Site Inspections

Background

The Preliminary Meeting (PM) for the East Northants Resource Management Facility Western Extension will take place virtually, using Microsoft Teams, but the format, content and procedure will be very similar to the physical, face-to-face PMs that have been held for other National Infrastructure Examinations.

The Examining Authority (ExA) is conscious of videoconferencing fatigue and will aim to keep the proceedings focussed and as efficient as possible. This annex provides advance access to information that would usually be included in the ExA's introductory remarks following the opening of the PM. Please read this carefully. The ExA will only present a summary of the key points set out here at the Preliminary Meeting, in order to ensure that the time available for participants to speak is maximised.

The Examining Authority

The ExA, Simon Warder, appointed by the Secretary of State for the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and will introduce himself at the start of the PM. The ExA's appointment letter can be found in the Examination Library under reference [[PD-004](#)].

The Case Team

The ExA will be supported by the Planning Inspectorate Case Team. Tracey Williams is the Case Manager and Steve Parker is the Case Officer. During the Arrangements Conferences a member of the Case Team will welcome and admit participants into the virtual PM, and will be available to answer questions by email before and after the PM. The contact email address is: enrmfextension@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

The purpose of the Preliminary Meeting (PM)

The PM is being held to discuss the arrangements for the Examination of the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the East Northants Resource Management Facility Western Extension, which is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), and which will generally be referred to in the PM and Examination as the 'Proposed Development'. The Application has been made by Augean South Limited, which will be referred to as 'the Applicant'.

You will find information about the application and, in due course, documents produced for the Examination on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website ('NI Planning website'). This has a dedicated project page for the project with links to Examination procedure, the Examination Timetable, Relevant Representations and Examination documents. The relevant NI Planning website project page is:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/east-northants-resource-management-facility-western-extension/>

You are encouraged to explore the NI Planning website project page if you haven't already done so, because it will be used to communicate with you and to provide access to documents throughout the Examination. There is the option on the project page to register to receive updates and we would also encourage you do this so that you will receive a notification via e-mail at key stages during the Examination.

The main purpose of the PM is to discuss how the Application should be examined. It focuses on the process only, and it will not be looking at the substance of the proposals. Questions, discussions and representations about the merits or disadvantages of the Proposed Development are for the Examination itself which will begin the day after the close of the PM.

The PM will be your opportunity to influence the process that we intend to follow, and you should read this Rule 6 letter and all accompanying annexes thoroughly beforehand. The agenda for the PM is attached to the Rule 6 letter at **Annex A**. It is important to have the letter and the agenda in front of you and to refer to them during the course of the PM. If you are not experienced with videoconferencing and using multiple documents on screen, you may wish to print these in advance of the PM for reference.

Government guidance and policy

The application is a NSIP under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) as a consequence of sections 14(1)(p) and 30 of the PA2008. It includes the construction of a hazardous waste landfill facility with a capacity of more than 100,000 tonnes per year and the alteration of a hazardous waste facility to increase its capacity by more than 30,000 tonnes per year. The designated National Policy Statement for Hazardous Waste (June 2013) (NPS) applies to this Examination and to decision-making relating to this application.

The ExA will consider the Proposed Development in accordance with the NPS and any other applicable policy or considerations the ExA deems to be important and relevant. The PA2008 makes it clear that, in making a decision, the relevant Secretary of State (SoS) "*must decide the application in accordance with any relevant NPS*" (s104(3)), subject to certain provisos. Essentially, the provisos are that the application must not breach legal or treaty obligations, and that any adverse impact of the Proposed Development would not outweigh its benefits.

The SoS is entitled to disregard any representations that relate to the merits of the designated NPS. In practice, this means that the ExA will not spend time examining representations that challenge policy set out in NPS, or the validity of NPS itself. The focus will be on the merits or disadvantages of the Proposed Development, tested to the appropriate extent using the tests set out in the relevant designated NPS.

Other important and relevant planning policies that the ExA may consider include policies in the National Planning Policy Framework and relevant local authorities' development plans. However, if these conflict with policy in a NPS, then the NPS will take precedence.

In summary, the PM will establish the procedures and timetable for the Examination of the Proposed Development. It will set a framework for the ExA to enable the SoS to consider and decide the application, by identifying relevant policy and examining the application in the light of it. In doing so, the ExA will have regard to:

- the positions and representations of all Interested Parties (IPs);
- any Local Impact Reports (LIR) prepared and provided by relevant local authorities;
- other prescribed matters; and
- any other matters that appear to be both relevant and important to the relevant SoS's decision.

Preliminary Meeting invitees

The Applicant is invited to the PM and is generally given the opportunity to reply to any representations made.

Everyone who has made a Relevant Representation has been registered as an IP and has been sent a copy of this Rule 6 letter. Each IP is entitled to participate in this Examination. Certain bodies are Statutory Parties. Statutory Parties can elect to become IPs without having made a Relevant Representation.

The ExA has the power to involve people who are not IPs in the Examination as though they are IPs, including by inviting them to the PM. However, this is only done in exceptional circumstances, for example if it was clear that the application would materially affect a person, they are not automatically or eligible to elect to become an IP and they had been unable to take the necessary action to register as an IP.

Conduct of the Preliminary Meeting

Past experience suggests that a PM for a project of this size and complexity could take two hours to complete. However, in running the event virtually there are limitations on the number of people who can speak at any one time. Therefore, in order to ensure that everyone who wishes to speak can do so, half a day has been timetabled.

During the PM participants may have to make allowances and be patient if there are delays associated with the technology used. In recognition of the fatigue associated with on-screen communication, the ExA will provide breaks during the PM as appropriate. For those who pre-register to be involved your joining instructions will provide more information about this.

A reserve PM has also been scheduled at 2:00pm the same day. However, this meeting will be held *only* if technical or other matters prevent the 10:00am meeting from taking place.

A digital recording will be made available on the project page of the NI Planning website as soon as practicable following the PM. The digital recording allows any member of the public who is interested in the application and the Examination to find out what has been discussed at the PM, whether they are able to attend or observe the meeting or not. The making and publication of these recordings are a means by which we meet the legal requirement to hold these events in public. In this regard, anyone speaking at the PM will need to introduce themselves each time they speak, to ensure that someone listening to the recording after the event is clear who was speaking. A written note of the PM will be produced and published as soon as practicable following the closure of the PM.

As the digital recordings are retained and published, they form a public record that can contain personal information to which the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) applies. Participants must do their best to avoid making public any information which they would otherwise wish to be kept private and confidential. If there is a need to refer to such information, it should be in written form. Although this will also be published, personal and private content can be redacted or removed before it is made publicly available. Any person who is unclear on this point should ask the Case Team for guidance before they include personal and private information in any submissions.

The Planning Inspectorate's practice is to publish the recordings and retain them for a period of five years from the SoS's decision on the DCO. If you actively participate in the PM, it is important that you understand that you will be recorded and that the recording will be made available in the public domain. Please see our [Privacy Notice](#) for more information about how we handle your data.

Following the ExA's introductions, each participant who has been registered to speak will be asked to introduce themselves, including any organisations or groups that they represent. The ExA will then conduct the meeting in accordance with the agenda. If you prefer not to have your image recorded, you can switch off your camera at any point.

The Examination process

The examination of NSIPs follows different processes to those, for example, of a Public Inquiry into a planning appeal following the refusal of planning permission. The main differences are that the examination of NSIPs is primarily a written process and hearings take on an inquisitorial approach as opposed to an adversarial one.

This means that the ExA will probe, test and assess the evidence primarily using written questions. While some hearings are held to provide supplementary evidence, questions to the Applicant or to witnesses will come from the ExA. Questioning or cross-examination of witnesses by other parties will not generally be allowed.

In terms of opportunities to provide evidence in writing, the draft Examination Timetable makes provision for the following written processes:

- Local authorities can submit LIRs if they wish. Whilst these are voluntary, the PA2008 provides that if they are provided, they must be considered by the SoS in reaching a decision. Consequently, LIRs are a very important method for local authorities to communicate issues of concern to the ExA, the SoS and their residents.
- IPs can make Written Representations (WRs) and comment on WRs made by other parties.
- IPs can respond to the ExA's Written Questions (ExQs) and comment on responses to these written questions provided by others.
- IPs may be asked to contribute to the making of Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) if it appears that there are matters on which they and the Applicant agrees, and if it would be useful for this to be clarified. SoCGs most usefully extend to catalogue matters that are not agreed or are outstanding.

The draft Examination Timetable includes a series of numbered deadlines for the receipt of written submissions. Timely submissions received by the relevant deadline and that address its purpose will be accepted. Documents received after the relevant deadline are only accepted at the discretion of the ExA and may not be accepted to ensure fairness to all parties. Circumstances where documents are submitted late without good reason, causing inconvenience or delay to other parties can amount to unreasonable behaviour.

These written processes will be the principal means used by the ExA to gather information, evidence and views about the application. However, the Examination will only be effective if all parties resolve to give timely, full, frank, clear and evidenced answers to every question that is relevant to their interests and to engage fully with any other related processes such as the completion of WRs and SoCGs.

There is no merit in withholding or delaying information, or in failing to co-operate, and, should it occur, any unreasonable behaviour that caused another party to incur wasted expenditure could lead to an award of costs against the offending party.

The ExA has discretion to make amendments to the Examination Timetable for the wider benefit of the Examination. If possible, events will be arranged for times when all relevant parties are available, but the ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination by the end of the six-month period beginning with the day after the close of the PM. This requirement is set by legislation, and while the ExA will try to rearrange event dates to accommodate all relevant parties, in practice there will be limited scope to alter dates set out in the draft Examination Timetable.

The statutory time limit for the Examination means that where there are matters that still need to be discussed and agreed between the Applicant and IPs, it will be very helpful to the ExA if these could be progressed as early as possible.

Hearings

The draft Examination Timetable includes provision for hearings, at which the ExA takes oral evidence from the various parties.

Any registered IP may request an Open Floor Hearing (OFH) to make oral representations about the application if they believe this to be preferable to relying on their written representation; though both carry equal weight. Oral submissions should be based on representations previously made in writing, but they should not simply repeat matters previously covered in the written submission. Rather, they should focus on specific detail and explanation to help inform the ExA. There should be no new or unexpected material in oral representations. A written summary note with any supporting evidence or references will be requested of each speaker following the hearing.

As with all Examination events, OFHs are subject to the powers of control of the ExA, as set out in the PA2008 and supporting legislation. Participants must register in advance by the deadline shown in the Examination Timetable and in accordance with the instructions, an agenda may be circulated. It is common practice for the ExA to set a time limit for each speaker and speakers with common points are asked to come together to nominate a spokesperson or representative speakers to cover specific topics, so as to avoid repetition. Speakers representing public authorities, community and membership organisations or multiple IPs are normally provided with an additional time allowance, recognising their representative role.

The ExA has the discretion to hold Issue Specific Hearings (ISHs) if it would aid in the Examination and there is a specific reason this would be more helpful than reliance on written evidence only. The lack of an ISH on one or more topics does not suggest that that topic is less important than others which are subject to a hearing. Rather, it is an indication that the ExA is satisfied that the issues can be fully considered through written submissions and responses to its written questions and that each party has had a fair opportunity to put its case.

The draft Examination Timetable includes a number of reservations for ISHs and IPs may make suggestions for topics in their written or oral representations to the PM.

It may be necessary for the ExA to hold more than one ISH on the draft DCO. This is normal practice, and they are held on a without prejudice basis. Parties can suggest modifications and amendments to the draft DCO provided with the Proposed Development applications by the Applicant, without prejudicing their overall position on the application.

Holding such hearings does not imply that the ExA has reached any judgements on the merits of the application. Whatever the ultimate recommendation is, the ExA must make sure that the draft DCO is fit for purpose if the SoS decides to grant consent, as any consent will be subject to Requirements (i.e. conditions) set out in the DCO.

At hearings it will not normally be necessary for parties to make long and detailed submissions that require (for example) PowerPoint presentations. Any

supporting detail/information can be provided in writing following the event by the relevant deadline.

The draft Examination Timetable includes a deadline (Wednesday 23 February 2022) for participants to notify the ExA that they wish to speak at a hearing.

Site inspections

As part of the Examination process the ExA may undertake site inspections. These can be either unaccompanied or accompanied, though all would be subject to any Government restrictions relating to COVID-19 in force at the time.

The purpose of these is for the ExA to see features of the proposals within the context of the evidence put forward. Notes of Unaccompanied Site Inspections (USIs) are published on the project webpage on the NI Planning website.

Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI) will only be necessary to view land to which there is no public right of access, or with no clear view from nearby locations with open public access. The purpose of ASIs is familiarisation only and no discussion of the merits of the Proposed Development will be entertained during an ASI.

The draft Examination Timetable includes a deadline for IPs to make submissions suggesting sites and locations that the ExA should visit. These will be used to inform further USIs as well as ASIs. It should be noted that public health restrictions may limit the scope for ASIs. If these have not lifted by the end of the Examination, the ExA may decide that holding USIs at relevant nominated locations, supported by the submission of additional written, photographic, video or even drone material would be preferable to not visiting sites or holding ASIs in circumstances which could make them difficult and unduly time-consuming to conduct.

Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

This is the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues prepared under s88(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). It has been prepared by the Examining Authority (ExA) following its reading of:

- the application documents;
- the Relevant Representations received in respect of the application; and
- its consideration of any other important and relevant matters.

It is not a comprehensive or exclusive list of the issues that will be subject to examination and inevitably some issues will overlap or interrelate. The ExA will have regard to all important and relevant matters during the Examination and when it writes its Recommendation Report to the Secretary of State for the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities after the Examination has concluded.

The order of the issues listed is alphabetic and does not imply any order of prioritisation or importance.

The policy and consenting requirements and documents associated with the PA2008 are an integral part of the Examination and are therefore not listed as main issues.

It should also be noted that whilst the effects of the proposal in relation to human rights and equalities duties are not listed as main issues, the ExA will conduct all aspects of the Examination with these in mind.

1. Air quality and emissions

- The effect of the Proposed Development on air quality including on those living and working nearby and biodiversity
- The Air Quality Directive, the UK Air Quality Strategy and Air Quality Management Areas
- Emissions to air including dust, odours and gases

2. Biodiversity

- Construction, operation, restoration and aftercare phase effects on species and habitats, with particular reference to European Protected Species and sites, nationally protected sites (eg Collyweston Great Wood and Eastern Hornstocks SSSIs) and species, woodlands and locally important species
- The need for any European Protected Species licences and status of any such application(s) made to Natural England
- Timing and delivery of biodiversity net gain

3. Climate change

- Whether the Proposed Development would meet the UK's obligations under the Climate Change Act 2008 (as amended) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change having regard to the latest UK Climate Change projections
- The resilience of the Proposed Development to the effects of climate change

4. Draft Development Consent Order

- The appropriateness of the Applicant's dDCO including its structure, scope, definitions, project description, Articles, Requirements and Protective Provisions
- Reliance on precedents derived from previous DCOs or model provisions including justification in the Explanatory Memorandum
- The precision and effectiveness of Requirements including whether they would deliver the mitigation measures required by the Environmental Statement, the DCO Environmental Commitments
- The process of discharging Requirements, including consultation. Explanation and justification of Protective Provisions, including any exclusion of Statutory Undertakers or other bodies
- Consistency and accuracy of the internal and cross-referencing used in the dDCO

5. Environmental Impact Assessment

- Baseline data and surveys, geographical scope, methodologies, assumptions and use of professional judgement, identification and sensitivity of receptors
- The assessment of potential impacts including magnitude, nature and duration, the use of reasonable worst-case scenarios and the 'Rochdale Envelope'
- The effectiveness and delivery of mitigation and compensation measures, including restoration proposals, and the assessment of residual impacts
- The approach to, and scope of, cumulative assessments in the EIA

6. Ground conditions

- Land stability, contamination, pollution control and whether these can be adequately regulated by Environmental Permits
- Safeguarding mineral resources
- The effects of the Proposed Development on neighbouring land

7. Historic environment

- The effect on designated and non-designated heritage assets and their settings
- Proposals for archaeological investigation and recording, including assets discovered during construction

8. Human health

- The effects on human health, including direct and indirect effects
- Other consenting requirements including Environment Agency permits

9. Infrastructure

- The effect of the Proposed Development on existing infrastructure crossing the site
- The use of Protective Provisions and other agreements with Statutory Undertakers

10. Landscape and visual

- The effects on visual receptors, landscape character and tranquillity during the construction and operation phases and following restoration
- The effectiveness of mitigation during the construction and operation phases
- The effect of the restoration proposals including the potential for enhancement

11. Land use, soils and socio-economics

- The significance of the loss of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land
- Direct and in-direct socio-economic effects
- The effect of the Proposed Development on neighbouring land uses
- The effect on recreational access during the construction and operation phases and following restoration

12. Legislation and policy

- Applicable legislation and policy
- Human rights and equality duties
- Conformity or otherwise with the National Policy Statement, the development plans and other important and relevant matters, including the waste hierarchy and the proximity principle
- The need for the Proposed Development
- Alternatives and options
- Common and statutory nuisance.

- The application of 'good design' principles

13. Noise and vibration

- The effects on residential and other receptors and landscape tranquillity during the construction and operation phases

14. Safety

- The resilience of the Proposed Development to major disasters and accidents
- The risk of significant pollution incidents as a result of the Proposed Development
- Site management and monitoring during the operational phase and following restoration
- The effect on military aviation, including the potential for bird strikes

15. Traffic and transport

- The effect of the Proposed Development on traffic flows, delays, volumes and circulation in both the local and wider context
- The effect of the Proposed Development on road safety, cyclists and pedestrian amenity, including road cleanliness and the transport of Low Level Radioactive Waste

16. Water quality and resources

- The Water Framework Directive and The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017
- The effects on groundwater, watercourses, waterbodies and sensitive receptors (including swallow hole)
- Surface water mitigation and management during construction and operation and following restoration. The use of sustainable urban drainage systems
- The flood risk posed by the Proposed Development
- The resilience of the Proposed Development to flooding
- The effects of the Proposed Development on the water resources and neighbouring land

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Draft Examination Timetable

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

The Examination of the application primarily takes the form of the consideration of written submissions. The ExA will also consider any oral representations made at hearings.

Item	Matters	Due Date
1	<p>Procedural Deadline A</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written submissions, if required on any changes that are considered necessary to the draft Examination timetable; on the Examination procedure, including any submissions about the use of virtual procedures and Procedural Decisions taken by the ExA (see Annex E); and • Requests to be heard orally at the Preliminary Meeting and comments on the Agenda 	Tuesday 25 January 2022
2	Preliminary Meeting	Wednesday 2 February 2022 at 10:00am
3	Reserve date and time for Preliminary Meeting (if required)	Wednesday 2 February 2022 at 2:00pm
4	<p>Issue by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination Timetable • ExA's Written Questions (ExQ1) 	As soon as practicable after the PM
	<p>Deadline 1</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission by Interested Parties (IPs) of suggested locations for the ExA to include in the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI), including the reason for nomination and 	Wednesday 23 February 2022

	<p>issues to be observed, information about whether the location can be accessed using public rights of way or what access arrangements are required (if any)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (EPR) • Any other information requested by the ExA for submission at Deadline 1 <p>Notifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification by Interested Parties (IPs) of wish to speak at an Open Floor Hearing • Notification by IPs of wish to speak at an Issue Specific Hearing(s) • Notification by IPs of their intention to attend the ASI • Notification by Statutory Parties who wish to be considered as an IP • Notification of wish to receive future correspondence electronically 	
5	<p>Deadline 2</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs) • Written Representations (WRs) • Summaries of WRs exceeding 1500 words • Responses to ExQ1 • Local Impact Reports (LIRs) from local authorities • Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requested by ExA – see Annex E • Comments on updated application documents (if submitted) • A revised Guide to the Application • Applicant’s draft itinerary for the ASI • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 1 	Friday 4 March 2022

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR 	
6	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of the date, time and place of hearings(s) and the date, time and place for the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI), if required 	Friday 4 March 2022
7	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The second draft itinerary for the ASI 	Wednesday 9 March 2022
8	<p>Deadline 3</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on WRs • Responses to comments on RRs • Comments on any LIRs • Comments on responses to ExQ1 • Comments on any revised draft DCO from the Applicant, if submitted • Progressed SOCG and Statement of Commonality • An updated version of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) in clean, tracked and word versions • Schedule of Changes to the dDCO • Comments on the second itinerary for the ASI • An updated Guide to the Application • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 2 	Wednesday 16 March 2022
9	<p>Time reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue Specific Hearings, including the draft DCO • Open Floor Hearing (if required) • Accompanied Site Inspection 	Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30, Thursday 31 March 2022
10	Deadline 4	Wednesday 13 April 2022

	<p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of oral contributions at hearings • Post-hearing submissions requested by the ExA • Responses to comments on WRs • Responses to comments on LIRs • Any revised dDCO from the Applicant in clean, tracked and word versions • An updated Schedule of Changes to the dDCO • An updated Guide to the Application • Comments on any other information submitted at Deadline 3 • Progressed SOCG and updated Statement of Commonality (if required) • Any other information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 3 	
11	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA's Written Questions (ExQ2) (if required) 	Wednesday 27 April 2022
12	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to ExQ2 • Comments on any revised dDCO • Progressed SOCG and updated Statement of Commonality of SOCG, if required • An updated Guide to the Application • Any other information requested by the ExA for submission at Deadline 5 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 4 	Wednesday 11 May 2022
13	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p>	Friday 13 May 2022

	Notification of the date, time and place of hearings(s), if required	
14	Time reserved for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue Specific Hearing, including ISH on the dDCO (if required) 	Wednesday 8 June 2022
15	Deadline 6 Deadline for receipt of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of oral contributions at hearings (if required) • Post-hearing submissions requested by the ExA(if required) • Progressed SoCG and Statement of Commonality (if required) • Comments on responses to ExQ2 • Applicant’s updated dDCO in clean, tracked and word versions • An updated Schedule of Changes to the dDCO • An updated Guide to the Application • Any other information requested by the ExA for this deadline • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 5 	Wednesday 22 June 2022
16	Publication by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA’s proposed Schedule of Changes to the dDCO (if required) • Report on Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required) 	Wednesday 29 June 2022
17	Deadline 7 Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on submissions for Deadline 6 • Comments on the ExA’s proposed Schedule of Changes to the dDCO (if required) • Comments on RIES (if required) 	Wednesday 20 July 2022

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final SoCG and finalised Statement of Commonality • Final draft DCO to be submitted by the Applicant in clean, tracked, word versions and in the statutory Instrument (SI) template with the SI template validation report • Final Guide to the Application • Any other information requested by the ExA for submission at Deadline 7 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 6 	
18	The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.	Tuesday 2 August 2022

Submission times for deadlines

The time for submission of documents at any deadline in the timetable is 23:59 on the relevant deadline date, unless instructed otherwise by the ExA.

Publication dates

All information received will be published on the [project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website](#) as soon as practicable after the deadlines for submissions. See Annex F of this letter for more information.

Hearing agendas

Please note that for Issue Specific Hearings the ExA will publish a high-level agenda alongside the notification of the hearing to help inform your decision about whether to register to participate. A detailed draft agenda will be made available on the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website at least five working days in advance of the hearing date. However, the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA. For Open Floor Hearings agendas may not be published.

Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

Where an applicant has provided a No Significant Effects Report or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the application, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the Examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the Examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's Recommendation to the Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State may rely on the consultation on the RIES to meet its obligations under Regulation 63(3) of The Habitats Regulations 2017 and/ or Regulation 28 of The Offshore Marine Regulations.

Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority

The Examining Authority (ExA) has made the following Procedural Decisions:

1. Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)

In relation to some of the Principal Issues identified in **Annex C**, the ExA would be assisted by the preparation of SoCGs between the Applicant and certain Interested Parties. The draft Examination Timetable at **Annex D** therefore identifies **Deadline 2** for the submission of SoCGs.

The aim of a SoCG is to agree factual information and to inform the ExA and all other parties by identifying where there is agreement and where the differences lie at an early stage in the Examination process. It should provide a focus and save time by identifying matters which are not in dispute or need not be the subject of further evidence. It can also usefully state where and why there may be disagreement about the interpretation and relevance of the information. Unless otherwise stated or agreed, the SoCG should be agreed between the Applicant and the other relevant Interested Party or parties, and submitted **by the Applicant**.

SoCGs are requested to be prepared between the Applicant and:

A) North Northamptonshire Council, to include:

- Compliance with the development plans, impacts on land use and the acceptability of proposed changes to land use
- The need for the Proposed Development and assessment of alternatives to it
- Compliance with relevant legal requirements and policy, including Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and flood risk
- Impacts on local transport networks, including lorry routeing and road cleaning
- Traffic management and communication with residents and businesses during construction
- Air quality, including compliance with any local air quality plans
- Dust, odour, artificial light, smoke, steam impacts and nuisance
- Noise and vibration and impacts on local residents and others, construction noise and working hours limits, noise barriers or other mitigation
- Biodiversity and impacts on sites, habitats and species and mitigation during the operational phase and following restoration
- Landscape and visual impact assessment, including lighting and planting during the operational phase and following restoration. Arrangements for aftercare following completion
- Flood risk, including the adequacy of the Flood Risk Assessment, use of appropriate UK Climate Change Projections, compliance with

the National Planning Policy Framework, the selection and design of mitigation measures

- Surface water drainage including the use of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS), compliance with national standards and the appropriate body to be given the responsibility to maintain any SuDS
- Impacts on Public Rights of Way and opportunities to improve, public access following restoration
- Temporary and permanent impacts on recreation facilities and opportunities
- Socio-economic impacts
- Common law nuisance and statutory nuisance, nuisance mitigation and limitations and appropriate provisions in the dDCO
- Whether the requirements for restoration have been adequately defined in the dDCO and whether they have been appropriately assessed and mitigated
- Human health impacts and measures to avoid, reduce or compensate for adverse health impacts, including cumulative impacts on health
- Safety impact assessment
- The assessment of military aviation and defence matters in accordance with the National Networks National Policy Statement, having regard to the proximity of RAF Wittering
- The Planning Obligation including status, scope, effect and timescale for completion

B) The Environment Agency, to include:

- Existing and new Environmental Permits, including their status, scope, controls, mitigation measures and timescales.
- Dust, odour, artificial light, smoke and steam scope and methodology of assessment
- The water environment including main rivers, groundwater and other water bodies, any concerns on impacts on water quality/resources and the need for any specific requirements in the dDCO, compliance with the Water Framework Directive
- Flood risk, including the adequacy of the Flood Risk Assessment, use of appropriate UK Climate Change Projections, compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework, the selection and design of mitigation measures
- Surface water drainage including the use of SuDS, compliance with national standards and the appropriate body to be given the responsibility to maintain any SuDS
- Water abstraction, discharges, pollution control and permits and whether potential releases can be adequately regulated under the pollution control framework

- Ground conditions, including the stability and contamination assessments, controls and mitigation measures
- Climate change, including the UK's obligations under the Climate Change Act 2008 (as amended) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change having regard to the latest UK Climate Change projections. The resilience of the Proposed Development to the effects of climate change
- The need for Protective Provisions in the dDCO

C) Natural England, to include:

- The Applicant's Habitat Regulation Assessment – No Significant Effects Report (NSER) and the included matrices which exclude the potential for likely significant effects to arise alone or in combination with other plans and projects
- Appropriateness and effectiveness of the reliance on controls in the existing and new Environmental Permits
- Impacts on habitats and species, habitat replacement and opportunities for enhancement
- Restoration proposals and bio-diversity net gain
- Assessment of noise, vibration, air and water quality impacts on designated nature conservation sites, protected species and other biodiversity interest and landscapes during the operational phase and following restoration
- Agreement or otherwise on biodiversity and ecological conservation mitigation measures, any comfort/impediments for the granting of relevant licences and their timescales

D) National Grid Gas plc, to include:

- The high-pressure gas pipeline which crosses the site
- The Protective Provisions set out in the dDCO
- Other matters raised in Relevant Representation [[RR-001](#)]

E) Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) plc, to include:

- The overhead line which crosses the site and the proposal for its diversion
- The Protective Provisions set out in the dDCO
- Other matters raised in Relevant Representation [[RR-012](#)]

F) Cecil Estate Family Trust, to include:

- The effect on the land owned by the Trust during the operational phase and following restoration including any effect on proposed land uses
- The Applicant's rights or otherwise to discharge surface water to the swallow hole
- Other matters raised in Relevant Representations [[RR-008](#) and [RR-015](#)]

G) NW Fiennes, to include

- The matters raised in Relevant Representation [[RR-003](#)]

H) Defence Infrastructure Organisation, to include

- The potential for the Proposed Development to increase the risk of bird strike in connection with operations at RAF Wittering
- Other matters raised in Relevant Representation [[RR-005](#)]

I) Northants Police and Northants Fire and Rescue, to include

- Fire risk, anti-social behaviour and the matters raised in Relevant Representation [[RR-011](#)]

J) Butterfly Conservation, to include

- Impacts on habitats and species, habitat replacement and opportunities for enhancement
- Restoration proposals and bio-diversity net gain
- Other matters raised in Relevant Representation [[RR-004](#)]

SoCGs A-C to include:

- The applicable legislation and policy considered by the Applicant
- The Environmental Impact Assessment methodology, including the assessment of cumulative effects and the other plans/projects included
- The application of expert judgements and assumptions
- Baseline information, data collection methods, data/statistical analysis, approach to modelling, presentation of results and forecast methodologies
- The extent of the areas of potential impact considered
- Identification and sensitivity of receptors with the potential to be affected, the magnitude and quantification of potential impacts
- The assessment of likely effects (direct and indirect) on identified receptors
- "Reasonable worst case" Rochdale Envelope parameters
- The mitigation measures required and whether they are likely to result in the identified residual impacts
- The significance of each residual impact
- Whether the identified mitigation measures adequately secured by the combination of Requirements in the dDCO with other consents, permits and licenses
- The scope and adequacy of the submitted DCO Environmental Commitments
- Matters for which detailed approval needs to be obtained and the roles of the local authorities and of other statutory and regulatory authorities

- The identification of other consents, permits or licenses required before the development can become operational, their scope, any management plans that would be included in an application, progress to date, comfort/impediments and timescales for the consents, permits or licenses being granted
- Whether the effectiveness of other consents, permits or licenses as mitigation has been accurately identified in the impact assessment

All of the SoCGs listed above should cover the Articles and Requirements in the draft Development Consent Order. Any Interested Party that wishes an Article or Requirement to be reworded should provide the form of words sought in the SoCG.

Where a particular SoCG cannot be agreed between the parties by **Deadline 2**, or if any local authority position needs to be signed off at a higher level, draft versions of that SoCG are requested to be submitted **by the Applicant at Deadline 2**. The position of the relevant Interested Parties should then be confirmed during the course of the Examination. The draft Examination Timetable makes provision for updated SoCGs to be submitted at each Deadline with final versions by **Deadline 7**.

Nevertheless, the Applicant and other parties are strongly encouraged to co-operate in order that fully considered and complete SoCGs can be submitted as early as possible in the Examination.

The content of SoCGs will help to inform the ExA about the need to hold any Issue Specific Hearings during the Examination, and to enable the ExA and the Applicant to give notice of such hearings at least 21 days in advance of them taking place.

2. Draft itinerary for Accompanied Site Inspection

The draft Examination Timetable at Annex D shows that I have reserved time for an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) later in the Examination (**29, 30 or 31 March 2022**). This will only take place to the extent that Government COVID19 restrictions at the time allow, and details of any such inspection will be published nearer the time.

In anticipation that an ASI will go ahead, IPs are requested to submit suggested locations for the ASI, the reasons for the locations and access arrangements by Deadline 1 (**Wednesday 23 February 2022**). The Applicant is requested to prepare a draft itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) to be submitted by Deadline 2 (**Friday 4 March 2022**). The first draft ASI itinerary should include relevant sites and locations referred to in the Relevant Representations received and any other sites and locations at which the Applicant has predicted likely significant environmental effects. The ExA will then publish the second draft itinerary for Interested Parties to comment (**Wednesday 9 March 2022**). I will review the comments made about the second draft ASI itinerary (to be submitted by Deadline 3 on **Wednesday 16 March 2022**) and may make changes to it. The final ASI itinerary will be published in advance of the event taking place.

3. Guide to the application

I would find it helpful if, at each deadline, the Applicant could provide an updated Guide to the Application document which provides a list of the most up-to-date documents before the Examination. A final version must be submitted before the close of the Examination.

4. Virtual events

As set out in the Rule 6 letter, I have made the Procedural Decision to hold the Preliminary Meeting virtually, online. I have also decided that requests to participate actively or to comment on the Agenda must be received by Procedural Deadline A (Tuesday 25 January 2022).

In the absence of any certainty regarding Government possible restrictions on public meetings relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, I have decided, as a starting point, to assume that all meetings and hearings for the Examination will also need to be held virtually, and the Examination Timetable has been drafted on this basis. Should restrictions be relaxed sufficiently to hold future events in either a face-to-face or blended format, I will publish further decisions on this, noting that the Timetable is sufficiently flexible to accommodate a range of possible event formats.

5. Acceptance of Additional Submissions into the Examination

The following documents have been accepted into the Examination:

- Email from Huntingdonshire District Council dated 29 September 2021 [[AS-001](#)].

Availability of Examination Documents

The Application documents and Relevant Representations are available on the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/east-northants-resource-management-facility-western-extension/?ipcsection=docs>

All further documents submitted in the course of the Examination will also be published under the Documents tab at the above location.

The Examination Library

For ease of navigation, please refer to the Examination Library (EL) which is accessible by clicking the blue button under the 'Documents' tab. The EL is updated regularly throughout the Examination.

The EL records and provides a hyperlink to:

- Each application document;
- each representation made to the Examination; and
- each Procedural Decision made by the ExA.

Each document is given a unique reference which will be fixed for the duration of the Examination. A hyperlink to each document on the project webpage is also provided. **Please use the unique reference numbers applied in the EL when referring to any Examination Documents in any future submissions that you make.**

Electronic deposit locations

Documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge, at the electronic deposit locations listed in the table below. Please note that you may need to bring a form of identification and register as a member/library member in order to use a computer at these locations.

The opening hours and availability of information technology set out in the table below may be subject to changes or limitations to address public health requirements as a result of Coronavirus (COVID-19). Bearing in mind the availability of the documents on the National Infrastructure Planning website and the effect of public health restrictions, please consider your need to attend these locations with care. Please check the current circumstances with the relevant locations before you attend.

Local authority area	Venue/address	Opening hours
East Northants Resource Management Facility (ENRMF) Offices	Stamford Road, Northamptonshire. PE8 6XX	Monday to Friday: 7am-5:30pm Saturday: 7am-12pm Sunday: Closed
Oundle Public Library	Glaphorn Road, Oundle PE8 4JA	Monday to Friday: 9am-5pm Saturday: 9am – 2pm Sunday: Closed
Links to all libraries		
Oundle Public Library: https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/library-service/visiting-your-library/list-of-libraries/Pages/oundle-library.aspx		