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Good morning, everybody. And welcome to this preliminary meeting. Before we start, can I just confirm that everyone can hear me clearly, please? Can I have a show of hands?

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Sounds good. And can also confirm with Tracy that the live streaming of the event has commenced.

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Yes, yes, the live streaming has commenced, and I can hear you and see you clearly.

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Thank you very much. For those people who are watching, using the live stream, I should advise you that should we need to adjourn the proceedings at any point this morning, we will have to stop the live stream in order to give us clear recording files. The result of this is at the point that which will recommence the meeting and restart the live stream you will need to refresh your browser to view the restarted stream. However, I'll remind you this again, should be new to children. So it's now just gone 10 o'clock, and I'd like to welcome you all to this preliminary meeting, which precedes the examination for the East North hands Resource Management Facility Western extension. My name is Simon Warder. I'm extroverted town planner and employed by the planning Inspectorate. And I've been appointed by the Secretary of State as the single panel member, examine authority for this application. You will already have spoken to and heard from Tracy Williams, who is the case manager for this project. It's being supported today by Steven Parker and Alberto Santa Maria. Together they make up the case team for this project, and should you have any queries or questions, they should be your first point of contact. Their contact details can be found at the top of any letter you have received from us and on the project page of the national infrastructure website, as well as on any joining instructions that were emailed to you yesterday. Before we consider the items on the agenda for this meeting, and now need to run through some additional housekeeping matters. For an update those which Tracy talked about in the arrangements comp conference. As far as I'm aware, there are no requests have been made for any special measures or any arrangements to enable participation in this preliminary meeting. Can I just confirm that that is the case again, a show of hands will be helpful.

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Okay, thank you. I've already mentioned that this event is being both live streamed and recorded. And it was explained in my letter of the sixth of January. Because the digital recordings were made and retained and published. They form a public record that contain your can contain your personal information, and to which the general data protection regulations apply. The planning inspectors practice is to retain and publish recordings for a period of five years from the date of the Secretary of

State's decision on the development consent order. Consequently, if you participate in the meeting today, it is important that you understand that you will be recorded and that you are consented to the retention and publication of the digital recording. We will only ever ask for information to be placed on the public record that is important and relevant to the planning decision. It will only be in the rarest of circumstances that we must might ask you to provide personal information of the type that most of us would prefer to keep private or confidential. Therefore, to avoid the need to edit the digital recordings, we would ask that you try your best during the course of the meeting not to add information to the public record that you would wish to be kept private or that is confidential. Is that clear? Does anyone have any questions or issues on that particular point before we move on? Outside let us know and should be okay. Can I repeat the request made in the arrangement conference notes to minimise background noise, you make sure your phone is switched off or turn to silent and you stay muted unless you're speaking as this is a virtual meeting and it's structured so the questions or points that you may wish to raise can be dealt with at relevant points in the proceedings. When we get to that point. I would like to if you want to speak it raise your hand function on Ms teams are to ask to speak in the appropriate time. Can I also remind people that the chat function on teams will not work so please do not try to use this to ask any questions or post any comments. If you do not manage to wash your question or ratio points as we go along, there will be another opportunity to raise points under the any other matters item at the end of the meeting. Just to find the point of timings I'm conscious of the risk of so called video conferencing was see fatigue, I hope that we will be able to get through all the matters in two hours or less this morning. However, if we do get to say 1113, there's still a significant amount to deal with our take a break. Any comments or questions regarding any of the points so far?

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Okay, in that case, move on. The reason we're here today is because either you are the applicant or representative of the applicants, you represent the local authority or local authority, or you have sent in a relevant representation and that's become an interested party. There may be people viewing the live stream are not covered by any of these descriptions, but in any case are all very welcome. The meeting will follow the agenda set out in my letter of the sixth of January. And I'll refer to that from now on as the rules six letter. I hope that you have a copy of the letter to hand if you do the next item on the agenda is under Annex A, which sets out the agenda for this morning's meeting. And we are now on company on item one. Perhaps I could ask at this point for the case team to put the agenda up on the screen so that it's all available to see you the letter and agenda are also available on the project page of the infrastructure website. And they can be found in the insemination library a preference p d dash 005 Rule six letter sets not the purpose of the preliminary meeting, but to explain briefly why we are here today. Primarily it is to deal with the way in which the application will be examined. We will be discussing only the procedural applications of the examination today. And much as it might be tempting, I'm not taking any evidence this morning. Normal will be going into the merits or any concerns you may have regarding the application. Those matters will be considered poncey examination begins which follows the close of this meeting. Hopefully by the end of the meeting, you will have the comfort that there will be sufficient opportunities throughout the examination to express your views. Since this is a working meeting, I've learned to balance efficiency and fairness which means allowing you to have your say where it's relevant, and informing me of what I need to know this stage. On the other hand, I will endeavour to make sure that all contributions are as to the point and focused as possible, so that we make the best use of the time available and allow everyone who wishes to speak an opportunity to

do so. And I hope I have your support in this aim. notes of the meeting have been taken so you may need to bear with us at times. The notes will be placed on the project page of the website and will be available to view electronically at the locations listed in Annex F of divorce sexual letter as soon as practicable after the close of the meeting. I've already mentioned that a digital recording is being made of today's meeting. And this too will be placed on the project page of the national infrastructure website as soon as possible. With all that in mind, it will be enormously beneficial if each time we speak you could state your name and if you're representing someone who it is that you represent. Finally, I'd ask you to bear in mind that this is the only official record of today's proceedings are the notes and the digital recording. Any tweets blogs or similar communications arising out of the meeting will not be accepted as evidence of the applicant in the examination of the application. Thank you for bearing with me with those housekeeping points. I think we can take down the agenda now. And the case team has given me a list of people who have expressed an interest in being heard today you're participating. So I'm now going to ask those of you who are here in attendance to introduce yourself to the meeting. And state your name, if you could unmute yourself and if you have a canvas switched off, turn it on, introduce yourself with your name and if relevant to who you represent. So we'll start here with the the applicants case team and the first person on my list is Gene Wilson.

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Good morning, Gene Wilson. I am Director of Environmental Planning origin and the director responsible for delivering the project.

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Thank you, Mr. Wilson. The next person is Peter Oldfield. Good morning. I'm Pete Oldfield. I'm head of planning and permitting for Jian and I'm part of the the project team on the applicant side. Thank you. Gary Bauer. Good morning, Gary Bauer. I'm the Director of Corporate stewardship for Augean and part of the applicant team. Mr. Bhalla. Sophie suggests me

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Hello, I'm Sophie. Actually, I work with mjcca, the environmental consultancy who have put together the application for the DCI

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Leslie Hegeman.

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Good morning. Leslie Hoffman from MJ ca. I'm managing the project team for the submission of the application on behalf of GN and leading on the technical aspects of the application.

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Thank you for that. Elena Nicholson.

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Good morning. I'm Elena Nicholson from I'm the managing partner of Jennings Nicholson, and I'm the communications and consultation lead for the project.

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Okay, your camera's and switched off.

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I'm sorry. I do apologise. I'm Elena Nicholson. From Jenny are the managing partner from Jennings Nicholson and I'm the communications and consultation lead for the project.

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Thank you. Okay. Elizabeth tones. Good morning Elizabeth tone solicitor at WVD supporting the applicant for the DCI. Thank you. And finally from the applicants team. I have Claire Brooke.

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Bowling. And I'm Claire Brook. I'm a partner at Womble bond Dickinson. I'm representing the applicant and I'm the Lead advocate on all legal matters.

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Thank you. I understand that you're you're the person who played the primary responded to any questions we have this morning.

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Yes, I will say yeah. Thank you.

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Moving on to other attendees then I have Phil Watson from North Northamptonshire county council Council.

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Yes, good morning. Yes. I'm Phil Watts and I'm the team leader in development control, minerals and waste development that is at north Northamptonshire Council. And so I'll be expressing any comments in relation to the Council. Thank you. And Mark chunk also from the council

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is on March on time the service manager for minerals and waste planning at North Northamptonshire Council. I can't seem to get my camera to work.

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I've got a blank screen for you for the moment. We'll come back to that if necessary. Okey doke. Okay, cheers. Thank you. And then from Cecil estate Family Trust John Bosworth of maples Teasdale.

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Morning, my name is John Bosworth. I'm a partner at Maples Teasdale. And yes, I'm representing the Cecil estate trust an interested party.

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Thank you. And Philip Bateman is also representing the Cecil estate trust, this time from Stratton Park.

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Hi, yes, I'm Philip. I work at St and Parker and assist with the management of the Cecil estate family trust who has an interested party

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Okay, thank you very much. And lastly, Wendy Rouse or who's from Northants Fire and Northlands Fire and Rescue Service.

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I'm in this is Tracy Williams here case manager, I think Wendy's gone to observe the live stream. Right. Okay, so she joined the meeting and then left. So I said I'm supposed to be looking at the live stream.

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Okay. Thank you for that. All right, moving on a number of people who are observing the meeting today. And whilst they cannot, that they're not involved, I'd like to remind them that if they do have any comments or questions that they wish to raise, they can do so in writing by deadline one, which is the 23rd of February. So just because we can't hear from you, during the meeting today, please don't let that stop you writing in if you have any points. Before we move on, can there be anyone else in the meeting of I haven't invited to introduce themselves who wishes to participate? No, okay, then, moving on to item two on the agenda. And this is about the examination probe process. In order to streamline the running of the meeting and Annex B of the rule set six letter have set out in detail. Now it is intended to carry out the examination and assuming that everyone has read this, and therefore I'm not proposing to spend a lot of time reading it out. Now. There are however, a couple of points which I'd like to emphasise at this stage. Firstly, as the examining authority, or xa, as sometimes no. My role is to produce an independent, impartial report to the Secretary of State for levelling up Housing and Communities. The recommendation I make will be based solely on the evidence that is presented in the examination. And whatever recommendation I make ultimately, it is the Secretary of State who will make the decision on the application. As a result of this, you will see that I need to test and eventually prepare a development consent order to accompany my report and examination, I would need to do this regardless of what my recommendation means. The legislation sets the limits on the examination of the application, I am required to complete examination by the end of a period starting six months from the close of today's meeting. The second point to emphasise is that the examination is primarily a written process. The timetable provides for a number of opportunities to make written submissions and to respond to the submissions made by others. That said there will also be an opportunity to hold hearings where people can present the case orally and I'll say more about that later. Thirdly, and lastly, I'd like to highlight the usefulness of statements of common ground. The aim of these is to agree factual information to identify where there is an agreement, particularly where there are points which remained in dispute, sometimes called the Uncommon Ground, I need to know and understand your positions and whether they are shared or otherwise. Annex II of the rule six letter sets out the statements I'd like to receive and their content. The early and meaningful progress could be made on these statements, the sooner the examination can focus on the matters where there

differences between the parties? And perhaps it would be helpful at this stage who asked the applicant to provide an update on how these statements are progressing

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Is that something that could be done at this stage was broke Is that something you can help us with?

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Apologies so is that in relation to the statements of common ground

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Yeah, we can we can come back to it later if if

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Yeah, no apologies my hesitation I had it under item form. I'm very happy to deal

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Okay, well let it while you work while you're on the screen. You may so tell us what you know.

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Yes. So, Claire Brooke for the applicant, I should say, for the recorded in terms of the states of common ground we have, we have made good progress. I think in total in Annex C we currently have 10 statements of common ground that have been requested. And I just wanted to add to that list firstly, so, we do also expect a sense of common ground with Anglian Water, and we are in touch with them and have sent them a draft already. We're also dealing with protective provisions as you would expect with Anglian Water as such the undertaker. In terms of the remainder of the sense of common ground, I'm pleased to say that the applicant team has made good progress. We have sent out the majority of those games will come around to the relevant parties. There are a couple that we are still preparing firstly, for the Cecil estate Family Trust. I've made initial contact with Mr. Bosworth. And so we hope to progress that one shortly. And then secondly, with respect to the defence infrastructure organisation, we're also preparing the statement of common ground for them. So that should go out shortly to set. But all of those are currently with the represented parties. Okay.

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Thank you very much for that. Thank you. The last point then on the examination process, is to pick up on the local impact report or li R. As you will know, this is a report giving details of the likely impact of the proposed development on a local authorities area or on any part of that area. Local authorities were advised to start preparing their IRS as soon as possible after the application was accepted. A total of 13 councils were invited to submit all this application. However, I'm not sure that we're going to get reports

from all of those. I'm highly hopeful we'll get one from North Northamptonshire Council, as this is the host authority. And again, I'm on record as someone from the council to let us have an update on the progress of the airline. Mr. Phil Watson from the north Northamptonshire Council, we started to look at our needs to prepare that and yeah, we're, we're aware of what we need to do. We've checked out in relation to the process. And it's a matter which doesn't have to be reported to our committee. So we haven't got a obstacle in timing in relation to a committee. So yeah, we're aware of what we need to do, and we haven't got any significant obstacles. So could you just be clarified that you have got an issue with clearing it in committee in time for it and deal with it under under our delegation scheme of delegation? Right. Okay.

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So you anticipate that you'll be able to submit it by the the deadline in the draft timetable? Yes, that's the that's the plan. Okay. Super, thank you for that.

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There any other points on the draft timetable, we can cover those under item five on the agenda. So on the basis of the information, which is set out in Annex B, are there any questions about the way it is proposed to examine the application before we move on?

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Okay, so we'll move on then to Item three on the agenda, which is the initial assessment of principal issues. And it will be useful to have an EXE of the rule six letter in front of you at this point. And perhaps I could ask the already done, the case team put up a summary of the issues which I've identified. The aim of the initial assessment is to provide a framework for the issues for examining the application going forward. Although I should say that it does not preclude me from removing or adding to the issues at a later date in the process. I won't go through the list in any detail at this stage, except to say that it has been informed by the applicants application submissions, and particularly the environmental statement, as well as the relevant relevant representations which have been made. I haven't received any written requests to speak on this agenda item. But I wonder whether anyone has any comments they wish to raise on the principal issues at this stage. I'm not hearing from anyone, so I assume people are content with that. That case, we can take down the slide for the principal issues and move on to Item four on the agenda, which is the examining authorities procedural decisions. And these are set out in Annex II of the rule six letter. In summary, they were concerned with the preparation of the statements of common ground. But the draft itinerary for the company site inspection, updating the guide to the application holding virtual events, and the acceptance of additional submissions. And exceed provides some further information on these requests. And again, in the interest of efficiency, I won't go through that now. There were no written request to speak under this agenda item. And we'll come to the applicants submissions on the statement of common ground and the updates to the application and return to agenda item five. However, I should point out that since the rule six letter was issued, there have been further additional submissions from the application that have been accepted into the examination and published on the project webpage. These improve comprise supplementary survey report on the baseline ecology, which updates surveys for reptiles, bats, and dome ice, as anticipated in the environmental statement, which was submitted for the application. There's also a supplementary background noise monitoring report, which is intended to provide a more

representative picture of background noise levels than this survey, which was originally submitted, since that was affected by level lower levels of traffic movements during the COVID restrictions. We've also had a plan showing the what are now completed works to the site entrance. And very recently, a badger report has been submitted. The content of this report is confidential in order to protect patches, and so only a cover page will be published on the website. It's broken, you have your hand up to speak.

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Yes, Claire Brooke, for the applicant. Thank you for referring to the additional documents that I see now have been accepted onto the project's website. I think procedurally, the only other point that we have raised prior to the preliminary meeting with you on this annexation, that term is the guide to the application. It's not it's not a big point. So we simply query whether or not you will require an updated guide at every deadline. If you do then that that's understood or whether or not you feel that the examination library may be adequate and you don't necessarily need an update every deadline but again, we're in your hands so that was the earliest to raise

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I was going to cover this under item five. Okay. Yes. Should we go back to an underwriting five it's certainly attended to, to to to bring that up. Yes.

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Okay, thank you. That's that's absolutely fine. Thanks. Okay.

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Any other points on the procedural decisions before we move on in fact to the right and Clive.

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Okay, then item five is the draft timetable. And this is at Annex D of the rules six letter. Perhaps it would be useful again for the Coast team if the if the timetable could be put up on the screen.

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I won't read it out and for now, but we'll make highlights and key points. Deal with the examination deadlines first and then move on to hearings and site inspections. First point to make is as soon as practicable after this meeting, and no later than the ninth of February, I'll issue a rule eight letter, which will finalise the timetable. At the same time, we'll also issue the first written questions on the examination on the application. If necessary, there may be more than one round of questions, and as we will see from the draft timetable, that second round is currently pencilled in for the 27th of April. If necessary, at any point, during the examination, I may also issue a specific request for information from nine parties. And that's known as a rule 17 letter. And you will see that this appears in the timetable in a number of at a number of times. That That doesn't necessarily mean that I will issue all six statuses at each of those points, but it forms that there's an opportunity to do so. Deadline one is currently timetabled for the 23rd of February. And amongst other things, this is the deadline to receive notifications from those people or organisations who wish to speak their hearing, and attend or suggest locations for the accompanied site inspection. For anyone who's received communications by post so far, deadline one is also the time to let us know if you wish to receive electronic communications in the

future. And this should be quicker for you as well as being more cost effective and environmentally friendly. deadline to is currently programmed from the fourth of March, and this is the date to receive a great deal of important information regarding the party's written representations. Local impact reports, responses to the first written questions and statements of common ground. In addition, as you will see from the timetable, there are further five deadlines where information can be submitted. for expediency, I won't go through those in detail now. But I would ask everyone to review and know the deadlines carefully. So coming back to the matters raised by the applicant under this agenda item. First one was whether it is necessary to prepare an updated guide to the application at every occasion listed in the draft timetable, when the electronic examination library will have all the documents listed as they are uploaded. BROOKE I take it this is to minimise the need for unnecessary work. And

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client look for the applicant? Yes, I think it was a request that originated from the project team collectively. So if you feel that that would be okay, in terms of having it not every deadline, then that would assist. But again, we're in your hands to assist you really,

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okay. The advantage of having a continuously updated guide where various versions of documents are submitted during the course of the examination is allows everyone to see what version of the document was current at a point in time and how it has changed since. And that may be something which addresses points raised by other parties, so that there is kind of a record element to it to have something that's consistently updated. However, you know, I've also mentioned the need for efficiency and expediency. And I'm certainly not wanting to create work for the sake of it. So I think what I would ask is if you could take a sensible approach, and provide an updated guide, whenever there are completely new documents, significant changes to existing documents, or changes to a significant number of existing documents. So when there's something which is you know, going to make a difference to people's understanding of the examination, then it will be useful to have an update in the guide at that point. And again, to do it, the deadlines just allows everyone to to keep track of when documents are expected. Does that

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I'm sure that we can do that as an applicant team. No problem.

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Thank you

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on the timetable, shall I come back in later?

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Well, I was just going to to read that out and then you can come in the sense that other people know the second point was to discuss the degree of flexibility in the deadlines for agreeing the statements of common ground. And you mentioned the statements to be agreed with the Environment Agency, the

council and natural in employment in particular, involve agreements and approvals at various levels of the organisation. So, perhaps you'd like to expand on what your concern is.

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Yes, Clair Brook for the applicant, in terms of the three stinked con grants that you've referred to there with the environmental agency, Natural England and North Northamptonshire Council, we have already prepared states of common ground foot for each of those parties. And I'm pleased to say that we have signed those to the relevant parties already. So we are making good progress. And I think it was really just to note that it gives us a month from now to get those ideally in in final form. And given that there are extra layers of approval that those organisations need to go through. It may be that we don't achieve the final form. But those types of common grounds by the fourth, we had contemplated, therefore, whether or not those three could be carved out and listed at perhaps deadline three, which is a couple of weeks later on the 16th of March. Now, I know North Northamptonshire are represented today. So they may wish to make their own comments on whether or not we can achieve that the deadline of the fourth of March. So those were our suggestions in terms of timetable on that point.

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Okay. So does that imply then that by the the deadline on the fourth of March, you would have a fully complete statement of common ground, because what often happens is that people prepare a draft statement of common ground, it lists out the issues and they say issues a, b and c are agreed issues d e and f are not agreed. And that's submitted as a draft. And that's valuable, because we know, I know where the what the position is. But you can still come back at subsequent deadlines and tell us when you know, agreement or otherwise has been breached on issues, te and F. So something which, you know, ticks off the issues, which are straightforward and controversial, early in the examination still still has value, even if there are other issues, which are still to be resolved.

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Yes, absolutely, sir. And I know from the timetable that I mean, it is an iterative process. And I expect that matters will be honed throughout this the six month process. And we've got regular updates in terms of progress on the various teams of common ground at different deadlines. So yes, what we're aiming to do is to get as much agree as possible within those early deadlines to assess you and the examination more broadly so that you know that we are narrowing down the issues of dispute between the relevant parties. But yes, it's it's unlikely that we will have final signed, fully completed states of common ground by those early deadlines, we may in relation to some parties. But in relation to some of the other more significant parties taking part in the examination. It may be more of an iterative process where we give you update through that statement of commonality and the progress reports.

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Yeah, and that's fine. And that's to be expected. What I wouldn't want is to receive nothing until you know everything is agreed. I'd rather receive something which says we you know, we've got this far. And we're working on other matters. So I think we're, we're in agreement there as to the approach. I'm just wondering, Mr. Watson, perhaps from the council, do you have anything you'd like to contribute on this point? Thank you, Phil, what's the North Northamptonshire Council? I think we agree with the approach that's being suggested by Claire Brook, for the applicants. We've just received the statement.

I've even looked at it yet. And clearly, there could be things that we might need to go back and forth on in relation to that. So it's difficult to say but I think that clearly the idea of getting those that are agreed to you by the fourth of March makes sense and but there may be one or two matters that still need a bit more time to, to work through. And I think that that approach is sensible from our point of view. Okay, that's useful to know. Thank you for that. Does anyone have any other points on statements of common ground round or indeed on the draft timetable, generally speaking Put your hands up.

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Yes, sir. Sorry, I put my video on too soon. Clair Brook for the applicant. There was only one further point I wanted to raise on the timetable. We're very comfortable with the timetable. And we'd certainly work to that. So there are no issues in terms of the respective deadlines that that are incorporated. The only comment I just wanted to raise with you so is in relation to the proposed dates for the issue specific hearings, the open floor him and the company sites visit, which are currently scheduled for the 29th, the 30th and the 31st of March. Again, we have no issue with those dates. I was wanting really just to seek clarification as to whether or not you were hoping to be in a position to specifying which dates might be used for which item? And that certainly just in terms of planning on our part. It's not essential at this stage that we know that. But I wasn't sure if that's what you were planning to do in your your route like that. And the final timetable?

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Yes, I am planning to do that. And indeed, I'm going to say go on to say something about dates for hearings and the site inspection probably in the very next section of this meeting, so that that may help you. It may not it may help you. Please come back to me if if you want to raise anything else. Well, many thanks. Thank you. Okay, Bob. With that we will move on then to to the hearings. The starting points in the rule six letter was that all hearings will need to be held virtually. And that was the basis of the draft timetable. Since then, however, the government's COVID restrictions and public health advice have been relaxed. So it would potentially be possible to have some rules and move the hearings in a more traditional manner. Having said that, the does appear to be limited public interest in the application so far. And so it may in fact be appropriate to stick with virtual events. And I'd welcome any views of all the parties including those people who are only listening to or watching the live stream on their views on the merits of virtual or impersonal, sorry, or in person hearings. In this case. I will give as much warning as possible of any decisions on this matter. And so please keep an eye on the the website for any announcements. The timetable includes provision for issue specific and open floor hearings, as we've heard on the 29th 30th 31st of March, and Annex B of the rule sex letter explains the purposes and procedures for the hearings. And again, the National Infrastructure website has first person further advice, particularly on participating in virtual events. And if you need any for more information on draw your attention to pins, advice notes, 8.5 and 8.6. The case team also are able to resist assist with any questions you might have about the technology required for virtual hearings. An open floor hearing will only be held if it's requested by an interesting parts interested party. To please note that that deadline to to make that request is deadline one. Review the need for a second round of hearings as the examination progresses, at this stage time was reserved for them on the eighth of June. In terms of site inspections, I've already carried out an unaccompanied site inspection, which was done from public land only. And this this did allow me to obtain an understanding of the area generally and the setting of the application light land. Inevitably low I can only get limited views of the site itself.

And note of the unaccompanied site inspection was published on the 21st of January and can be found on page in national infrastructure websites. Moving on then to the accompanied site inspection. This has been, as we've heard provisionally timetabled for the last few days in March. Let's start with COVID. Restrictions on anticipate that it would be reasonable to hold an ASI and accompanied site visits with appropriate precautions. However, if things change or specific concerns are raised, this may need to be reviewed. They're coming to the point that Miss Brooke made in the event that the hearings are held virtually, we may need to move the date of the ASI to allow people to time to travel to the site. If so, this will be covered in a revised timetable accompanying the real life letter. In the meanwhile, please let me have any suggestions for locations for ASI by deadline one on the 23rd of February. And when you're doing that allows you to take into account the notes that are on the website for the unaccompanied site inspection which have already taken undertaken as there would need to be good reasons to revisit locations I've been to already. The timetable also includes provisions to comment further before the itinerary. Of for the ASI is finalised. So does anyone have any comments or questions on hearings or the site visits I'm going to wear them was broken that

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slight complication in terms of earth we have a virtual meeting and a in person asi. That may mean changing the date for the ASI, in any case, probably doesn't help in terms of clarification, but you'll understand that the role is there will be logistical issues if we end up in that situation.

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Clair Brook for the applicant. Yes, absolutely. So we completely understand it will all depend on whether or not we do have the virtual hearings or in present hearings. As you will know, we have submitted some details for potential venue, should we be able to do them in person that again, we're in your hands and other parties hands as to whether or not that becomes appropriate or not.

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Yeah. Okay. Well, certainly, by the time we get to the room late later, I hope to be a little bit more clear about that times, and dates. Thank you. Finally, on this point, then I'd like to take the opportunity to highlight the importance of ensuring that information is submitted in accordance with the deadline set out in the timetable. I do have discretion to accept late submissions into the examination, but this should only be in exceptional circumstances. late submissions restrict the ability of other parties involved in the examination to respond to the information and can therefore jeopardise the examination timetable. It's important to note that if you do submit something late, there is always the possibility that employment be accepted into the examination.

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I won't be making any procedural decisions today. But as I've already mentioned, the timetable will be finalised in the normal eight letter. Moving on then to any other matters. Apart from the items we've already covered, there have been no matters notified to me in advance of the hearing. Are there any other points that anyone would wish to raise? Either it's new points, or was points that have been missed as we've come along in the going through the agenda so far?

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Anything from anyone? Well, in which case, we come to the last item on the agenda, which is the close of the meeting. Thank you all for your contributions to the meeting. And I look forward to commencing the examination of the application starting from tomorrow, officially. Just a reminder, that notes of the meeting and a digital tool recording of proceedings will be made available as soon as practicable on the project page of the national infrastructure website. So the time at 1050 this preliminary meeting for the East North fence Resource Management Facility Western extension is now closed. Thank you very much. Goodbye.