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The Applicant, all Interested Parties and Statutory Parties invited to the Preliminary Meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref: WS01005

Date: 9 February 2022

Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8 and Rule 9

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

## **Examination Timetable and procedure**

#### Purpose and content of the letter

This letter (the Rule 8 letter) provides important information about the Examination of this application. The letter and attached Annexes include:

- The Examination Timetable
- An invitation to submit Written Representations
- Details of the publication of the Examining Authority's (ExA) written questions
- · A request for Statements of Common Ground
- A request for Local Impact Reports from Local Authorities
- Other Procedural Decisions made by the ExA
- Information about Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspections
- Information about the availability of Examination Documents
- Guidance on the use of the 'Make a Submission' tab on the project webpage

All documentation associated with this Examination, including a note of the Preliminary Meeting and the recording of that meeting, can be viewed under the <u>Documents Tab</u> (on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website).

#### The Examination Timetable

I have made a Procedural Decision about the way the application will be examined. The final Examination Timetable is attached at **Annex A** to this letter.



The Examination Timetable replaces the draft timetable that was included in my Rule 6 letter. In finalising the Examination Timetable, I have sought to accommodate requests and suggestions made orally or in writing to the Preliminary Meeting. A list of the main changes I made to the draft Examination Timetable is set out at **Annex B** to this letter.

Please note that the Examination Timetable contains a number of Deadlines for receipt of information by the Planning Inspectorate. All Deadlines are at 23:59 on the date specified. Please ensure submissions arrive by the Deadline. If you do not make your submissions by the dates specified in the timetable, I may disregard them.

I request that all Interested Parties make their submissions using the Make a Submission tab on the project webpage on or before the applicable Deadline. **Annex E** to this letter provides further information about using the Make a Submission tab.

If I consider it necessary to vary the Examination Timetable during the Examination, notification will be sent to the Applicant, Interested Parties and Statutory Parties invited to the Preliminary Meeting. The changes will be published on the <a href="East Northants Resource">East Northants Resource</a> <a href="Management Facility Western Extension project page">Management Facility Western Extension project page</a>

#### **Written Representations**

All Interested Parties are now invited to submit Written Representations and any comments on the Relevant Representations already submitted. These should be submitted by **Deadline 2** in the Examination Timetable.

Paragraphs 16 to 20 of the <u>Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent</u> provides further information about the definition of Interested Parties.

Written Representations can cover any relevant matter and are not restricted to the matters set out in my Initial Assessment of Principal Issues or to the content of my written questions (see next heading below).

Any person, other than the Applicant, who submits a Written Representation must identify those parts of the application with which they agree and those parts with which they do not agree, explaining the reasons why. Interested Parties should also provide with their Written Representations any data, methodology and assumptions used to support their submissions to avoid delays in the Examination (see paragraph 74 of Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent).

Further written submissions will be requested by the Examining Authority (ExA) at various points in the Examination. Any Written Representations, and any further written submissions requested by the ExA during the Examination, that exceed 1500 words, should also be accompanied by a summary which should not exceed 10% of the original text. The summary should set out the key facts of the written submission and must be representative of the submission made.



Representations **must not include hyperlinks** to documents/evidence hosted on third party websites. Please see the Planning Inspectorate's <u>Advice Note 8.4: The Examination</u> for further information about Written Representations.

#### **Examining Authority's Written Questions**

I have prepared written questions (ExQ1) about the application and the representations received so far. These questions are published on the project webpage and can be accessed at the following link.

#### **Examining Authority's Written Questions**

Responses to ExQ1 must be provided by **Deadline 2** in the Examination Timetable.

If you require an editable Microsoft Word version of ExQ1, please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter.

#### Other Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority

**Annex B** to this letter contains important details and clarifications about other Procedural Decisions I made at, or following, the Preliminary Meeting. These include:

- Changes to the Examination Timetable
- Virtual Events
- Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)
- Guide to the Application
- Additional Submissions

The Initial Assessment of Principal Issues has not been revised from the version published with the Rule 6 letter.

#### **Format of Examination Events**

The Planning Inspectorate is currently consulting with stakeholders and customers about the future format of Examination hearings. It is expected that both blended (part in-person and part virtual) and fully virtual events will form part of its future operating model. Please see the Planning Inspectorate's <u>guidance related to Coronavirus (COVID-19)</u> for more information, including the detailed guidance relating to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP). This guidance is updated periodically to align with the most up to date Government guidance relating to Coronavirus (COVID-19).

I therefore remain flexible and will confirm the format of any hearings when I provide formal notification of each hearing at least 21 days in advance of it taking place.

#### **Hearings and Site Inspections**

As explained in my Rule 6 letter and at the Preliminary Meeting, the Examination will principally be a written process (see <u>Advice Note 8.4: The Examination</u>), supplemented where necessary by various types of hearings (see <u>Advice Note 8.5: Hearings and site inspections</u> and <u>Advice Note 8.6: Virtual Examination events</u>).



On this basis, the Examination Timetable at **Annex A** to this letter includes periods of time reserved for any hearings to be held, and I will notify all Interested Parties of any hearings scheduled as part of the Examination at least 21 days in advance of them taking place. That notification will include a Deadline for Interested Parties to inform the Planning Inspectorate if they wish to participate at the notified hearing(s).

I will also undertake site inspections. I have already undertaken an Unaccompanied Site Inspection on the 20 January 2022 and a <u>note of this site inspection</u> has been published on the project webpage.

The Examination Timetable also reserves time for me to undertake an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) on **Tuesday 5 April 2022.** I will consider each suggested site location, including those provided in the Applicant's draft itinerary, to determine if it could be viewed from public land on an unaccompanied basis or if it is necessary to view it on an accompanied basis. I will also consider if it would be appropriate to make arrangements for access only to be provided to specific sites such that they could be inspected as part of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection on an access required basis.

**Annex C** provides details about what Interested Parties should include in a request to be heard at a hearing, and the procedure that will be followed at hearings. It also provides important information about the Accompanied Site Inspection and attendance at the inspection.

### **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 letter from the Planning Inspectorate 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 <u>East Northants Resource Management Facility Western Extension project page</u>

There is 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 and I would encourage you to sign up to receive these updates.

#### 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', 'ENRMBORS57' '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 <u>Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders.</u>

# 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 <u>project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website</u>

Examination Documents can also be viewed electronically at the locations listed in **Annex D** to 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 <u>Privacy Notice</u>.

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

Yours faithfully

Simon Warder

### **Examining Authority**

#### **Annexes**

- A Examination Timetable
- **B** Other Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority
- **C** Requests to appear and procedure to be followed at hearings
- **D** Availability of Examination Documents
- E Information about the Make a Submission Tab

This communication does not constitute legal advice. Please view our <u>Privacy Notice</u> before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.



## **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	Procedural Deadline A	Tuesday 25
	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	January 2022
	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	
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	Issue by ExA of:	As soon as
	Examination Timetable	practicable after the PM
	• ExA's Written Questions (ExQ1)	
5	Deadline 1	Wednesday 23
	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	February 2022
	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 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)	
	Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure	

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	Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (EPR)	
	<ul> <li>Any other information requested by the ExA for submission at Deadline 1</li> </ul>	
	Notifications	
	<ul> <li>Notification by Interested Parties (IPs) of wish to speak at an Open Floor Hearing</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Notification by IPs of wish to speak at an Issue Specific Hearing(s)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Notification by IPs of their intention to attend the ASI</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Notification by Statutory Parties who wish to be considered as an IP</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Notification of wish to receive future correspondence electronically</li> </ul>	
6	Deadline 2	Friday 4 March
	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	2022
	<ul><li>Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs)</li><li>Written Representations (WRs)</li></ul>	
	Summaries of WRs exceeding 1500 words	
	• Responses to ExQ1	
	Local Impact Reports (LIRs) from local authorities	
	<ul> <li>Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requested by ExA – see Annex E</li> </ul>	
	Comments on updated application documents (if submitted)	
	A revised Guide to the Application	
	Applicant's draft itinerary for the ASI	
	<ul> <li>Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 1</li> </ul>	
	Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR	
7	Issue by the ExA of:	Friday 4 March
	Notification of the date, time and place of hearings(s) and the date, time and place for the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI), if required	2022
8	Issue by the ExA of:	Wednesday 9 March 2022

	The second draft itinerary for the ASI		
9	Deadline 3	Wednesday 16	
	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	March 2022	
	Comments on WRs		
	Responses to comments on RRs		
	Comments on any LIRs		
	Comments on responses to ExQ1		
	<ul> <li>Comments on any revised draft DCO from the Applicant, if submitted</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Progressed SOCG and Statement of Commonality</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>An updated version of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) in clean, tracked and word versions</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Schedule of Changes to the dDCO</li> </ul>		
	Comments on the second itinerary for the ASI		
	An updated Guide to the Application		
	<ul> <li>Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Comments on any additional information/ submissions received by Deadline 2</li> </ul>		
10	Time reserved for:	Tuesday 29,	
	<ul> <li>Issue Specific Hearings, including the draft DCO</li> </ul>	Wednesday 30 March 2022	
	Open Floor Hearing (if required)		
11	Time reserved for Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)	Tuesday 5 April 2022	
12	Deadline 4	Wednesday 13	
	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	April 2022	
	Written summaries of oral contributions at hearings		
	Post-hearing submissions requested by the ExA		
	Responses to comments on WRs		
	Responses to comments on LIRs		
	<ul> <li>Any revised dDCO from the Applicant in clean, tracked and word versions</li> </ul>		
	<ul><li>An updated Schedule of Changes to the dDCO</li><li>An updated Guide to the Application</li></ul>		

	<ul> <li>Comments on any other information submitted at Deadline 3</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Progressed SOCG and updated Statement of Commonality (if required)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Any other information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR</li> </ul>	
	Comments on any additional information/ submissions received by Deadline 3	
13	Publication by the ExA of:	Wednesday 27
	• ExA's Written Questions (ExQ2) (if required)	April 2022
14	Deadline 5	Wednesday 11
	Deadline for receipt of:	May 2022
	Responses to ExQ2	
	Comments on any revised dDCO	
	<ul> <li>Progressed SOCG and updated Statement of Commonality of SOCG, if required</li> </ul>	
	An updated Guide to the Application	
	<ul> <li>Any update to the Book of Reference to reflect changes to land interests in the Order land</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Any other information requested by the ExA for submission at Deadline 5</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR</li> </ul>	
	Comments on any additional information/ submissions received by Deadline 4	
15	Issue by the ExA of:	Friday 13 May
	Notification of the date, time and place of hearings(s), if required	2022
16	Time reserved for:	Wednesday 8
	Issue Specific Hearing, including ISH on the dDCO (if required)	June 2022
17	Deadline 6	Wednesday 22
	Deadline for receipt of:	June 2022
	Written summaries of oral contributions at hearings (if required)	
	<ul> <li>Post-hearing submissions requested by the ExA(if required)</li> </ul>	

	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	
	<ul> <li>Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR</li> </ul>	
	Comments on any additional information/ submissions received by Deadline 5	
18	Publication by the ExA of:	Wednesday 29
	The ExA's proposed Schedule of Changes to the dDCO (if required)	June 2022
	Report on Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required)	
19	Deadline 7	Wednesday 20
	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	July 2022
	Comments on submissions for Deadline 6	
	<ul> <li>Comments on the ExA's proposed Schedule of Changes to the dDCO (if required)</li> </ul>	
	Comments on RIES (if required)	
	<ul> <li>Final SoCG and finalised Statement of Commonality</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>	
	Final Guide to the Application	
	<ul> <li>Any other information requested by the ExA for submission at Deadline 7</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Comments on any additional information/ submissions received by Deadline 6</li> </ul>	
20	The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the	Tuesday 2 August 2022
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period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.	

#### **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 as soon as practicable after the Deadlines for submissions.

### 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.

#### Other Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority (ExA)

I have made a number of Procedural Decisions following the Preliminary Meeting:

#### 1. Examination Timetable

I have made the following changes to the draft timetable issued with my Rule 6 letter, these are summarised below:

- The date of the ASI has moved to Tuesday 5 April 2022. Time for the ASI was
  previously reserved on 29-31 March along with the hearing(s). The change to
  the date of the ASI is allow parties time to travel to the site in the event that
  virtual hearing(s) are held;
- Deadline 5 now includes an opportunity to submit an update to the Book of Reference should there be any changes to relevant land interests.

### 2. Examining Authority's Written Questions

My written questions (ExQ1) have been published alongside this Rule 8 letter. While most of my written questions are directed at specific parties, no other party should feel inhibited or restricted in responding to any question I ask, even if it is directed elsewhere.

Some of my questions are directed to specific Statutory Parties which have not, at the time of writing, confirmed that they wish to become Interested Parties for the purposes of the Examination of the application.

All relevant Statutory Parties are requested to check my Written Questions carefully in order that they may identify and respond to any questions posed to them.

For the avoidance of doubt, Statutory Parties are defined as the parties listed in Schedule 1 to The Infrastructure Planning (Interested Parties and Miscellaneous Prescribed Provisions) Regulations 2015. Statutory Parties, including relevant local authorities, that have not already registered to become an Interested Party should consider notifying the ExA of their wish to be considered as an Interested Party, under Section 89(2A)(b) of the Planning Act 2008 as soon as possible.

## 3. Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)

The Applicant is taking the lead in the preparation of SoCGs and it will aid the smooth running of the Examination if all Interested Parties who are participating in the preparation of SoCGs liaise and co-operate with the Applicant in respect of their production. I set out in **Annex E** of my Rule 6 the SoCGs that I request are submitted during the Examination of this application. Final signed versions of the SoCGs listed below are requested to be submitted by the Applicant to Deadline 7:

- 1. SoCG between the Applicant and North Northamptonshire Council
- 2. SoCG between the Applicant and the **Environment Agency**
- 3. SoCG between the Applicant and Natural England
- 4. SoCG between the Applicant and National Grid Gas plc

- SoCG between the Applicant and Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) plc
- 6. SoCG between the Applicant and the Cecil Estate Family Trust
- 7. SoCG between the Applicant and NW Fiennes
- 8. SoCG between the Applicant and **Defence Infrastructure Organisation**
- SoCG between the Applicant and Northants Police and Northants Fire and Rescue
- 10. SoCG between the Applicant and Butterfly Conversation

In addition, the applicant advised at the Preliminary Meeting that it is pursuing a SoCG with Anglian Water.

All of the SoCGs listed above should cover the Articles and Requirements in the draft Development Consent Order. Any Interested Party seeking the rewording of an Article or Requirement should provide the form of words which are being sought.

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.

#### 4. Local Impact Reports (LIR)

A LIR is a report in writing giving details of the likely impact of a Proposed Development on a local authority's area (or any part of that area). For more information about the importance and content of LIRs see our <u>Advice Note One:</u> <u>Local Impact Reports</u>.

Local Authorities, defined in section 56A of the Planning Act 2008, are invited to submit LIRs by **Deadline 2.** 

### 5. Changes to land interests

If the Applicant becomes aware that there has been a change in ownership, or a new interest, in relevant land the Applicant is requested to make the relevant person aware that they can make a request to the ExA to become an Interested Party under section 102A of the PA2008 by completing the <u>form available on the project</u> <u>webpage</u>. The Examination Timetable includes an opportunity at Deadline 5 for the submission of an updated Book of Reference, which should include confirmation that relevant persons have been informed of their rights under section 102A.

#### 6. Additional Submissions

In addition to the documentation submitted by Procedural Deadlines A and B I have exercised my discretion and made a Procedural Decision to accept the following Additional Submissions from the Applicant (Augean South Limited):

1. Badger Assessment (Confidential) – [AS-002]

- 2. Plan showing the improvements to the site access (drawing reference AU/KCW/01-22/22966) [AS-003]
- 3. Ecological Baseline 2021 Supplementary Survey Report (January 2022) [AS-004]
- 4. Supplementary Background Noise Report [AS-005] [AS-005]

## 7. Guide to the Application

The Examination Timetable includes various Deadlines to update the Guide to the Application. As discussed at the Preliminary Meeting, the Applicant should adopt a sensible approach to this task and provide updates when a new document is submitted, there are significant changes to a document or changes to a significant number of documents.

#### Requests to Appear and Procedure to be Followed at Hearings

## **Arrangements for hearings**

My Examination will be principally undertaken through the exchange of written submissions however the Examination Timetable reserves periods of time for hearings to be held (if required).

## Requests to participate at hearings

Interested Parties are required to notify the Examining Authority (ExA) in writing of their wish to take part in an Open Floor Hearing (OFH) on or before Wednesday 23 February 2022 (see **Deadline 1**).

Any request to participate in a hearing **should include** the following information:

- Name and Unique Interested Party reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate)
- Email address (if available) and contact telephone number
- Name and Unique Interested Party reference number of any person/organisation that you are representing (if applicable)
- For blended events: confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or inperson
- The hearing(s) you wish to participate in, brief details of the topic(s) that you would like to raise
- The Examination Library reference number (with paragraph/page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to

It is important that any notification from Interested Parties to participate in hearings is submitted separately from any other written submission. Please select the appropriate Deadline and Submission Item under the Make a Submission tab and ensure the submission is titled appropriately to allow us to quickly identify which event the notification relates to. **Annex E** provides further information about the Make a Submission tab. Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter if you require any support to attend a hearing.

If no written requests to take part in an OFH are received by the above Deadline, I am not required to hold such a hearing, although I may choose to do so nonetheless.

I may also choose to hold Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) about topics that I think need to be explored orally. The decision to hold an ISH about a particular topic is not connected to how relevant or important I consider an issue or topic to be.

The time, date and place of any confirmed hearing will be notified in writing to all Interested Parties, providing at least 21 days' notice.

## Hearing agendas

For Issue Specific Hearings the ExA will publish a detailed draft agenda on the project 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 an agenda may not be published.

### Procedure at hearings

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in Rule 14 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. Any oral representations must be based on either the Relevant Representation or Written Representation made by the person by whom, or on whose behalf, the oral representations are made.

The ExA is responsible for the oral questioning of a person giving evidence and the process affords very limited scope to allow cross-questioning between parties.

### Hearing livestream and recording

A link to a livestream for each hearing will be made available on the <u>project page</u> shortly before any hearing is due to open. The livestream is available to anybody who wishes to observe a hearing in real time.

All hearings will be recorded, and the recordings will be made available on the project webpage as soon as practicable after the close of the hearing. The recordings allow any member of the public who is interested in the application and the Examination to find out what has been discussed.

### Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) and requests to attend

Time has been reserved in the Examination Timetable to undertake an ASI on Tuesday 5 April 2022

IPs have been asked to provide suggested locations for the ExA to include in the ASI, 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) by **Deadline 1**.

When considering requests for locations to be included in the ASI, please have regard to the locations I have already visited in the Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI). Please refer to the note of the USI at [EV-001] as there would need to be good reason to re-visit these locations in the ASI.

The Applicant has been requested to submit a draft itinerary for the ASI by **Deadline 2.** I will then review the comments received and the draft itinerary and may make changes to it. My final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the project webpage no less than five working days before the date of the ASI.

Please note that for logistical and safety reasons it may be necessary to limit the numbers of persons who accompany me for the whole ASI, however it should be

possible for arrangements to be made for Interested Parties (or their representatives) to join the inspection at specified locations within the itinerary.

Requests by Interested Parties to attend the ASI should be provided by **Deadline 1** and should include confirmation of whether the request is to attend for the whole inspection or just specific locations. The request must be submitted separately from any other written submission. Please select the appropriate Deadline and Submission Item under the Make a submission tab. **Annex E** provides further information about the Make a submission tab.

The Interested Parties attending the ASI will include representatives of the Applicant and North Northamptonshire Council, together with other Interested Parties (or their representatives). Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it.

Interested Parties should be aware that ASIs are not an opportunity to make any oral representations to me about the Proposed Development. However, I may invite participants to indicate specific features or sites of interest.

## **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 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	Stamford Road, Northamptonshire. PE8 6XX	Monday to Friday: 7am- 5:30pm Saturday: 7am–12pm

Oundle Public Library  Glapthorn Road, Oundle PE8 4JA  Monday to Friday: 9am-5pm Saturday: 9am – 2pm Sunday: Closed	Management Facility (ENRMF) Offices	Sunday: Closed
	Oundle Public Library	Saturday: 9am – 2pm

## 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

Annex E

#### Information about the Make a Submission Tab

The Make a Submission tab is available on the project webpage.

You will need to enter your Unique Interested Party Reference Number found at the top of correspondence (email or letter) sent to you by the Planning Inspectorate, beginning either 2002 or 'ENRM-ISP', 'ENRM-BOR', 'ENRMBORS57' 'ENRM-APL'. If you are making a submission on behalf of another person or organisation, and do have not your own Unique Reference number, then you should enter the Interested Party Reference Number of the person or organisation you are representing. If you are not a registered Interested Party then it is at the discretion of the Examining Authority whether or not your submission is accepted.

Submissions will be published on the <u>project page</u> as soon as practicable following the close of the relevant Deadline. For further information about publishing submissions please view our <u>Privacy Notice</u>.

You will be able to submit a document (upload file), make a text representation or both. It is possible to upload multiple files for each individual submission item. Electronic attachments should be clearly labelled with the subject title and not exceed 50MB.

You should select the relevant Deadline for your submission and then, on the next webpage, select the appropriate submission item as described in the Examination Timetable at **Annex A** to this letter. Please ensure you make a separate submission for each submission item and **do not duplicate your submission**. If you consider that your submission does not fit the description of any of the submission items then please select the submission item 'Other' and ensure that it is titled appropriately.

Submissions **must not include hyperlinks** to documents/evidence hosted on a third party website e.g. technical reports, media articles etc. All submissions must be made in a format that can be viewed in full on the National Infrastructure Planning website. Any submissions that exceed 1500 words should also be accompanied by a summary; this summary should not exceed 10% of the original text.

If you experience any issues when using the Make a Submission tab please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter and they will assist.