

Further to the Issue Specific Hearing that the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham attended on Monday 11 November, the Council welcomed the Panel's statement confirming that it would welcome the submission of without prejudice responses concerning the draft DCO and draft s.106 proposals by those Interested Parties who seek to challenge the Project.

Having attended and noted the format of Monday's hearing, the Council is of the firm view that the issues to be addressed concerning the DCO, LIR and s 106 relating to the sites within the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham necessitate one consolidated hearing addressing all issues relevant to the Council and its sites rather than the current proposal of addressing multiple sites within one session. Other than the proposed management of the session, the Council is also concerned that the hearing listed for 26 November is far too early within the examination timetable. The Panel will have noted that, unlike the other Public authorities who attended Monday's hearing, the issues to be addressed with the Applicant in relation to its proposed DCO and s.106 are far from advanced and there is a real risk that the Council will be unable to assist the Panel in the manner that both it and the ExA demand.

The council invites the ExA to conclude that a consolidated hearing session regarding the DCO, LIR and s.106 issues in relation to the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham sites alone be re-listed on one of the scheduled dates in January 2013.