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To Interested Parties, Statutory Parties
and Other Persons invited to the
Preliminary Meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010114

Date: 14 December 2021

Dear Sir/ Madam

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

Application by Keadby Generation Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Keadby 3 Low Carbon Gas Power Station Project

Examination Timetable and Procedure

This letter provides you with the Examination Timetable, details of the publication of the Examining Authority's (ExA) First Written Questions (ExQ1) and other important information about the Examination.

All documentation associated with this project, including a note of the Preliminary Meeting (PM) and the audio recording taken at that meeting, can be found using this link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/keadby-3-low-carbon-gas-power-station-project/?ipcsection=docs>

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**.

The Examination Timetable replaces the draft timetable that was included in the Rule 6 letter dated 8 November 2021¹. In finalising the Examination Timetable, I have sought to accommodate requests and suggestions made at the PM and in representations submitted in advance of that meeting.

¹ Your invitation to the Preliminary Meeting

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 Interested Parties make their submissions through the electronic portal which is available on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website ('Make a submission' tab). Electronic attachments should be clearly labelled with the subject title and not exceed 12MB for each email. Providing links to websites where your submissions can be viewed is not acceptable. 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 I consider it necessary to vary the Examination Timetable during the Examination, notification will only be sent to Interested Parties and Other Persons² invited to the PM. The changes will be published on the Keadby 3 Low Carbon Gas Power Station project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

Procedural Decisions

I have considered all submissions made, including those made orally at the PM and those made in writing prior to the expiry of the Procedural Deadline (26 November 2021).

One procedural deadline submission, responding to the content of my Rule 6 letter dated 8 November 2021, was received within the specified timescale. This was from the Applicant and within that response amendments to the Examination timetable were sought. The justification for the proposed amendments were set out in detail in the Applicant's letter, with the revised timetable set out in Appendix 1.

The Applicant's proposed amendments to the Examination timetable were discussed by the parties attending the PM. I highlighted a potential pressure point caused by the setting back of the Examining Authority's issuing of the Report on the Implications for European Species (RIES), if required, (Item 14) to Friday 6 May 2022 (as proposed by the Applicant) and the fact that Deadline 7, would remain as originally proposed. This deadline includes the receipt by the ExA of comments on the RIES, if required, and only affords 11 days between the issuing of the RIES and the deadline for the submission of responses to that document.

I drew attention to the Planning Inspectorates Advice Note 10 related to the Habitats Regulations Assessment, where paragraph 7.9 states:

"Provision for the issue of a RIES will usually be included in the timetable, towards the end of the Examination period. Comments on the RIES from the Interested Parties, including the Applicant and relevant SNCBs (Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies), will be invited. The timeframe for consultation on the RIES will be determined by the ExA and can be discussed during the Preliminary Meeting. A minimum of 21 days will

² Other Persons are persons that I chose to invite to the Preliminary Meeting, in addition to the prescribed persons listed in section 88(3) of the Planning Act 2008 – see 'Your status in the Examination and future notifications' below

normally be allowed by the ExA within the timetable to enable Interested Parties to review the RIES and to respond to this consultation." (Underlining is my emphasis).

I also asked if the IPs present considered whether the 11 days suggested by the Applicant was a reasonable timescale and pointed out that if the 21 days was applied, this would make Deadline 7 Friday 27 May 2022, which would be late into the Examination. With this in mind the Applicant offered to 'split the difference', between the currently proposed date and the 21 days specified in the guidance, which would bring Deadline 7 to Monday 23 May 2022.

No IP, who attended the PM, had any concerns in regard to the revised timetable, the 11 days for consultation or the Applicant's suggestion to 'splitting the difference'. Although, North Lincolnshire Council did express a preference for 'splitting the difference'. However, I cannot be certain that Interested Parties, including any Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies (SNCBs) would not be prejudiced by a reduction in the consultation period, as being suggested.

Irrespective of the above, subject to there being a 21 day consultation period following the issuing of the RIES being allowed for, I consider the majority of the Applicant's proposed amendments to the Examination timetable to be acceptable and in compliance with the Planning Inspectorates Advice Note 10. Therefore, the Applicant's requested amendments to the Examination timetable are accepted subject to the following alterations. Alteration to the date of Deadline 6, the date for the ExA to issue the RIES and an alteration to Deadline 7 to allow for a 21 day consultation period following the issuing of the RIES. This results in:

- Deadline 6 becoming Tuesday 26 April 2022;
- the date for the ExA's publication of the RIES, if required, becoming Tuesday 3 May 2022; and
- Deadline 7 becoming Tuesday 24 May 2022.

I am satisfied that all Interested Parties would be able to make submissions and respond adequately by the dates set out within the Applicant's 'Proposed Amendments of the Examination Timetable'. As such, I make the Procedural Decision to accept the Applicant's Amended Examination Timetable, subject to the alterations highlighted above, for the reasons stated.

In reaching this Procedural Decision, I noted:

- the Applicant's revised timetable, attached at Appendix 1 of its letter of the 26 November 2021, submitted in responds to the Procedural Deadline [PDA-001], was published on the Planning Inspectorate's webpage on 1 December 2021;
- all Interested Parties and Statutory Parties, including SNCBs, were invited to the PM;
- the Applicant's justification and explanation of its proposed amendments to the Examination timetable, including the submissions made orally (ie the observation that Planning Inspectorates Advice Note 10 is guidance and at the discretion of the ExA; and the Applicant's offer in regard to 'splitting the difference' which it considered to be a reasonable compromise);

- the Easter Bank Holiday weekend and the availability of staff prior to and after the Easter Bank Holiday period.
- the fact that no IP, Statutory Parties or any other person raised concerns about the Applicant's revised Examination timetable, although North Lincolnshire Council expressing a preference for the 'splitting the difference' approach in regard to Deadline 7.

Other Procedural Decisions

Annex B contains important details and clarifications about my other Procedural Decisions made at, or following, the PM. These include:

- requests that at regular intervals throughout the Examination an updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule and an updated Book of Reference be provided, with the first update being provided no later than Deadline 2 (Tuesday 1 February 2022);
- an update on the progress that has been made with Affected Persons in respect of Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession
- ExA's ExQ1; and
- Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI).

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 (Tuesday **1 February 2022**) in the Examination Timetable (**Annex A**).

Written Representations can cover any relevant matter and are not restricted to the matters set out in my Initial Assessment of Principal Issues discussed at the PM and included in my Rule 6 letter³. Nor are they restricted to the content of my ExQ1 (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 why⁴. Interested Parties should also provide with their Written Representations "*the data, methodology and assumptions used to support their submissions*"⁵.

Further written submissions will be requested by the ExA at various points in the Examination.

Any Written Representations, and any further written submissions requested by the ExA in the course of the Examination which exceed 1500 words should also be accompanied by a summary which should not exceed 10% of the original text. The

³ Link to [Rule 6 letter](#)

⁴ Required under Rule 10(4) of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

⁵ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-act-2008-examination-of-applications-for-development-consent>

summary should set out the key facts of the written submission and must be representative of the submission made.

ExA's Written Questions

I have compiled the ExA's ExQ1 about the application and the representations received so far. These questions are published on the National Infrastructure Planning website and can be accessed through the following link:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN010114-000477>

Answers to my ExQ1 must be provided by Deadline 2 (**Tuesday 1 February 2022**) in the Examination Timetable (**Annex A**).

If you require a hard copy of my ExQ1, please contact the Case Team who will send you a copy.

Hearings

The Examination Timetable at **Annex A** 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 an additional deadline for Interested Parties to inform the Planning Inspectorate if they wish to attend the notified hearing(s).

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.

Accompanied Site Inspection

Information about the Accompanied Site Inspection, scheduled to take place week commencing 11 April 2022, is also contained in **Annex B**.

Availability of application documents and representations submitted to the Examination

All documentation and audio recordings associated with the examination of this application can be found using this link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/keadby-3-low-carbon-gas-power-station-project/?ipcsection=docs>

Annex D provides details of locations in the vicinity of the Proposed Development at which all Examination documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge.

Advice to Interested Parties about how to access and navigate the Examination Library is also provided at **Annex D**.

Your status in the Examination

You have received this letter because you fall within one of the groups described in this FAQ document: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Status-faq.pdf>

If your reference number begins with '2002', 'KDB3-0', 'KDB3-AFP', 'KDB3-S57' 'KDB3-APP' you are in Group A. If your reference number begins with 'KDB3-SP' you are in Group B. If your reference number begins with 'KDB3-OP' you are in Group C.

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

Award of costs

You should be aware of the possibility of the award of costs against parties who behave unreasonably.

To assist understanding of what 'unreasonable behaviour' means in the context of an Examination under the PA2008, you may find it helpful to read the government guidance 'Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders' (July 2013)⁶. It is in everyone's interest that information is brought forward as early as possible in the examination process so you are encouraged to do so.

Management of information

The Planning Inspectorate has a commitment to transparency. Therefore, all information submitted for this project (if accepted by the ExA) and a record of any advice which has been provided, is published at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/keadby-3-low-carbon-gas-power-station-project/?ipcsection=overview>

All Examination documents can also be viewed electronically at the locations listed in **Annex D**.

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair examination, we consider it 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

Christopher Butler

Examining Inspector

⁶ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awards-of-costs-examinations-of-applications-for-development-consent-orders>

Annexes

- A** Examination Timetable
- B** Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority
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- D** Availability of representations and application documents

This communication does not constitute legal advice.

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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 Dates
1.	<p>Procedural Deadline</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written submissions on the Examination procedure including any submissions about the use of virtual procedures; and • Requests to be heard orally at the Preliminary Meeting 	<p>Friday 26 November 2021</p>
2.	<p>Preliminary Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday 7 December 2021 at 10:00</p>
3.	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination Timetable; • The ExA's Written Questions (ExQ1). 	<p>As soon as practicable after the Preliminary Meeting</p>
4.	<p>Deadline 1</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Impact Reports (LIRs) from Local Authorities (See Annex E); • Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) (See Annex E); • Updated Guide to the Application (See Annex E); • Notification of wish to speak at an Open Floor Hearing; • Notification of wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing; • Submission of suggested locations to be included in any Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI); • Notification of wish to attend ASI; • Comments on Relevant Representations; • Comments on Additional Submissions (See Annex E); and • Any further information requested by the ExA. 	<p>Tuesday 21 December 2021</p>

<p>5.</p>	<p>Deadline 2</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any information submitted for Deadline 1; • Written Representations (WRs) with summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words; • Comments on LIR(s); • Responses to the ExA's Written Questions (ExQ1); • An updated Statement of Commonality of SoCG (See Annex E); • Updated Guide to the Application (See Annex E); • an updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule; • an updated Book of Reference; • an update on the progress that has been made with Affected Persons in respect of Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession; • An updated version of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) in clean, tracked and word versions; • Schedule of changes to the dDCO (see Annex E); • Applicant's draft itinerary for the ASI; and • Any further information requested by the ExA. 	<p>Tuesday 1 February 2022</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Deadline 3</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on Responses to ExQ1. • Comments on WRs; • Comments on Applicant's draft itinerary for the ASI; • Comments on any information submitted for Deadline 2; • Any updated SoCG requested by the ExA; • An updated Statement of Commonality of SoCG (See Annex E); • Updated Guide to the Application (See Annex E); • an updated Book of Reference; • an update on the progress that has been made with Affected Persons in respect of Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession; • An updated Compulsory Acquisition/ Temporary Possession Schedule, including s127 Statutory Undertakers' Land and Rights Schedule and s138 Statutory Undertakers' Apparatus Schedule; 	<p>Tuesday 15 February 2022</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An updated version of the dDCO in clean, tracked and word versions; and • Any further information requested by the ExA. 	
7.	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of Hearings to be held during the week commencing 14 and/ or 21 March 2022 (if required). 	Friday 18 February 2022
8.	<p>Deadline 4</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any information submitted for Deadline 3; • An updated version of the dDCO in clean, tracked and word versions; • Schedule of changes to the dDCO (see Annex E); • An updated Statement of Commonality of SoCG (See Annex E); • Updated Guide to the Application (See Annex E); • An updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule; • An updated Book of Reference; • An update on the progress that has been made with Affected Persons in respect of Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession; and • Any further information requested by the ExA. 	Tuesday 1 March 2022
9.	<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s) (if required); • Issue Specific Hearing(s) (if required); and • Open Floor Hearing(s) (if required). 	Week commencing 14 March and/ or week commencing 21 March 2022 (if required)
10.	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of oral submissions made at any Hearings held during the week commencing 7 March 2022 and 14 March 2022; • Comments on any information submitted for Deadline 4; • An updated version of the dDCO in clean, tracked and word versions; • Schedule of changes to the dDCO (see Annex E); 	Tuesday 5 April 2022

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An updated Statement of Commonality of SoCG (See Annex E); • Updated Guide to the Application (See Annex E); • An updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule; • An updated Book of Reference; • An update on the progress that has been made with Affected Persons in respect of Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession; and • Any further information requested by the ExA. 	
11.	Accompanied site inspection (if required)	Week commencing 11 April 2022
12.	Publication by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Written Questions (ExQ2) (if required); and • Proposed schedule of changes to the dDCO (if required). 	Tuesday 12 April 2022
13.	Deadline 6 Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to ExQ2 (if required); • Comments on the ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the dDCO (if required); • Final SoCG; • Final Statement of Commonality of the SoCG; • Final Guide to the Application; • Final update regarding progress that has been made with Affected Persons in respect of Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession; • Final Book of Reference; • Final CA/ TP schedule; • Signed and dated s106 Agreement (if required); • Comments on any information submitted for Deadline 5; • Applicant's preferred DCO in the SI template validation report and a validated copy of the DCO; • Applicant's preferred DCO in word format; and • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA. 	Tuesday 26 April 2022
14.	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required). 	Tuesday 3 May 2022

<p>15.</p>	<p>Deadline 7</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 6; • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA; • Comments on the RIES (if required). 	<p>Tuesday 24 May 2022</p>
<p>16.</p>	<p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months.</p> <p>Please note that the ExA may close the Examination before the end of the six month period if he is satisfied that all relevant matters have been addressed and discussed.</p>	<p>Tuesday 7 June 2022</p>

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

We will aim to publish a draft agendas 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

I have made a number of Procedural Decisions following the Preliminary Meeting¹:

1. Examination Timetable

Amendment of the Examination Timetable – The Applicant’s requested Amendments to the Examination Timetable are accepted subject to the following alterations. Alteration to the date of Deadline 6, the date for the ExA to issue the RIES and an alteration to Deadline 7 to allow for a 21 day consultation period following the issuing of the RIES. This results in:

- Deadline 6 being Tuesday 26 April 2022;
- the ExA’s publication of the RIES, if required being Tuesday 3 May 2022; and
- Deadline 7 becoming Tuesday 24 May 2022.

Bearing in mind the Applicant’s requested amendments to the Examination timetable, as amended by the changes set out above, I am satisfied that all Interested Parties will be able to make submissions and respond adequately by the dates set out within the Examination Timetable.

2. Examining Authority’s Written Questions

Some of the ExQ1 are directed to specific Statutory Parties.

All relevant Statutory Parties will receive this correspondence and I request for each to check my ExQ1 carefully in order that they may identify and respond to any questions posed to them. No party should feel inhibited or restricted in responding to any question I ask, even if it is directed elsewhere.

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 2015².

3. Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)

Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) Time has been reserved in the Examination Timetable to undertake an ASI during the week commencing 11 April 2022 (if required). The format and detail of this will depend on the Public Health restrictions in force at the time. I will release details nearer to the time.

The Examination Timetable at Annex A invites the Applicant and Interested Parties to submit a suggested itinerary based on the suggestions for locations to be included in the ASI. These are to be submitted by Deadline 1.

Additionally, within the Examination Timetable, the ExA has asked the Applicant to provide a draft ASI itinerary by Deadline 2, and there is an opportunity for all parties to comment on this at Deadline 3.

¹ Section 89(1) of the Planning Act 2008

² <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/legislation/>

The ExA will consider all the submissions on this, and if it is decided appropriate to hold an ASI, and I will aim to publish the final itinerary and arrangements, if required, on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure website as soon as practically possible.

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

4. Compulsory Acquisition.

The ExA requests that at each deadline, the Applicant provides a Compulsory Acquisition Schedule which provides the most up to date information regarding the negotiations on voluntary agreements with Affected Persons in respect of Compulsory Acquisition (CA) and Temporary Possession (TP). A final version must be submitted by Deadline 6 on Tuesday 26 April 2022.

The ExA also requests that the Applicant provides an update on the progress that has been made with Affected Persons in respect of CA and TP and an updated Book of Reference that reflects this progress by no later than Deadline 2 on Tuesday 1 February 2022.

Requests to appear and procedure to be followed at hearings

The Examination Timetable has reserved the week commencing 14 March 2022 and/ or 21 March 2022 for any Open Floor Hearings (OFH) (if required), Compulsory Acquisition Hearings (CAH) (if required) or Issue Specific Hearings (if required) and notification of any OFH, CAH or ISH (if required) will be made no later than Friday 18 February 2022.

Requests to appear at hearings

Interested Parties are required to notify the Examining Authority (ExA) in writing of their wish to take part in an OFH or CAH. I remind Interested Parties that notification of a wish to speak at an OFH or CAH needs to be made on or before Tuesday 21 December 2021 (Deadline 1, **Annex A**).

If no written requests to take part in an OFH or CAH 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 time, date and place of any confirmed hearing will be notified in writing to all Interested Parties, providing at least 21 days' notice.

If an Interested Party wishes to attend an OFH or ISH they should indicate which topics in their Relevant Representation or Written Representation they wish to address at the hearing. Similarly, any Affected Person wishing to attend a CAH should identify clearly the plots of land about which they wish to speak.

Notifications from Interested Parties in respect of the above should be sent separately from any other written submission, and appropriately titled to allow us to quickly identify which event the notification relates to.

Procedure at hearings

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010¹. 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 parties². My examination will be principally undertaken through the exchange of written submissions, and the ExA will decide whether a hearing on a particular issue or topic is necessary. This decision is not connected to how relevant or important I consider an issue or topic to be.

Hearing agendas

¹ Rule 14

² Rule 14(5)

The ExA will aim to publish a draft agenda for each hearing on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at least five working days in advance of the hearing date. The actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

Welsh language

If you would like to make contributions in Welsh during the hearing or site inspection, you should indicate your desire to have a translator.

Os hoffech gwneud cyfraniadau drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg yn ystod y gwrandawriad neu arolygiad safle, dylech nodi'ch dymuniad i gael cyfieithydd.

Availability of Examination Documents

The application documents and Relevant Representations are available on the [project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning Website](#).

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 Examining Authority.

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 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	Venue/address	Opening hours
North Lincolnshire Council	Epworth Library Chapel Street Epworth Doncaster DN9 1HQ	Monday: 1-5pm Tuesday: Closed Wednesday: 9am-5pm (Closed 12.30-1pm) Thursday: Closed Friday: 9am-2pm

Annex D

		Saturday: 9am-12pm Sunday: Closed
North Lincolnshire Council	Crowle Community Hub The Market Hall Market Place Crowle DN17 4LA	Monday: 9am to 5pm (closed 12.30pm to 1pm) Tuesday: 9am to 5pm (closed 12.30pm to 1pm) Wednesday: 9am to 5pm (closed 12.30pm to 1pm) Thursday: 9am to 5pm (closed 12.30pm to 1pm) Friday: 9am to 5pm (closed 12.30pm to 1pm) Saturday: 9am to 12pm
North Lincolnshire Council	Scunthorpe Central Carlton Street Scunthorpe North Lincolnshire DN15 6TX	Monday: 9am to 5pm (closed 12.30pm to 1pm) Tuesday: 9am to 5pm (closed 12.30pm to 1pm) Wednesday: 9am to 5pm (closed 12.30pm to 1pm) Thursday: 9am to 5pm (closed 12.30pm to 1pm) Friday: 9am to 5pm (closed 12.30pm to 1pm) Saturday: 9am to 1pm
Printing costs	Black and white	Colour
All venues		
A4	Single-sided: 25p	Single-sided: 45p
A3	Single-sided: 25p	Single-sided: 45p