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Dear Sir/Madam

**APPLICATION BY BSSL CAMBSBED 1 LIMITED FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE EAST PARK ENERGY PROJECT – PROCEDURAL DEADLINE A**

This letter sets out Huntingdonshire District Council's (HDC) response to the Examining Authority's (ExA's) Rule 6 letter dated 17th February 2026 in respect of Procedural Deadline A.

**Request to be Heard Orally at Preliminary Meeting**

HDC would welcome the opportunity to attend/speak at the Preliminary Meeting. The following representatives from HDC have been registered via the event participation form:

- Lucy Pateman – Senior Planning Officer (Strategic Team)
- James Croucher – Interim Development Management Team Leader (Strategic Team)

Alongside Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and Bedford Borough Council (BBC), the local authorities will have joint legal representation, and AECOM will provide specialist technical input on certain topic matters at Issue Specific Hearings as appropriate. These representatives have been registered by CCC and BBC via the event participation form.

**Examination Process (Item 3, Agenda for the preliminary meeting – Annex A)**

HDC supports the ExA's proposed provision for blended and/or fully virtual events, allowing participation both in person and online for all hearings throughout the Examination. This approach increases accessibility, enhances engagement, and enables more effective participation by officers and specialists across the host authorities.

**Draft Examination Timetable (Item 6, Agenda for the preliminary meeting – Annex A)**

HDC notes the draft Examination Timetable set out in Annex D of the ExA's Rule 6 letter (17 February 2026) and makes the following comments.

Deadline 1, 2 and 3

- Deadline 1 (currently 7 April 2026) falls immediately after the Easter Bank Holiday weekend, significantly reducing the available time for internal review and sign-off.

Given the significant volume of material required at this stage, including the Local Impact Report, an additional week to 14 April 2026 would allow sufficient time for internal coordination and timely preparation of the required documentation.

- Deadline 2 (currently 24 April 2026) follows closely after Deadline 1 and requires numerous outputs, including comments on other parties' submissions and comments on any updated or additional documents from the applicant. If Deadline 1 is moved back by one week, a corresponding extension to Deadline 2 to 1 May 2026 would maintain a suitable interval between the two deadlines.
- Deadline 3 (currently 26 May 2026) also falls within a period affected by reduced officer availability due to the May bank holiday and the school half-term. To support timely review and preparation of the required submissions, HDC requests that Deadline 3 be brought forward to Friday 22 May 2026, which results in the loss of only one working day.

HDC recognises the ExA's statutory responsibility to complete the Examination within six months. Nevertheless, as the Rule 6 letter confirms that specific and well-reasoned requests may be considered prior to the timetable being finalised, HDC submits that these amendments would provide meaningful support to its ability to participate effectively in the Examination process, without causing any prejudice to its overall progress or timely completion.

#### Hearing Dates – Week Commencing 8 June 2026

HDC also requests that hearing dates for the week commencing 8 June 2026 (ISH3, CAH, OFH2, and any ASI) are confirmed as early as possible following the Preliminary Meeting. Early confirmation is essential to secure officer and specialist availability.

#### **Suggested locations for Site Inspections (Other procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority – Annex F)**

HDC does not wish to propose any specific locations for site inspections at this stage but will engage constructively should the ExA request further input.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you. Should you wish to discuss this matter further then please contact [REDACTED] by email: [REDACTED] [huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@huntingdonshire.gov.uk).

Yours Sincerely,



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