

Issue Specific Hearing 1 draft DCO

Date: **Wednesday 18 March 2026**

Registration starts: **9.30am**

Meeting start time: **10.00am**

Venue: **Blended event at Kings House Bedford and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams**

Full instructions on how to join online or by phone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered

Attendees: **The Applicant and Interested Parties who have pre-registered**

Agenda for the Issue Specific Hearing 1	
1	Welcome and Introductions
2	Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing
3	The Overall Structure of the draft DCO The Applicant will be asked to explain its overall approach to the drafting of the draft DCO and clarify what matters are to be secured by alternative methods, such as Planning Obligations and other forms of agreement.
4	ExA's Questions on the DCO The ExA will ask questions about the draft DCO and seek observations from IPs present. Noting that this hearing is in the earliest stages of the Examination, the primary purpose of this Agenda item will be for the ExA to raise its own initial questions. Other IPs will be welcome to participate but will not be expected to frame their own detailed positions until the submission of their

	<p>Written Representations, Local Impact Reports and participation in a DCO ISH later in the Examination.</p> <p>The focus will be on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The preamble • Articles 2, 3,6,9,12,15, 18,30,32,33, and 37 • Various Requirements • Clarification on items in the Explanatory Memorandum
5	Next Steps
6	Closing
Close of the Issue Specific Hearing 1	