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Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010141

Date: 1 April 2026

Dear Sir/ Madam

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

Application by BSSL Cambsbed 1 Limited for an order granting development consent for the East Park Energy project

Examination timetable and procedure

This letter (the Rule 8 Letter) provides important information about the examination of this application. The letter includes:

- The examination timetable
- An invitation to submit written representations
- 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 'Have your say' tab on the project webpage
- Information about legal matters

All documentation associated with this examination, including a note of the preliminary meeting and the recording of that meeting, can be viewed under the [documents tab](#) on the project webpage of the Find a National Infrastructure Project website ([project webpage](#)).

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 [‘Have your say’ page](#) on the project webpage on or before the applicable deadline. **Annex E** to this letter provides further information about using the ‘Have your say’ page.

If I consider it necessary to vary the examination timetable during the examination, notification will be sent to interested parties, statutory parties and other persons invited to the preliminary meeting. The changes will be published on the [project webpage](#).

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 1, Tuesday 7 April 2026** in the examination timetable.

Written representations can cover any relevant matter and are not restricted to the matters set out in my [initial assessment of principal issues](#).

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 009 of the [government’s guidance on the examination stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects](#) for further information about written representations).

I have requested further types of written submissions at various points in the examination (see **annex A**).

Any written representations and any further written submissions requested 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. See the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice for members of the public: Advice for submitting representations or comments](#) for important information about making written submissions.

Examining Authority's written questions

I will prepare written questions (ExQ1) about the application and the representations received following receipt of submissions at deadline 2. These questions will be published on the [project webpage](#).

Responses to ExQ1 must be provided by **deadline 3, Tuesday 26 May 2026** in the examination timetable.

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:

- Examination timetable
- Statements of common ground (SoCG)
- Local impact reports (LIR)
- Changes to land interests
- Status of the Applicant's Examination Documents
- Additional submissions
- Submission of drone footage

Format of examination events

Both blended (part in-person and part virtual) and fully virtual events will form part of the operating model. I remain flexible and will confirm the format of any hearings when I provide formal notification of each hearing in advance of it taking place.

Hearings and site inspections

The examination of the application will principally be a written process supplemented where necessary by various types of hearings. See the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice for members of the public: The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say](#) for more information.

The Planning Inspectorate's advice for members of the public also provides important information about hearing procedures:

- [What to expect at a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project event](#)
- [Registering to speak at, or attend, a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project event](#)

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

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 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. Where I am able to view the site from public land I am likely to do this unaccompanied and a note of the site inspection will be published on the project webpage. The examination timetable also reserves time for me to undertake an accompanied site inspection (ASI) on **week commencing 8 June 2026**. 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 [project webpage](#).

A ['Have your say' page](#) is available on the website which provides a portal through which parties should make written submissions at relevant deadlines during the examination. Further information about the 'Have your say' page is provided at **annex E** to this letter.

You can also use the 'Get updates' button on the project webpage to register to receive automatic e-mail updates at key stages during the examination.

Your status in the examination

You have received this letter because you are a person or organisation who is involved in the NSIP process. See the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice for members of the public](#):

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>



[National Infrastructure Projects and the people and organisations involved in the process](#) for further details.

If, having read the advice, you are still unsure about how you are involved in the process 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 [Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders](#).

Management of information

Information, including representations, submitted in respect of this examination (if accepted by the Examining Authority) and a record of any advice which has been provided by the Planning Inspectorate is published on the [project webpage](#).

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 [Privacy Notice](#).

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

Yours faithfully

Graham Sword

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** Examination documents
- E** Information about the 'Have your say' page
- F** Legal matters

This communication does not constitute legal advice.
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Examination Timetable

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	Date
1.	<p>Procedural deadline A</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 methods • requests to be heard orally at the preliminary meeting • requests to be heard at Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) regarding the draft Development Consent Order and general principles of the proposed development • requests to be heard at Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) regarding BMV Land, Soil and Construction Traffic • requests to be heard at an Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1) • suggested locations for site inspections (accompanied or unaccompanied), including justification, for consideration by the ExA 	Tuesday 10 March 2026
2.	Preliminary meeting (PM)	Tuesday 17 March 2026
3.	Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)	Tuesday 17 March 2026
4.	Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) regarding the draft Development Consent Order and general principles of the proposed development	Wednesday 18 March 2026
5.	Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) regarding BMV Land and Soil and Construction Traffic	Wednesday 18 March 2026
6.	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the examination timetable 	as soon as practicable following the PM
7.	<p>Deadline 1</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p>	Tuesday 7 April 2026

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • post-hearing submissions, including written summaries of oral submissions heard at OFH1, ISH1 and ISH2 and response to Action points • comments on relevant representations (RR) • summaries of all RRs exceeding 1500 words • written representations (WRs) and summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words • local impact reports (LIR) from local authorities • notification of wish to have future correspondence received electronically • the applicant's draft itinerary for an accompanied site inspection (ASI) (if required) • suggestions for locations for the ASI (if any) from any other party together with reasoning • requests by interested parties to be heard at a further open floor hearing (OFH2) • requests by affected persons (defined in section 59(4) of the Planning Act 2008) to be heard at a compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH) • any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 ('the examination rules') • comments on any further information/ additional submissions accepted by the ExA • notification of wish to have any future correspondence received electronically • statements of common ground (SoCG) requested by the ExA – refer to annex B • update on Issues Tracker • updates from the applicant – refer to annex F of the Rule 6 letter [PD-005] 	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Deadline 2</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comments on WRs • comments on responses to RRs • comments on the LIRs • comments on the applicant's draft itinerary for the ASI (if required) 	<p>Tuesday 28 April 2026</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comments from affected persons on applicant's updated land rights tracker • comments on any updated or additional documents from the applicant • comments on any additional submissions received by deadline 1 and accepted by the ExA (if required) • the applicant's revised dDCO and other updates from the applicant – refer to annex F of the Rule 6 letter [PD-005] • the applicant's UAV detailed flight plan – refer to annex B • comments on draft statements of common ground • any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of the examination rules 	
9.	Publication by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the ExA's First Written Questions (ExQ1) 	Tuesday 5 May 2026
10.	Deadline 3 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responses to ExQ1 • comments on any updated or additional documents submitted by the applicant at deadline 2 • comments on the UAV detailed flight plan submitted by the applicant – refer to annex B • updates from the applicant – refer to annex F of the Rule 6 letter [PD-005] • any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of the examination rules • comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received by deadline 2 	Tuesday 26 May 2026
11.	Publication by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the ExA's final itinerary for the ASI (if required) 	Friday 29 May 2026
12.	Week reserved for hearings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Issue Specific Hearing (ISH3) (if required) • Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) (if required) • Further Open Floor Hearing (OFH2) (if required) • ASI (if required) 	w/c Monday 8 June 2026

13.	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) and any associated questions (if required) • The ExA's Second Written Questions (ExQ2) (if required) 	<p>Tuesday 23 June 2026</p>
14.	<p>Deadline 4</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responses to ExQ2 • post-hearing submissions, including written summaries of any oral cases heard at hearings held during w/c 8 June • comments on the applicant's revised dDCO • updates from the applicant – refer to annex F of the Rule 6 letter [PD-005] • any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of the examination rules • comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received by deadline 3 	<p>Friday 10 July 2026</p>
15.	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • updated SoCGs • comments on the RIES (if required) • updates from the applicant – refer to annex F of the Rule 6 letter [PD-005] • any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of the examination rules • comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received by deadline 4 	<p>Tuesday 21 July 2026</p>
16.	<p>Deadline 6</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comments on deadline 5 submissions • any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of the examination rules • updates from the applicant – refer to annex F of the Rule 6 letter [PD-005] 	<p>Tuesday 4 August 2026</p>
17.	<p>Deadline 7</p>	<p>Tuesday 18 August 2026</p>

	<p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the final draft DCO Final draft DCO to be submitted by the applicant in the SI template. Applicant to provide the email notification from https://publishing.legislation.gov.uk/validation confirming the document has successfully passed validation, and the PDF version of the SI validation report obtained from the link in the notification email. The applicant should also provide a clean (all tracking removed) standalone MS Word version of the draft DCO, with no header or cover page • the final updated BoR Final BoR and schedule of changes to BoR • final SoCGs • final Statement of Commonality of SoCG • list of matters not agreed where SoCG could not be finalised • final Navigation Document/ Guide to the Application • final Status of Negotiations CA Schedule and Land Tracker • final Status of Negotiations with Statutory Undertakers • final NPS Tracker • final Issues Tracker • final signed and dated section 106 – if needed • comments on responses to ExQ2 • comments on any further information received Comments on any additional information/ submissions received by deadline 6 • any further information requested by ExA Any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of the examination rules 	
18.	<p>Close of examination</p> <p>The ExA intends to close the examination on this date. See 'Note about the close of examination date'.</p>	<p>Friday 21 August 2026</p>

Note about the close of examination date

The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the preliminary meeting. The ExA may however decide to close the examination earlier and on the date specified in the timetable if it considers that the application and relevant matters have been examined adequately.

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 [project webpage](#) 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 ExA may also raise questions in the RIES to confirm or clarify matters that remain outstanding.

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 timetable :

- Extended **deadline 2 to Tuesday 28 April 2026** in line with the applicant's request in their response [PDA-001] to procedural deadline A dated Tuesday 10 March 2026.
- Included further detail as to future hearing topics.

2. Examining Authority's written questions

My written questions (ExQ1) will be published after **deadline 2 on Tuesday 5 May 2026**.

Whilst 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 will be directed to specific statutory parties and 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 (PA2008) 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 F** of my [Rule 6 Letter](#) the SoCGs 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 **Bedford Borough Council**
2. SoCG between the applicant and **Cambridgeshire County Council**
3. SoCG between the applicant and **Huntingdon District Council**
4. SoCG between the applicant and **National Highways**
5. SoCG between the applicant and **Environment Agency**
6. SoCG between the applicant and **Natural England**
7. SoCG between the applicant and **Historic England**

8. SoCG between the applicant and **National Grid**
9. SoCG between the applicant and **Cambridge Fire and Rescue Service**

All of the SoCGs listed above should cover the articles and requirements in the draft DCO. Any interested party seeking that an article or requirement is reworded should provide the form of words which are being sought.

The content of SoCGs will help to inform me about the need to hold any issue specific hearings during the examination, and to enable me and the applicant to give notice of such hearings 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 the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice for local authorities](#).

Local authorities, defined in section 56A of the Planning Act 2008, are invited to submit LIRs by **deadline 1**.

5. Changes to land interests

When 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. They should inform them that information about how to do this can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's advice for members of the public: [Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects and the people and organisations involved in the process](#).

The examination timetable includes various deadlines for the submission of an updated book of reference and schedule of changes to the book of reference, which should include confirmation that relevant persons have been informed of their rights under section 102A.

6. Status of the Applicant's Examination Documents

I request that the applicant provides, at each deadline, an updated 'Status of the Applicant's examination documents' document which provides a list of the most up-to-date status of the documents submitted, including which copies have been superseded in whole or in part. A final version must be submitted before the close of the examination. All examination documents submitted should include a version number and date.

7. Additional submissions

In addition to the documentation submitted by procedural deadline A, I have exercised my discretion and made a procedural decision to accept additional submissions from the following:

- a. **Examination Library reference AS-026 by Borough of Bedford Local Access Forum**

8. Submission of drone footage

I request that the applicant provides the submission of a detailed flight plan for an UAV with a view to undertaking a comprehensive high-resolution video of the Public Rights of Way and other areas of the proposed development site that accords with the applicant's suggested sites for site inspections or Interested Parties suggestions. I request the submission of the UAV detailed flight plan by **deadline 2, Tuesday 28 April 2026**.

Interested Parties should comment on the UAV flight plan at **deadline 3, Tuesday 26 May 2026** if they wish to do so. I would request the applicant to include details of when it is intended to undertake the UAV flight and take the video footage. I am aware that weather conditions will have the potential to influence this. I would also ask the applicant to provide a date by which they intend to submit the video footage into the examination.

When considering all of the above, I would refer you to **annex F** in regard to the use of UAV. This annex makes reference to Legal matters, Data Protection, Specifications and Other matters that the applicant will need to consider/ bear in mind.

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 for hearings to be held

Interested parties are required to notify the Examining Authority (ExA) in writing of their wish for an open floor hearing (OFH) or compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH) on or before **Tuesday 7 April 2026** (see **deadline 1**).

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 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.

A further OFH may be held for those that have not had the opportunity to speak at OFH1. Those that have spoken at OFH1 will not be given the opportunity to speak for a second time. Where further ISHs are held then there may be an opportunity for IPs to address that particular meeting on issues relating to the agenda.

The ExA will provide reasonable notice of the time, date and place of any hearings to all interested parties.

Hearing agendas

For ISHs and CAHs the ExA will publish a detailed draft agenda on the project website in advance of the hearing. However, the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA. For OFHs an agenda may not be published.

Procedure at hearings

The examination of the application will principally be a written process supplemented where necessary by various types of hearings. See The Planning Inspectorate's [Advice for members of the public: The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say](#) for more information.

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in rule 14 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. 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 [project webpage](#) 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 are 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

The ASI is an opportunity for the ExA to view the site. The ExA may invite attendees to indicate specific features or sites of interest.

The ASI is **not** an opportunity to make any oral representations to us about the proposed development.

Time has been reserved in the examination timetable to undertake an ASI during the week commencing **Monday 8 June 2026**.

As requested in **annex F** of my Rule 6 Letter, suggestions, including justification, for locations to be included in the ASI were submitted by procedural deadline A and have been published on the [project webpage](#). Further suggestions from any other party for locations to be included in the ASI should be provided by **deadline 1**.

The draft itinerary by the applicant should be submitted by **deadline 1**.

Comments on the applicant's draft itinerary should be submitted 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 on or before **Friday 29 May 2026**.

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 3, Tuesday 26 May 2026** 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 ['Have your say' page](#). **Annex E** provides further information about the 'Have your say' page.

The interested parties attending the ASI will include representatives of the applicant, the relevant local authority, 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 the ASI is 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.

Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter if you require any support or assistance to attend the ASI.

Examination documents

The application documents and relevant representations can be inspected on the [project webpage](#).

How to stay up to date

All further documents submitted in the course of the examination will also be published on the [documents](#) page of the project webpage.

You can also sign up to get [email updates](#).

If you have any questions about the process, examination events or how to access the documents, you can email EastParkEnergyProject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or contact us on 0303 444 5000.

The Examination Library

For ease of navigation, please refer to the [Examination Library](#) (EL) which is accessible by clicking the blue link at the top of the documents page. The EL is updated regularly throughout the examination.

The EL records and provides a hyperlink to:

- each application document
- each representation and submission made to the examination
- each procedural decision made by the Examining Authority

Each document is given a unique reference number which will be fixed for the duration of the examination. **Please quote the unique reference number from the EL when referring to any examination documents in any future submissions that you make.**

Information about the 'Have your say' page

The ['Have your say'](#) page is available on the [project webpage](#).

You will need to enter your unique reference number ('Your ref' found at the top your letter or email from The Planning Inspectorate). If you are making a submission on behalf of another person or organisation, and do not have your own unique reference number, then you should enter the unique 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 [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable following the close of the relevant deadline. For further information about publishing submissions please view our [Privacy Notice](#).

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.

Submissions **must not include hyperlinks** to documents/ evidence hosted on a third party website, for example technical reports, media articles and so on. See The Planning Inspectorate's [Advice for members of the public: Advice for submitting representations or comments](#) for important information about making written submissions. 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.

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.

If you experience any issues when using the ['Have your say'](#) page please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter and they will assist.

Legal matters

The ExA would draw the applicant's attention to the need to ensure that any Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) flight undertaken must comply in full with the law, including, but not limited to, the Civil Aviation Authority's CAP1789A, CAP1789B and CAP722.

Furthermore, the operator of the UAV must also hold a valid CAA Permission to operate the UAV and be registered within CAP1361 when the flight takes place, as well as holding appropriate insurance. Additionally, the flyer must hold a valid Flyers Licence for an UAV, or an appropriate exemption.

Data Protection – The use of UAV and the recording of images

The applicant will need to ensure full compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations/ Data Protection Act 2018 and the ExA would draw attention to the Information Commissioner's Office's publication 'In the picture: A data protection code of practice for surveillance cameras and personal information', especially Section 7.3.

The UAV and any video footage recorded must be undertaken in a responsible way that is safe and respects the privacy of others. The applicant will need to ensure, where necessary, that the appropriate consent of any third parties has been obtained, including those third parties who's land you include within any video footage submitted. Additionally, the applicant will need to ensure, where necessary, that the consent of any identifiable person included in the footage has been obtained.

The applicant when submitting any video footage taken using UAV must confirm that the appropriate consents of third parties was obtained. Additionally, the applicant must include details of what measures were undertaken and/ or put in place to ensure third parties, including owners of third party land, were made aware of the potential to be included within the submitted video footage.

Specifications and other matters

In terms of the high-resolution video footage, the ExA would ask for consideration in regard to the size of the data file created and how this could be hosted so it is publicly accessible in the interests of openness, fairness and impartiality.

The ExA would also ask for full details of the nature/type of camera used in the filming to be provided, including full details of whether any special functions on the camera are in use and when during the footage (i.e. full details of the camera in use, it's settings, the nature of any focus/zoom being used and when, whether auto focus, white balance or image sharpening is in use and when, etc.)

It would also be helpful for the footage to include a clear overhead shot of a structure of known size which can be used as a reference point. In addition to the above, the high-resolution video footage should also contain information about telemetry, including, but not limited to, height of the UAV at any given time, direction of flight, wind speed and wind direction, GPS data, orientation of the camera (both vertically and horizontally), etc.