

I wish to provide further information relevant to the Examining Authority's Rule 17 powers, specifically in relation to the fairness and adequacy of the current Examination timetable.

I support the concerns raised by Stop East Park Energy (SEPE) regarding the compressed timetable and the late publication of key documents. The developer's detailed responses to Deadline 4 submissions — including responses to SEPE, local residents, and affected parties — will not be available until Deadline 6. This means there is no meaningful opportunity for interested parties to review, analyse, or comment on those responses before the Examination closes on 21 August.

This effectively removes an entire stage of the Examination process and undermines the ability of participants to engage fully and fairly. The Examination Procedure Rules require that interested parties are given a proper chance to respond to new evidence. In this case, the timetable does not allow that.

I therefore request that the Examining Authority exercises its powers under Rule 17 to issue a procedural direction extending the Examination timetable by one additional deadline. This would restore fairness, allow proper scrutiny of the developer's latest submissions, and ensure that the Examination meets the standards of transparency and public participation expected for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.

I also ask the Examining Authority to consider whether the late publication of documents by the Planning Inspectorate has contributed to the current timetable constraints, and whether an extension is necessary to remedy this procedural disadvantage.