

- The Applicant notes that Annex G of the Rule 6 letter currently specifies only the week in which the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) is scheduled to take place, being 10 November 2025. The Applicant politely requests that a specific date is provided to facilitate appropriate planning and attendance.
- Deadline 2 is set for Tuesday 21 October 2025, requiring responses to the ExA's first written questions (ExQ1). While the deadline is acceptable, it assumes that ExQ1 will be published no later than Tuesday 30 September 2025, allowing 21 days for responses. The programme currently indicates only that the questions will be published "as soon as practicable after the Preliminary Meeting", without providing a specific date. The Applicant politely requests confirmation from the ExA that ExQ1 will be published by no later than 30 September 2025.
- Deadline 3 is set for Friday 31 October 2025 and includes responses to other parties' submissions from Deadline 2 (21 October 2025). While this is understood in principle, this provides a short timeframe for drafting responses to other parties' ExQ1 submissions and may present challenges. Given that hearings are scheduled to begin the week commencing 10 November 2025, and there is limited scope for extending this deadline, the Applicant politely requests confirmation that the Planning Inspectorate will publish the submissions by Wednesday 22 October 2025.
- In relation to Deadline 5 and the proposed deadline of Monday 29 December 2025, the Applicant requests a minor adjustment due to the holiday period. The current deadline is driven by the publication of ExQ2 on Monday 8 December 2025, with a 21 day response period. The Applicant politely requests that the ExA consider moving the publication of ExQ2 to Wednesday 3 December 2025. If the ExQ2 publication could be moved to 3 December 2025, the response deadline could subsequently be moved to Wednesday 24 December 2025 (Christmas Eve), which would still provide adequate time for submissions. Alternatively, if a slightly earlier publication date of 2 December 2025 were feasible, the response deadline could be set to Tuesday 23 December 2025. This would still allow for a reasonable time period between the close of hearings in the week commencing 10 November 2025 and Deadline 4 on 21 November 2025, and the publication of ExQ2. In summary, the Applicant requests that the deadline is adjusted to fall before Christmas, without being arbitrarily shortened. There would be no subsequent knock-on impact/change to any of the subsequent deadlines.