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any other person invited to the preliminary  
meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010154

Date: 14 January 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Application by Fosse Green Energy Limited for an order granting development consent for the Fosse Green 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
- Details of the publication of the Examining Authority's (ExA) written questions
- 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

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**

We 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 our [Rule 6 Letter](#). In finalising the examination timetable, we have sought to accommodate requests and suggestions made orally at the preliminary meeting and/or in writing prior to the holding of that meeting. A list of the main changes we 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. You must ensure your submissions arrive no later than the deadlines set out in the examination timetable. If you do not make your submissions by the dates specified in the timetable, we may disregard them.

We 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 we 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](#).

## Examination library

The applicant and all other interested parties and affected persons are reminded of the advice about how to access and use the Examination Library included in Annex G of our Rule 6 letter of 9 December 2025 [[PD-008](#)]. Each document is given a unique reference within the Examination Library and will apply to that document for the duration of the examination. **Please quote the unique reference number from the Examination Library when referring to any examination documents in any future submissions that you make.** That will assist all examination participants and the ExA when reading the submitted written submissions.

## 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** in the examination timetable.

Written representations can cover any relevant matter and are not restricted to the matters set out in our initial assessment of principal issues or to the content of our written questions (see next heading below).

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).

We 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.

### **ExA's written questions**

We issued our draft list of written questions (Draft ExQ1) on 23 December 2025.

We have now finalised our written questions (Final ExQ1) and these are published on the project webpage. They can be accessed at the following link:

[ExA's Final First Written Questions \(Final ExQ1\)](#)

Please note that the final version of our written questions **supersedes the draft list of written questions**. The final version removes some questions that were included in the draft list and includes additional and/or updated questions. Please see the Final ExQ1 document for details.

Responses to ExQ1 must be provided by **deadline 2** in the examination timetable.

If you require an editable Microsoft Word version of ExQ1, please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter.

### **Other procedural decisions made by the ExA**

**Annex B** to this letter contains important details and clarifications about other procedural decisions we made at, or following, the preliminary meeting. These include:

- The making of requests by affected persons to attend a compulsory acquisition hearing
- The making of requests by interested parties to attend an open floor hearing
- Further response to the applicant's change notification of 9 December 2025

### **Format of examination events**

Both blended (part in-person and part virtual) and fully virtual events will form part of the operating model. We remain flexible and will confirm the format of any hearings when we 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](#)

On this basis the examination timetable at **annex A** to this letter includes periods of time reserved for any hearings to be held, and we 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).

We will also undertake site inspections. Where we are able to view the site from public land we are 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 us to undertake an accompanied site inspection (ASI) during the week commencing 9 March 2026. We 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. We 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: 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 ExA) 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](#).

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

Yours faithfully

*Grahame Gould*

**Lead Member of the Examining Authority**

## Annexes

- A** Examination timetable
- B** Other procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority
- C** Hearings and site inspections
- D** Examination documents
- E** Information about the 'Have your say' tab

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><b>Procedural deadline A</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any written submissions on the examination procedure, including any submissions about the use of virtual methods</li> <li>requests to be heard orally at the preliminary meeting (PM) and/or attend at the venue in person</li> <li>requests to participate in issue specific hearing 1 (ISH1), Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1) and ISH2 and/or attend at the venue in person</li> <li>suggested locations for site inspections (accompanied or unaccompanied), including justification, for consideration by the ExA and the issues to be observed there and whether the location(s) require access to privately owned land</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p><b>30 December 2025</b></p>
2.	<b>Preliminary meeting</b>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p><b>6 January 2026</b></p> <p><b>10:00</b></p>
3.	<p><b>Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Matters</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p><b>6 January 2026</b></p> <p><b>14:30</b></p>
4.	<b>Continuation of ISH1</b>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p><b>7 January 2026</b></p> <p><b>10:00</b></p>
5.	<b>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1)</b>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p><b>8 January 2026</b></p> <p><b>10:00</b></p>
6.	<p><b>Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development Consent Order (DCO) matters</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p><b>8 January 2026</b></p> <p><b>14:30</b></p>

7.	<p><b>Issue by the ExA of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the examination timetable</li> <li>the ExA's written questions (ExQ1)</li> </ul>	<b>As soon as practicable following the preliminary meeting</b>
8.	<p><b>Deadline 1</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases and responses to any hearing action points arising from ISH1, CAH1 and ISH2</li> <li>local impact reports (LIRs) from local authorities</li> <li>written representations (WR), including summaries of any WRs that exceed 1500 words</li> <li>comments on relevant representations (RR) and any additional submissions received</li> <li>requests by affected persons (defined in section 59(4) of the Planning Act 2008) to be heard at a compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH)</li> <li>requests by interested parties to be heard at an open floor hearing (OFH)</li> <li>the applicant's draft itinerary for an accompanied site inspection (ASI) (if necessary)</li> <li>any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of Examination Procedure Rules</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 20 January 2026</b>
9.	<p><b>Deadline 2</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>responses to ExQ1</li> <li>comments on matters forming part of Change Request 1</li> <li>comments on written representations</li> <li>comments on the local impact reports</li> <li>comments on the applicant's draft itinerary for the ASI (if necessary)</li> </ul>	<b>Friday 6 February 2026</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the applicant's updated documents (see annex F of the <a href="#">Rule 6 Letter</a>)</li> <li>any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of Examination Procedure Rules</li> <li>comments from any party on any submissions and any information received at deadline 1</li> </ul>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Publication by the ExA of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the ExA's final itinerary for the ASI (if required)</li> <li>the ExA's further written questions (ExQ2) (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Week commencing 23 February 2026</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Hearings and ASI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further ISHs (if required)</li> <li>CAH2 (if required)</li> <li>OFH (if required)</li> <li>Time reserved for an ASI (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Week commencing 9 March 2026</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Deadline 3</b> For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>post-hearing submissions, including written summaries of oral submissions and any responses to any hearing action points</li> <li>responses to ExQ2 (if required)</li> <li>the applicant's updated documents – see Annex F of the <a href="#">Rule 6 Letter</a></li> </ul>	<b>Friday 20 March 2026</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Deadline 3A</b> For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all final and signed Statements of Common Ground to be included by the applicant and the other relevant interested parties – see the first of the ExA's procedural decisions included in <a href="#">[PD-007]</a></li> <li>a version of the draft development consent order (DCO) that includes agreed or partially agreed bespoke protective provisions - see the second of the ExA's procedural decisions included in <a href="#">[PD-005]</a></li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 24 March 2026</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any further information requested by ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> <li>comments from any party on any submissions and any information received at deadline 2</li> </ul>	
14.	<p><b>Deadline 4</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the applicant's updated documents – see Annex F of the <a href="#">Rule 6 Letter</a></li> <li>any further information requested by ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> <li>comments from any party on any submissions and any information received at deadlines 3 and 3A.</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>31 March 2026</b>
15.	<p><b>Publication by the ExA of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) and any associated questions (if required)</li> <li>ExA's commentary on or schedule of changes to the draft DCO (if required)</li> <li>The ExA's written questions (ExQ3) (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Week commencing</b> <b>13 April 2026</b>
16.	<p><b>Deadline 5</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>comments on the ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the dDCO (if required)</li> <li>responses to the RIES (if required)</li> <li>responses to ExQ3 (if required)</li> <li>the applicant's updated documents – see Annex F of the <a href="#">Rule 6 Letter</a></li> <li>any further information requested by ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> <li>comments from any party on any submissions and any information received at deadline 4</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>28 April 2026</b>
17.	<p><b>Hearings</b></p> <p>Time reserved for further ISH, CAH or OFH (if required)</p>	<b>Week commencing</b> <b>11 May 2026</b>

18.	<p><b>Deadline 6</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>post-hearing submissions, including written summaries of oral submissions and any responses to any hearing action points</li> <li>the applicant's updated documents – see Annex F of the <a href="#">Rule 6 Letter</a></li> <li>any further information requested by ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> <li>comments from any party on any submissions and any information received at deadline 5</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p><b>2 June 2026</b></p>
19.	<p><b>Deadline 7</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA, from the applicant, of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final draft DCO to be submitted by the applicant in the SI template</li> </ul> <p>The applicant must provide the email notification from <a href="https://publishing.legislation.gov.uk/validation">https://publishing.legislation.gov.uk/validation</a> 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 must also provide a clean (all tracking removed) standalone Microsoft Word version of the draft DCO, with no header or cover page.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A final version of the Explanatory Memorandum (clean and tracked)</li> <li>Final Book of Reference (BoR) and a schedule of any changes to BoR</li> <li>Final Statement of Reasons (clean and tracked), including updates to the Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought (Annex A)</li> <li>Final Statement of Commonality for SoCGs</li> <li>Final Guide to the Application (Navigation Document)</li> <li>Final status of negotiations with Statutory Undertakers</li> </ul> <p>For receipt by the ExA, from any IP, of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any further information requested by ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> <li>Comments on any additional information/submissions received by deadline 6</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p><b>9 June 2026</b></p>

<b>20. Close of examination</b>	The ExA intends to close the examination on this date. See 'Note about the close of examination date'.	<b>Monday</b> <b>15 June 2026</b>
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### **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. However, the deadlines included in the examination timetable are **not later than dates** and there is therefore no reason why submissions relating to a particular deadline cannot be submitted in advance of the stated deadline.

### **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)

We have made a number of procedural decisions following the preliminary meeting.

### 1. Examination timetable

Having considered the matters raised before and at the Preliminary Meeting, the ExA has made the following amendments to the draft Examination Timetable. These changes are reflected in the finalised version of the Timetable included in annex A of this letter.

- Deadline 2 has been moved from Tuesday 3 February 2026 to Friday 6 February 2026, providing some additional time for documents to be submitted at this deadline, whilst not significantly affecting the amount of time available to the ExA to compile its second written questions (if required) and/or undertake its preparation for any hearings held during the week commencing 9 March 2026.
- Deadline 3 has been separated into two deadlines, deadlines 3 and 3A. The documents to be submitted are now spread over both deadlines. Those changes to the draft timetable will provide some additional time for parties to review the documents and/or comment on them at deadline 4, whilst not significantly affecting the amount of time available to the ExA to: compile its third written questions (if required); prepare and publish a RIES (if required); and compile its schedule of changes to the draft DCO (if required).

We have considered the comments made about the timing of deadlines 6 and 7. However, given the proximity of those deadlines to the end of the examination, we consider the dates for deadlines 6 and 7, respectively 2 and 9 June 2026, should not be altered to ensure that we have all the documentation required by the examination's close.

We have considered the comments made about the deadline for the submission of statements of common ground (SoCG). The ExA's intention to have final and signed SoCGs submitted by the mid-point of the examination was communicated to parties in [\[PD-005\]](#) dated 22 August 2025 and [\[PD-007\]](#) dated 21 November 2025. We are of the view that sufficient notice was provided by the ExA to enable an early start to have been made on the drafting of the requested SoCGs. Furthermore, negotiations can continue between parties following the submission of a SoCG, with updates potentially being submitted in the second half of the examination in any instances where parties' positions change after the examination's midpoint. Accordingly, we have not amended the date for submitting final and signed SoCGs, which remains as 24 March 2026 (renamed deadline 3A).

### 2. Examining Authority's written questions

Our [final written questions \(Final ExQ1\)](#). Please note that the final version of our written questions **supersedes the draft list of written questions** issued on **23 December 2025**. Whilst most of our written questions are directed at specific parties, no other party should feel inhibited or restricted in responding to any question we ask, even if it is directed to another party.

Some of our questions are directed to specific statutory parties which have not, at the time of writing, confirmed that they wish to become interested parties for the purposes of the

examination of the application.

All relevant statutory parties are requested to check our 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. We set out in [\[PD-007\]](#) the SoCGs that we consider should be submitted during this application's examination. Final signed versions of the SoCGs are requested to be submitted **by the applicant at deadline 3A**.

**All of the SoCGs should cover relevant articles and requirements included in the draft DCO.** Any interested party seeking that an article or requirement is reworded should provide the form of words which it is seeking for inclusion in the SoCG, as a disagreed matter, if the applicant does not agree with its inclusion in the draft development consent order.

The content of SoCGs will help to inform ExA of the need to hold any issue specific hearings during the examination.

### **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. The applicant should inform relevant persons 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. Additional Submissions**

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

### **Applicant's Response to the ExA's Procedural Decision [[PD-009](#)]**

The applicant has submitted a response to the ExA's procedural decision dated 19 December 2025 [[PD-009](#)]. This procedural decision was made in response to the applicant's submission of the notification of its intention to make three changes to the originally submitted application (Change Request 1), the details of which are summarised below:

- 1) The removal of approximately 13 hectares of land from the proposed order limits (red line boundary) to the north of Thurlby identified on the original application drawings as retained arable and grassland (part of Work Number 9, but not forming part of the biodiversity net gain score for the proposed development) and an area for possible underground cabling (part of Work Number 6)
- 2) The removal of the solar array originally proposed for field 46 (immediately north west of the proposed centralised battery and energy storage system), as notated on sheet 6 in Appendix A of the Framework Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (FLEMP) [AS-101]. This change to the proposed development being promoted in response to concerns raised by the owner of Grange Cottage, Bassingham Road and Historic England
- 3) The provision of additional hedgerow planting around River Farm (northwest of Bassingham Road)

In submitting the response, the applicant has provided further information, including:

- A Targeted Consultation Report which, amongst other things, includes a record of engagement between the applicant and the affected landowners in relation to the proposed changes.
- A schedule of application documents and plans associated with the Change Notification, listing the revisions to each document and plan which would occur because of a change or changes or marked as "no change" where applicable.

The ExA has made the procedural decision that this further information should be accepted as additional submissions and they are being added to the Examination Library as [AS-125 to AS-128 inclusive].

The ExA has reviewed this further information. The ExA considers that, when taken with the submissions already provided by the applicant [AS-103 to 122 inclusive], a complete change application is now available for it to be considered under Step 5 of the advice in

the Planning Inspectorate's "Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Changes to an application after it has been accepted for examination" ([the Advice](#)).

In accordance with Step 5 of the Advice, the ExA must now decide whether to accept or reject Change Request 1.

In light of the considerations already set out in [PD-009] and there being sufficient time for the examination of the proposed changes to be accommodated within the examination process, including the opportunity for interested parties and affected persons to make submissions about the proposed changes, the ExA has decided to accept Change Request 1. Consequently, the examination will proceed on the basis of the consideration of the changed application.

In line with the principles of fairness and reasonableness, all interested parties and affected persons are now invited to make representations on the changed application by **deadline 2**.

## **Hearings and site inspections**

The examination will principally be undertaken through the exchange of written submissions however the examination timetable reserves periods of time for hearings to be held (if required).

## **Requests to participate at hearings**

Interested parties must notify the Examining Authority (ExA) in writing of their wish to take part in an open floor hearing (OFH) on or before **20 January 2026** (examination deadline 1). Affected persons must notify the ExA of their wish for a compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH) to be held on or before **20 January 2026** (examination deadline 1).

Any request to participate in a hearing **should include** the following information:

- Name and unique reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from The Planning Inspectorate)
- Email address (if available) and contact telephone number
- Name and unique reference number of any person/ organisation that you are representing (if applicable)
- For blended events, confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in-person
- Confirmation of the hearing(s) you wish to participate in, the agenda item(s) on which you wish to speak and/ or brief details of the topic(s) that you would like to raise
- For CAHs, the plot number(s) of the relevant land provided in the [Book of Reference](#) and the [Land Plans](#)
- The [Examination Library](#) reference number (with paragraph/ page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to

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

Requests to participate should be made using an **event participation form** which will be provided with the notification of the hearing.

**Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter if you require any support or assistance to attend an event, either virtually or in person.**

If no written requests to take part in an OFH or CAH are received by the above mentioned deadline, the ExA will not be required to hold any such hearings, although we may choose to do so nonetheless.

We may also choose to hold issue specific hearings (ISH) about topics that we think need to be examined orally. The decision to hold an ISH about a particular topic is not connected to how relevant or important we consider an issue or topic to be.

### **Hearing agenda**

For ISHs and CAHs the ExA will publish a detailed draft agenda on the project website at least five working days in advance of the hearing date. 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**

Time has been reserved in the examination timetable to undertake an ASI during the week of 9 March 2026.

As requested in **annex F** of our 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](#).

The applicant will now prepare a draft itinerary, which should be submitted by **deadline 1**. It might be that the locations suggested, whilst private land, could be satisfactorily viewed by the ExA from publicly accessible viewpoints. It may also be the case that the owners of private land are happy for the ExA to access their land unaccompanied. If this is the case, then an ASI might be unnecessary or just be limited to particular sites.

Comments on the applicant's draft itinerary should be submitted by **deadline 2**.

We will then review the comments received about the draft itinerary and may make changes to it. Our final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the project webpage during the week of 23 February 2026.

Please note that for logistical and safety reasons it may be necessary to limit the numbers of persons who accompany us 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.

Should an ASI be necessary, the interested parties attending will include representatives of the applicant, North Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council 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 us about the proposed development.** However, we 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 under the [documents tab](#) 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 [FosseGreenEnergy@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:FosseGreenEnergy@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 button under the documents tab. 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.