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Good morning everyone. It's now 9:30 a.m. and time for this meeting to begin. I'd like to welcome you all to this preliminary meeting for the Rose Field Solar farm project. I just confirm that everyone can hear me. Yes. Excellent. Thank you. Can I also confirm that the live streaming and recording of this event has commenced?

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Thank you. My name is Richard Morgan. I'm a chartered engineer and fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers. I've been appointed by the Secretary of State to be the lead member of the panel to examine this application. I am now going to ask the other panel member to introduce himself.

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Good morning. My name is Mark James. I'm a chartered town planner, and I've also been appointed by the Secretary of State to be a member of this panel.

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Thank you. Together, we constitute the examining authority for this application. I'd also like to introduce the members of the Planning Inspectors case team who are supporting us today. You may have already spoken with them. We have Rebecca Luxton, the case manager for the project, and Melissa Whitlock here in the venue, along with James Leadsom, who's dealing with the virtual side of things. The case team will be able to answer any questions you may have about today's event and the process in general.

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And I'll just briefly deal with a few housekeeping matters for those attending in person. Can everyone please head all devices and phones to silent? The toilets are located below this room. Follow the signs from the foyer down the stairs and there are no fire drills scheduled for today. If the alarm sounds, follow the fire exit signs around the room and the directions of the hotel staff.

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I aim to keep the proceedings focused and as efficient as possible. To assist this, we issued annex B to our letter which invited you to this meeting. That was the rule six letter. That annex sets out an introduction to the preliminary meeting process, and we hope that you have all read this in advance, as I will only be providing a summary. Now you'll find the information about this application on the Planning Inspector, its National Infrastructure Planning website, and we strongly encourage you to

familiarize yourself with this website, because the examining authority will be using it to communicate with you and to provide access to documents throughout the examination.

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Today's meeting is being undertaken in a hybrid way, meaning some of you are present with us at the hearing venue and some of you are joining us virtually using Microsoft Teams. We'll make sure that however you decided to attend today, you'll be given a fair opportunity to participate. A recording of today's meeting will be made available on the Rose Field Solar Farm section of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as practicable after this meeting is finished.

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With this in mind, please ensure that you speak clearly into a microphone stating your name and who you are representing each time before you speak. If you're not at a table with a microphone, there's a roving microphone. So please wait for one of these to be brought to you before you speak. Link to the Planning Inspector's privacy notice was provided in our rule six letter. We assume that everyone here today has familiarized themselves with this document, which establishes how the personal data of our customers is handled in accordance with the principles set out in data protection laws.

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Please speak to the case management team in the room. If you have any questions about this. This meeting will follow the agenda as set out in annex A of the rule six letter. And it would be helpful if you had a copy of this in front of you. I'd be grateful if it could be displayed on the screen. For reference, please. Thank you.

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Let me just briefly explain the purpose of this this meeting. The purpose of this morning's meeting is to focus on the way in which the application is proposed to be examined. On that basis, we'll only be inviting discussion about the procedural aspects of this examination. The purpose of this meeting is not to discuss either the merits or concerns that you may have regarding the application. The merits or concerns can only be considered once the examination of the application begins, which happens following the close of this meeting.

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I'm now going to ask those of you who are participating today's meeting to introduce yourselves, and I state your organization's name. Could you introduce yourself, stating your name and who you represent and which agenda item you wish to speak on? If you're not representing an organization, please confirm your name. Summarize your interest in the application and confirm the agenda item upon which you wish to speak. So I'd like to first start with the applicant and their advisors, please.

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Thank you and good morning, sir. My name is Amy Sterling. I'm a senior associate solicitor at Pinsent Masons. I'm joined on by my left and my colleague Elizabeth Sandbach, also from Pinsent Masons. And on my right by Naomi Glover from EDF Power Solutions. And together we are representing the applicant today. I expect it will only be myself speaking during the preliminary meeting. And we are available to speak to all agenda items.

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Okay. Thank you, Miss Stirling. Can we now move on to the organizations and individuals that have a given notice of their intention to speak. Again, please introduce yourselves and tell us which agenda item you wish to speak on. Starting with Buckinghamshire Council, please.

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Thank you sir. I'm Daniel Gazelka. Council and I'm council acting for the council. And then going on the line here, we've got Zainab Hearn, Katherine Stubbs and Oliver Lewis. I'm sorry. Lewis. Oliver. Apologies for this. Um, and we are collectively representing the council. It's likely only I will speak at this hearing. Um, again, we're happy to assist generally where it's likely to be issues 3 to 5 or items 3 to 5.

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Okay.

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Thank you.

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Okay. Moving on to other interested parties. Um, is Miss Karlie Tinkler in the room today?

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Uh, she's she's not with us this morning. Uh, she's she's online.

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Okay. Um,

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if you're online, could you indicate if you wish to speak at this morning's meeting?

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I do not, thank you, sir.

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Okay. Thank you. Okay. Moving on. Uh, we have Mr. Alan Turner appearing on behalf of Mr. Greg Smith MP.

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Yes. Good morning. Um, as you quite rightly said, my name is Alan Turner. I'm representing Greg Smith, MP for Mid Buckinghamshire. Uh, in regard to this morning's meeting, uh, the points that I was going to raise have been answered. So I don't at this point have anything to say in regards to this morning's session, but I will this afternoon.

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Okay. Thank you, Mr. Turner.

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Next we have Miss Helen Hamilton.

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Yes. Good morning. I'm Helen Hamilton from March's planning and environment and I represent the Claydon Solar Action Group. I don't anticipate having anything to say in this morning's session. Thank you very.

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Much. Thank you, Miss Hamilton. Mr. Gareth Williams.

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Gareth Williams, the director of biosciences for business within.

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And I don't wish to speak.

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Okay. Thank you.

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Next I've got.

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Amy Stirling on behalf of the applicant. Sorry, I just didn't make sure so that we can pick it up on the recording that people in the audience need to use the mic.

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Sorry. Yes. Um, well, if you've got a mic.

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Perhaps Mr. Williams could repeat what he just said. Just for the. For the record.

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Yep. Hello. My name is Gareth Williams. I'm a director of TCS Biosciences, a local business in bottle, Clayton, and I do not wish to speak this morning. Thank you.

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Okay. Thank you. Mr. Williams and I have a miss Ray Sloan. Miss Sloan in the room.

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No more psychiatric.

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No, I'm not in the room. I'm not attending, and I don't wish to speak. Thank you very much.

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Okay. Thank you, Miss Sloan. Uh, Mr. James Preston. Yes. Can you just wait for the mic, please?

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Hi.

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We would like to say something on item three, just very briefly. Thank you.

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Okay. Thank you. And then lastly, I've got Mr. David Tibbetts.

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Is Mr. Tibbetts in the room

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or is he online?

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No.

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Okay.

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So if I could ask if there's anyone else in the room who wishes to speak today. If you let me know now and again if you could introduce yourselves and let us know on which agenda item you wish to speak, so that anyone present in the room, as anyone else would like to speak on any of the agenda items this morning.

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No.

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Okay. Can I ask the same question to the people who joined us virtually online? Anyone online who wishes to speak on any of the gender items of this morning meeting?

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Nope. Can't see any hands up if anyone else decides they wish to speak to in the course of this morning's proceedings, for example, to make comments in response to representations made by other

parties who may do so, please raise your hand either physically or using the function within Microsoft Teams if you wish to speak. So are there any other comments? Anyone wishes to make an agenda item one before we move on.

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Now in the room? No,

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we can't see any hand online either. Okay. So that concludes agenda item number one. We now turn to item two on the agenda, the examining authority's remarks about the examination process to streamline the running of this event in annex B of our rule six letter. We introduced the preliminary meeting and the examination process, explaining how it will be conducted and how you can participate. For expediency, I'm assuming that everyone has read this, and therefore I don't propose to spend time reading it out now.

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It's important that you're clear in your understanding of the process. Therefore, if there is anything you're unclear about or on which you need clarity, then this is your opportunity to ask if you have any specific points to make regarding the draft timetable. Can I ask that these are raised later in the agenda under item four? I'm now going to briefly run through the helpful submissions already provided by parties in writing and procedural deadline A on the examination process. Firstly, I note that the applicant confirmed that they had no comments or submissions in relation to the examination procedure.

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Stirling. Is that correct?

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Amy Stirling on behalf of the applicant. Yes that's correct.

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Okay. Thank you.

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Buckinghamshire Council, we noted welcome the fact that the meetings this week are taking place as blended events with attendance in person or virtually online, to maximise the opportunities for attendance and engagement. The Council will welcome a direction for all hearings where feasible, will proceed in this way. On that point, I can confirm that it's the examining authority's intention to run future hearings when required as blended events, allowing attendance both in person and online.

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Um, the council also suggested in its procedural deadline a submission that issues Specific hearings address key considerations relating to each of the principal issues. Identify the by the examining authority would be appropriate. Will be discussing the examining Authority's initial assessment of principal issues under the next agenda item. Item three. However, I think this is an appropriate point to reinforce the advice providing annex B of our rule six letter in relation to issue specific hearings.

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Namely, the Ex has the discretion to whole issue specific hearings. It would aid the examination, and there is a specific reason this would be more helpful than reliance on written evidence. Only the lack of any issue specific hearing on one or more topics does not suggest that that topic is less important than others, which is subject to a hearing. Rather, it's an indication that the examining authority is satisfied that the issues can be fully considered through written submissions and responses to its written questions.

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And that each party has had a fair opportunity to put its case. Does the council have any further comments on to make on that issue?

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No. Thank you for the council. No. Thank you sir.

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Okay. Thank you. On the basis of the information set out in acts B, are there any other comments anywhere in the room or online would like to make about the way in which we propose to examine this application? So looking in the room first I can't see any hands looking online. I don't see any hands up online either. Okay. So that concludes this agenda item. Uh, we're now in item three, examining Authority's initial assessment of principal issues.

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This was contained in annex C of our rule six letter, which you might like to refer to. I'd be grateful you could display this on the screen, please.

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If you go down a little bit until we actually get to the

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the table with the issues. That's great. Thank you. So section 88, subsection one of the Planning Act 2008, as amended, requires the examining authority to make an initial assessment of the principal issues arising on the application. I'll not go through each issue now as they set out in ANC and they're on the screen. However, I'd like to note some relevant points. Firstly, apart from need site selection and alternatives, which logically come first, the principal issues have been compiled alphabetically and not in order of importance.

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So that's really important. Secondly, and this is also really important. Um, you should note, uh, and this may well address some of the comments. People are intended to make on this agenda item. The annex is neither a comprehensive nor exclusive list of all issues that are important.

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And relevant to this examination. It is based on our reading of the application documents. The relevant representations received our initial consideration of any important and relevant matters. It

does not determine the full scope of the examination. It will inevitably be the case that other relevant issues will arise in the examination. Those are the other issues that will be considered and examined thoroughly when that happens.

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So, um, basically that's all I was going to say on the on that. So I'll open it up now to the people who want to speak on item three. So I think, Mr. Williams, if you could. Sorry, Mr. Preston. You can just wait for a microphone to come to you.

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Thank you. Um, sorry. James Preston from Preston Farms Limited. We're also linked to our sister company, TCS Biosciences. Um, we are an operational and interest within the order limits, both as an agricultural tenant and a freehold owner. Our holding is not a normal agricultural one. We operate a specialist horse and sheep business supporting biomedical supply chains and licensed by the Home Office with enhanced welfare, environmental and biosecurity requirements.

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We just want to flag at this stage that we think the impact on businesses, particularly specialist businesses such as ours, would benefit from closer examination during the process. At the moment, the application seems to describe us as a typical farm, which doesn't really reflect how our business operates or the sensitivities involved. At present, we don't feel the application shows that the powers sought are necessary or workable in practice for our business. We will expand on this the compulsory acquisition hearing. And in our written representation today, we simply want to ensure the examining authority understands that this is a specialist business where the practical impacts may not yet be fully understood.

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We would also welcome the opportunity for site inspection so the operational context can be seen.

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Thank you. If I could stop you there. Um, we're not here to actually discuss any merits, but I take your point about the nature of your actual business, which the WSA fully understands. Um, although not explicitly spelt out in the IAP list, uh, I think in the population, we do have agricultural businesses. And as I mentioned in the introduction to this agenda item, um, that list is not exhaustive by any means.

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We examine every single topic, um, and quite often, um, you know, issues that appear on that list drop away and other other issues come to the fore as more important. So I can assure you that we'll be considering every single issue before us. Um, Miss Sterling, if you wanted to comment on any of that.

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On behalf of the applicant and know we believe that it is covered by the initial assessment of principal issues, but I take the additional.

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I'm sorry.

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Sorry, I apologize. Sterling, on behalf of the applicant. No, I have no comment to make. I believe it is adequately covered within the initial assessment of principal issues, but it's helpful to have the additional context, and I'm sure that something will return to you later in the open before hearing or tomorrow at the compulsory acquisition hearing. Thank you.

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Okay. Thank you. So are there any other comments in the room or online on the initial Assessment of principal issues list?

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I can't see any hands within the room or online. Okay. Thank you all for your comments. So that concludes this agenda item. I'm now going to hand over to my colleague Mr. James.

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Thank you. We're now on item four regarding the draft examination timetable. Um, it was helpful if the applicant could please share and of our rule six letter on the screen, please.

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Thank you. This annex sets out the proposed examination timetable, including deadlines for written submissions and the dates for hearings. It also includes dates for the zoning authority to issue documents such as our written questions. Please note that for the avoidance of doubts, that the precise deadline for each submission on the stated date is 11:59 p.m., I know it's time to go through the full timetable in its entirety, but I will highlight some key points.

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Now we've decided to hold an open floor hearing, and this afternoon, at the early stage of the nomination, to allow parties who wish to do so and who have registered to set their views to us on the developments at an early stage. Therefore, we will hold the open floor hearing at 1:30 p.m. this afternoon. This week, we'll also be holding a compulsory acquisition hearing on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. and if required, we'll run into Thursday morning.

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Moving on to the deadline one which is timetabled for Tuesday the 10th of March. This includes a deadline for the submission of local impact reports by the local authority, and written representations from any interested party.

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We then propose to publish our first round of written questions on Thursday the 2nd of April, with responses due by deadline, to which is Wednesday the 22nd of April. Unaccompanied site inspection is scheduled for the week commencing the 18th of May. Together with issue specific open floor and compulsory acquisition hearings if required. As with the events taking place this week, these events would be run in a hybrid manner, so in person and virtually.

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If required, we propose to publish a further set of written questions on Friday the 5th of June, with a deadline for responses to those questions by Monday the 22nd of June, which the deadline for further dates of reserve hearings is required in the week commencing the 6th of July. We are under a duty to complete examination within six months of its opening. This is by 24th of August. The zoning authority may, however, decide to close examination earlier if it considers it matters if it examines adequately.

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Once the examination is closed, no further submissions can be considered by the examining authority.

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We have not received any requests in writing to amend the draft timetable. In response to our real six letter

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and note from the applicant's response. All six letter and document reference. PDA 001. That's it. Had no comments to make in relation to the examination procedure. Can we confirm that it's consistent with the timetable, please?

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Amy Stirling, on behalf of the applicant. Yes, I can confirm we have no comment to make on the examination timetable. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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We also note the request from Buckinghamshire Council, Stockport reference A.S. 040, to set the date for hearings in the week commencing the 18th of May, at an early stage to maximise opportunities for engagement. We are mindful of this and we will look to give reasonable notice of hearing dates. The intention of identifying the week commencing the 18th May in the timetable is also to provide further advance notice, as stated in our rule six letter. A detailed agenda for the hearings will be published at least five working days in advance.

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Does the council have any further comments on that point at this stage, please?

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Daniel Gazelka for the council? No, we have no further comments at this stage.

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Thank you.

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Do you have any other people who wish to speak against the timetable, either in the room?

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Or online?

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Okay, I see how hands.

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Thank you. Um, we'll take any comments on boards when producing our rule six letter, which will include the oral eight letter, sorry, which will include our final science table, which will be published as soon as practicable after this meeting.

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Moving on to agenda item five. Any of the matters?

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Firstly, we would like to draw your attention to the planning metrics and data guidance regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence or AI. This requires all parties to declare when they have used AI to draft text, produce a summary, generates or alter images, or create content beyond simple formatting or spell checking. If you do not declare the use of AI when submitting evidence, the examining authority reserves the right to reject the submission. We will verify the details of this guidance in our rule six letter, including the link to the guidance.

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A further point in relation to the unaccompanied site inspections the applicant has submitted a schedule of 12 possible locations to visit as part of its procedural deadline. A submission document reference PD Dash 001. The locations primarily reflect viewpoints considered in the applicant assessment of the landscape and visual effects.

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Buckinghamshire Council has also submitted a further additional location in its submission as Document Reference A.S. 040 um, and that is an additional location to the eastern side of woods, which also considers may be an additional viewpoint in terms of the landscape and visual effects assessment, but the Council has also suggested identifying further locations in its Local Impact report.

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We receive no further suggestions for site inspections. Procedure deadline A the applicant will now submit its final itinerary and a final draft itinerary for the company site. Science fiction is a deadline one, and interested parties will be able to submit comments on this deadline to this, with last opportunity for interested parties to influence the itinerary. So I'd encourage any parties who wish to do so to make the most of this opportunity at the deadline to following deadline to the examining authority will publish its final itinerary at least five working days before the date of the company site inspection that will be held during the week commencing the 18th of May.

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Does the applicant have any comments on that particular point at this stage, please?

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Amy Stirling, on behalf of the applicant, only to confirm, sir, that the suggested application from Buckinghamshire Council is being incorporated into the draft itinerary that we will submit next week at deadline one.

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Thank you,

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Buckinghamshire Council.

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Daniel Gazelka for the council. No further comments and we welcome that addition.

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Thank you. Are there any of the parties you wish to comment on? The other matters that I've just identified, either in the room.

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Or online?

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I can see no hands.

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In that case, I should hand back to my colleague Morgan.

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Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. James. Thank you, everyone, for contributing so fully and usefully to this meeting. Both those here in person, those attending online, and those who provided written submissions and procedural deadline.

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sorry on behalf of the applicant. Sorry, I do have a few updates related to statements of Common Ground. I wasn't sure if you were only talking about the ACI still. Sorry sir. So if we're about to close, I would rather give the updates for the statement of Common Ground. Okay.

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Please do. Please do.

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Okay. Thank you. Sorry for the misunderstanding. Yes. We have a couple of updates related to the statement of common ground that we wanted to provide to you. The first is that the applicant is preparing a statement of common ground with HS2, primarily around construction traffic management. That was not one of the ones that was listed in the real sex, but we think it would be beneficial for the examination. So we wanted to give you advance notice of that, and it's expected that a draft will be submitted at deadline one.

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Um, we are also progressing the statement of Common Ground with Cleveland Solar Action Group. However, at the request of the action Group, this will not be submitted at deadline one and instead the parties will target deadline two on 22nd April. The reason for that is, understandably, the action group want to prepare and submit their written representations first at deadline one which they will then use to inform the formulation of the statement of common grounds, so that draft is not intended to be submitted next week.

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The final update I have on Statement of Common Ground Matters is that the applicant is not proposing to provide a statement of common ground with national Grid electricity distribution engaged, and the reason for that is that the parties have now agreed protective provisions and a commercial agreement which is currently being prepared for signature. Therefore, we feel that there would be limited use of the statement of common ground if the agreement can be signed, and then we will submit confirmation of that at deadline one.

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If not, we will submit confirmation of that as soon after and then provide the protective provisions within the draft DCO deadline to. But there is not really too much to inform a statement of common ground. Now those agreements have taken place. The final point I wish to make is that one of the documents requested by the examiner authority is a national policy Statement Tracker and NPS tracker. The applicant is currently proposing to prepare one of those because it has an equivalent of an NPS. Accordance tables, which can be found at appendix four of the planning statement, which is examination Library reference 8S027.

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If there is anything which is in those not in those accordance tables that the examining authority would wish, I wish to see, then of course, happy to take a written question on that. But we believe that anything that would be put in the NPS tracker is already in the NPS accordance table. So to avoid duplication, it is not a document that we plan to submit for deadline one. Thank you.

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Okay. Thank you for those updates. And we'll take a look at Ace 027 to see if it does meet our requirements on that. Okay. Before I close then is there any other comments?

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Daniel Gazelka for the council. And thank you sir. Just picking up on some of the one of the points made about the statements of common ground, and the Council has been provided a draft statement of common ground by the applicant, which we're working through. I just wanted to give you some foresight on what's likely to be provided by us at deadline one. Deadline one is when our local impact report is due, and it's also likely we'll provide a how, I might say, a first draft response to the applicant at that point. Um, obviously, we will continue to work with the applicant to agree as much as we can, but it's likely to be that what you receive at deadline one is a relatively early stage consideration of those matters, but we note that the ultimate deadline is deadline six.

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Um, and we will work towards agreeing as much as we can with the applicant.

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Thank you. Thanks for that update. Any further comments?

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Not in the room, not online. Okay. Thank you everyone for contributing so fully and usefully to this meeting. Both those here in person, those attending online and those who provided written submissions that preceded the deadline. A will reflect carefully on what has been said today. Our rule eight letter, which will include confirmation of the examination timetable, will be published either later this week or early next week. Both a written note and a recording of the proceedings today will be made available as soon as possible on the relevant project page of the Planning Inspectorate National Infrastructure website.

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For any administrative questions that you might have, I'm sure the case team attending today will be able to help and ask you not to speak directly with myself or my colleague on the panel in the interest of fairness and impartiality. I also remind you of the open floor hearing taking place in this room at 130 this afternoon, along with the compulsory acquisition hearing scheduled for 130 on Wednesday. Thank you everyone. This meeting is now closed.