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Good afternoon. It's 335. And this issue specific hearing two is resumed into, um, environmental matters. Um, we're on to agenda item five, which is land use and agriculture. And I'm going to invite for sort of farming. So I'm sorry to interrupt Patrick Robinson for the applicant. So, um, I think a lot of it for health, safety and well-being. You're absolutely right.

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I'm pleased that you're on the board.

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My work here is done.

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I do apologize. Um, yes, I was looking ahead. Um, whilst I was in the break. Um, yes. Let's start again. We're on agenda item for effects on health, safety and well-being. Um, I'm going to invite the local councils and other interested parties to present their main points from the evidence submitted regarding the effects of the proposed development on health, safety and wellbeing. Um, and then I'll give the opportunity to the applicant to respond to each of the points made by the local, um, bodies.

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So I'll start first, please, with fields for farming.

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Okay. And up.

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Uh, Karen Howard. Um, fields for farming group. And also a local resident and, uh, daughter of one of the tenant farmers. Um, now late tenant farmer, um, in stainless steel ball.

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Would you be more comfortable sitting down than bouncing. No, I mean, I mean, up at the table, I know.

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You can use the, um, desk. Microphone.

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Sorry. I say you did say your name very clearly. I just wanted to write it.

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Karen. Howard.

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Thank you.

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Um, I'm also a holistic therapist. Um, so walking in nature significantly improves mental health. It reduces stress, anxiety. That's a scientific, proven fact. Um, a lot of people walk in the local area. They come along from the, you know, to walk the Trent Valley and all the area is certainly staple. A lot of people move to the area because of the walking around there. Um, walking in green spaces, um, it lowers your cortisol levels. Um, provides a mental break from daily pressures. Lots of families use the lanes for walking, cycling, exercising, dogs and horse riding.

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Um, my concern is, um, this become unsafe during construction for children and animals to be on the lanes. Once built, these hedgerows, if you look at the artist's impression, within 15 years there's a slight improvement, um, of the hedgerows growing up. Realistically, that's not going to, um, be be apparent. Um, but the rate at which hedgerows grow. Also, it's taken the entire views. It's okay popping a hedgerow up, but then the views that people have at the moment, they'll be totally gone.

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Um, the high house area that has views for miles. People want to, um, view the fields and the trees for mental health purposes and not be staring at glass and, um, metal. Also, the noise from the transformers will be replacing the birdsong, um, as people are walking the lanes. And that's something that's of a concern because that's also proven that, um, that helps with people's mental health. Um, and also their physical health. Thank you.

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Thank you very much, Mr. Howard. Um,

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I will ask for people who would like to speak on that to put their hands up, because I've forgotten from earlier after lunch. Um, if you'd like to just put your hands up if you want to speak on health, safety and well-being. Um, Mr. Fleming. Bob Fleming fields for farming. Uh, I'm not a medical expert. Just a village resident, a taxpayer. And I lie awake at night at the thought of the devastation that's going to be brought upon that area.

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That's no small rural community. I believe that this relatively isolated areas, North Knox is about to face a mental health crisis of unprecedented, unprecedented proportions. This was Grant's project as hung over our heads for several years, and I've spent a great deal of time and effort reading and researching the effect of huge solar installations and associated infrastructure on our communities. I doubt whether more than 50 residents have read and understood the enormity of the industrial tsunami that is about to be unleashed upon us.

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It's undeniable that the mental health of the total population will deteriorate as a result.

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I think one of the problems I'm worried about is the residents feelings of isolation that will be exacerbated by the fact that, once built, these solar farms will be remotely controlled, no human activity visible. Who will who will want to walk along miles of endless fenced off panels with the constant buzz of inverters ringing in their ears. No view, no horizons, no other human activity, and no wifi signal to speak of. We've got an elderly population in our village, many of whom have spent their entire lives living there, and they're increasingly concerned about the impact their implications are going to have on their And daily lives.

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We've already experienced the death of one of our elderly and much loved farmers, devastated by the thought that he'd not only lose his home and his livelihood, he has nothing to leave to his children and grandchildren. They've got no future in our countryside in which they grew up and prospered. Residents are quite rightly fearful of the effects of the constant construction noise, traffic, gridlock, trespass, dust in summer months and wooden floods in winter. They're going to have to cope with hundreds of construction workers, most of them foreign nationals destroyed in our environment and who have no respect for our residents or their lives.

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They are afraid of the reduction in property values, which will prevent them from being able to afford to move out of the area as their own property values. After all, who wants to live in a remote village surrounded by an industrial park? Many will remember the constant traffic and construction noise they endured from 6:00 until 11:00 at night, when the gas fired power units were built at. At West Burton, at least at the West Burton site, it was on the site. It wasn't all around the village. Virtually every road is going to be gridlocked. Every lane road will be gridlocked by.

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By convoys and construction machinery. These horrors are bound to increase the feelings of absolute of isolation being abandoned by the authorities. They have yet to learn about the construction of the 41 bus units. And on the edge of the village, um, they know that the fires will produce. Those that know about it knows that the fires can produce toxic pollutants and heavy metals. And they query how long will it take to fabricate to reach their remote village. Once the alarm has been raised there, they will be further concerned that all these systems are remotely monitored, as are all solar array

installations and one of the future at least 2 to 3 years of solar farm construction and a further 40 years of constant noise from inverters and other electrical equipment running constantly in the background.

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And at the same time, they'll have to contend with the national grid upgrade with even more pylons around their homes, their homes on the western side, the new build gas fired power generation unit is coming. It's going to be followed by the £2.5 billion step fusion plants, with the prospect of a nuclear plant at cotton. That's two decades of non-stop construction projects in a geographic area of less than ten kilometre radius, from the Church of Saint Peter and Paul in Stoughton. And who will they be able to turn to for redress? Not the politicians in County Hall, not our local MPs who fail to reply to their constituents emails regarding the absence of our local authority at the recent inquiry here, not the fire authorities who fail to answer our Freedom of Information Act requests.

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They were not surprised to learn last week that the same authority, local authority Bassetlaw District Council, wants to designate our village a conservation area, while at the same time appearing to approve the building of a nine home mini housing estate outside the village boundary and close to the best compound, only about 500m or less than from the best compound. This decision was made in the knowledge that it contains both the Stoughton Neighbourhood Plan and the local Bassetlaw Plan.

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Their anxiety will only increase in the knowledge that a lot of local authorities do not seem to care, and that once again, we won't see any anybody from the Notts Police patrol in the area. What does this application of a local authority offer in any way of alleviating our anxiety, our fields, our our fears, our stress, our mental health, our quality of life, of improving our human rights? There's nothing in the proposal that will prevent the deterioration of any of these conditions. Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Fleming. Um, there's a hand further back, and then I'll come to you. Um, Mr. Barlow. Um. Just wait. The microphone's going to come.

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You can, um, state your name again, please. That'll be held.

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Hi, it's Karen Hodgson fields for farming. Um, and just to kind of back up what my colleagues have said in terms of recent evidence. I've had communication with people connected to the only current operating concept that was approved beginning of last year down in Kent at Clive Hill, and the residents in Graveney and surrounding villages, they're reported consistently and um, and many, many reports complaining about the noise about construction breaches There were meant to be agreements.

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That construction work would finish at 5:00, but endless occasions when it went on way past there. Um, and I noted in the um documents it states there's a caveat for exceptions. It's, uh, it's proposed to finish construction work. I think it's 630 Monday to Friday, which is still pretty late in the day. Um, and then there's exceptions to be made.

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Um, but the people in Kent experienced their road surfaces worsening, uh, endless potholes, um, trucks, large vehicles backing into walls, cracks in village homes in on the walls of houses up against the narrow lanes and where construction traffic passed by and also especially when the piling was being driven in, it was like a constant pound, pound, pound, pound throughout the day for very long periods of time.

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And people were basically driven crazy by this. So the evidence that these large scale sites do cause huge amount of distress, and the developers don't stick to the promises that they make about controlling those issues, because they know that local authorities don't have the capacity and the resources to hold them to account. And that's the big fear here. But that will happen. Bassetlaw aren't even really engaging with this process.

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So how are they going to monitor and enforce mitigations and guidelines? Um, Bob and I also very recently went down to the, um, one of the largest solar farms, um, wasn't an in zip, obviously down at till. Not very far from us. And the people who live in a very small hamlet of town said that in the summer months, particularly the noise, um, from the res, etc., etc. is just unbearable.

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It's just a constant loud hum and it's just something they're just having to live with. Um, so there are very real concerns about how health and wellbeing will be affected. Um, and it no longer will. I did my London Marathon training many years ago, running around the local lanes. You know, it won't be the joy and pleasure. Um, if I were to do that in the next couple of years or thereafter, because I won't have any views, I'll be hemmed in by fences and hedgerows.

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Um, so, you know, the experience will change. The minute you go down there around the lanes and there are a lot of people out exercising and enjoying nature, and that's going to change. It's not going to be the same anymore. Thank you.

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Thank you, Miss Hodgson. Anybody else wish to make a point? Um. Mr. Barlow.

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Thank you. Okay. James Barlow, North Lipton windmill. Uh, section for effects on health, safety and well-being. Um, as we we've talked about, the windmill has a pride of place within the community. It's pride of place is because of where it is, the community that it's in, the fields. It's in the vision. It's in. Um, I'm just wondering, firstly, the assessment of the lanes, footpaths, etc. from what I can see, nearly every footpath is affected, so the footpath shan't be there.

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Maybe I'd like to know what the current distance of footpath is and what the proposed distance is. Footpaths are when this development would be finished, so we can see the true effect it has on footpaths and what can be seen.

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We all know that the countryside does help people's wellbeing. We all know that it is. We all know the countryside. That's why people move to the countryside, not to into industrial areas.

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Safety. Safety, which isn't particularly your fault, but it will affect us. Every time I read about a solar farm being established. That's become a great problem to yourselves. I think you would agree. Less to yourselves means less to us, to the community, to the villages, to the farms, just to the rural community. Yes. You'll put your security on. What do we have to do to combat the thefts that you have brought into our area? Another expense to ourselves

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and wellbeing. Wellbeing is something that I struggle with. I struggle with since the last meeting. to think about how you consider our well-being when you consider that windows are not for looking out of windows are solely for light. I don't think you're even looking at what we see if you don't consider windows to be looking out of. And I do wonder why people pay extra for a sea view, or they move into the palace. Look out their windows when windows are solely for light. Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Barlow.

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Anybody further?

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I'm going to, um, Mr. Appleyard.

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Bill Appleyard, various people, parish council. Uh, there's been a lot said just there. So I agree with all the health and welfare concerns already expressed. None of these specialists and lawyers will be anywhere to be seen for smoke, if granted, is knowing. If it doesn't work out, who can we talk to? How will they help us?

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Thank you. Thank you.

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Thank you all. There's a range of points there that I am not going to try and summarize. Um, I've got a note of them all. Um, I'm going to give the applicant an opportunity to respond to what you've just heard.

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So thank you very much, Patrick Robinson for the applicant. Yes. Just wondering the best way in which to deal with that? Um, and I note on the agenda item that the specific reference to Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue. I think I have it right that they're not in attendance at the moment. Um, obviously, what a number of times in the last item and indeed I said, well, let's take that for

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It's agenda item. If we could please start with fire safety because was quite specific. And we have Mr. Cole here who talk about the and the management plans for that. And, um, we also have the mayor if we need to deal with, uh, fire, fire suppression water, I think as we move outside of that. So I, if we listen to that person could just ask if there are any particular items of concern that you have, the agenda that you'd ask specifically for it to look at.

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Because obviously we but we have heard noise and we do have our noise expert online that would that you could certainly go to him uh about noise wellbeing a number of times. We do have a, uh a wellbeing specialist that's quite broad as to what, what the questions are. But we could. We could.

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Ask her about any specific points that you you might like to draw attention to. Um, I think probably outside of that,

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it would be hard for us to pick out individual themes, because I think it seems to go to that fire noise well-being. If there is some specifics on wellbeing.

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Could you switch your microphone?

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Thank you.

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So if you're happy with that, then we would move to fire safety first.

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Yes I will. And and what I was going to ask you to do was, um, in, in making a statement about that touch on, on the engagement you've had with the fire service and, and what you can tell us about their position regarding your proposals. I know we haven't got them here. We will endeavour to get a response from them, but that would be helpful. Um, hold on a minute. Um. Mr.. What would you like to say?

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I feel like the outstanding Steve Parish Council. I thought we were talking about health and wellbeing, etc. in this last. I don't recall Mike Myers don't recall any mention of fire.

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Um, I have. Sorry about that. Um, it comes under the safety aspect and it was on the agenda for again. Thank you. Thank you.

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Um, Daniel Cole.

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Um, we have detailed the measures we've taken to address fire risk in our best facility in a document called the Outline Fire Risk Management Plan, which we've submitted as part of the DCO paperwork. Um, battery technology is continually evolving at a fast pace. that I need. Fire safety is is a key focus in the industry. So the information and measures we outlined in this document reflect our best understanding of best practice within the industry.

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However, as the project progresses through to detailed design, a detailed fire risk management plan will be developed and will be done so in close liaison with the Nottingham Fire and Rescue Service. We met with Nottingham Fire and Rescue Service on the 15th of January via our teams meeting, and where we had the opportunity to present the measures that we've included in our fire risk management plan, particularly around the design of the best compound, which I'll get on to shortly.

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Um, the strategy we outlined in the in the document, the Outline fire risk management plan, the intention is that the emergency services need not intervene. Um, we have a number of principles which we set out. Uh, to control the fire so that intervention directly shouldn't need to happen. These principles are, um, measures to produce a very low risk of a fire initiating within the battery enclosures in the first place. Measures to give a very low risk of that fire spreading within the battery enclosures.

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Um, design principles and modeling to create a very low risk of the violence. But in between one enclosure to the next. And then finally, should there be a failure of all of those control measures? Um, we include design provisions within our compounds to accommodate the use of emergency services, such as the fire department. Um, if they are required.

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Um, so for some practical examples of mitigation measures, um, each pair of battery enclosures is separated from the next by a minimum of three meters and all other infrastructure. The battery facility site itself is over 350m from the nearest occupied premises

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and over 50m from the nearest publicly accessible space, which is Common Lane to the south.

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The compound is accessible from two separate public roads, Common Lane to the south, and also Gainsborough Road to the north west of the facility, in two different directions from the compound. And the compound itself has two vehicular accesses at opposing ends of the compound. We provide ample space, which we checked using Smart Path analysis to ensure that there's space for vehicles to fire, tender vehicles to do three point turns within the facility, and driving a circular route, and also access within 45m of all facility areas.

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We have also agreed, in discussions with Nottingham Fire and Rescue Service, to provide a water supply or a provision sufficient for two hours of fire fighting on the basis of 1900 litres per minute being discharged, which is approximately 223m³. Um, this will either be stored on site adjacent to the compounds, or it will be provided via a pipes connection.

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considering the use of water in fighting fire, we've also made amendments, um, or inclusions within the surface water drainage strategy for the the compound. Um, so that in the event of a fire, um, contaminated fire water runoff will be contained within the attenuation basin. Um, we do this through the inclusion of a penstock valve, which we install on the and the outlet drain from the attenuation basin. In the event of a fire, the penstock valve is designed to be closed to prevent any water draining from the compound, leaving the compound and entering a watercourse, and we positioned the attenuation basin and the penstock valve in close proximity to our access tracks so that the basin can be pumped out and it can either be tested on site and, if it's safe, be reintroduced into into the basin, or if it's deemed to be contaminated, it can be disposed of safely off site.

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Um, we've also run a capacity check on the basin, um, to ensure that it has enough capacity for the 223m³ of water runoff, as well as a 1 in 10 year, 24 hour duration storm, so that we minimise the risk. of the basin overflowing? Should there be a rainfall event following a fire event?

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I hope that's helpful. Do you have any other questions?

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That is helpful. Um, and what's the response of the fire and rescue service? How content are they with the proposals you've outlined?

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That key concern in the meeting was that we were following an FCC guidance. So I presented the various ways that we've done so.

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Nottingham Fire Chiefs Council. Okay. So they've released a guidance document in 2023 which outlines design principles we should adhere to. Um, in the name of fire safety in best developments. Um, an example of that would be keeping at least 25m away from occupied premises.

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Um, so they were interested that we'd followed that guidance. Um, and they were happy with the design that we presented to them. The one comment they had was that we had one option for accessing water via a fire hydrant next to Gainsborough Road. Um, they said that that was too far away for them to, to access and then bring to sign. Um, so their preference would be for us to either provide a pipes connection or store the water in tanks adjacent to the compound.

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Thank you.

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Thank you. Um, do they have any is there any requirement for them to ultimately sign off your proposals?

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Um, thanks.

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Applicant. Um.

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Yes, sir. So if you look at schedule two of the DCO, which secures a via risk management plan. Um.

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that the Fire Rescue Service does have to be consulted and sign off of that plan. Excellent.

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Thank you.

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Um. That's helpful. On on the first. Have you got any questions? No. There's questions in the room from the Barlow's. I'll let them work out. Who's going to speak first? Thank you. Um, it's a question, because I'm not sure. Um, I think you started off telling us how far the nearest residents were away from the rest storage. And did you tell us how far the nearest public access was from the best storage.

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And Daniel called for the applicant? Yes. So the nearest publicly accessible space to the best compound is Common Lane, which is 50m or over 50m away from the best compound to the south.

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Thank you. Okay, I'm not sure if that's correct. Not knowing exactly where the best storage is, but there's obviously a church yard. I thought very close to where, which I'm assuming a churchyard has public access. And secondly, I think it's a 350m away from the nearest residence. Does that include the latest planning permissions that's been granted for the latest houses that's going to be built in Stoughton?

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Thank you. Mr. Barlow said comments about the churchyards, proximity to the the basin and these potential latest developments. Do you have any any comments on that?

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I'm Daniel Cole for the applicant. We're not aware of the churchyard being in close proximity to the best facility we have, commonly to the south. There's also a public right of way that passes to the east of the bears facility, but it's sited in or proposed to be sited in an open field with the quarry access track to the north.

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Thank you for that. And I'm just trying to work out because I think earlier on you said that it was raised above ground level, above normal flood level when we was talking about flooding. So I'm assuming that it's from the Quarry Lane somewhere slightly raised from the Quarry Lane going up towards West Burton, which is very adjacent to the churchyard.

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So if I can intervene, I think the raised was plinth raised. It was 300mm to centimeters. Old money. A foot in the air. Not. Not laterally. Yeah. Um.

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I was going to, uh, just just if we're at, um, um, uh, on the subject of fire service, there's one other thing I just want to say was, and they are listed as a statement of Common Ground party, which I suspect you would be particularly interested to know whether you're going to be seeing a common ground from. I think that is in discussion, uh, with them.

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The residential properties, the new planning permissions we talked about that obviously makes all of us in the subject of noise that was raised. Um, if we are going to deal with those, we can ask mister, um, uh, something like Crawford or Craven. Sorry, Mike couldn't be enough to get Mr. Craven who's on line to two. I think he is able to deal with that. Where that residential development is, because I suspect you would want to know where that residential development is.

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Okay. Thank you. Yes. I'm just wondering actually, just for this, other questions, if we are able to pop a plan up to show the location of the business, because I'm feeling it's proving a little problematic to work out what we're talking about here. Um, that'd be helpful. You're welcome to. Don't worry. We know where it is. But, um, it's just the purpose of the subject to the question of popping. Popping up. That's.

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Pop out in the.

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Back to see it's gone up. I don't know who's got control of the screen at the moment. We do. Good. Excellent. So, um, could I just ask Mr., um, bridges to just take us through locations on this?

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Bridges for the applicant.

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Um, this is the works plan. So these aren't precise locations. They are areas where the development will be built. The yellow is the area that is work. Um, work orders for the beds. So, as Mr. Cole said, the nearest public place is to the south, which is Common Lane and a public right of way. Um, there are public, as this court said, there were probably the right of way to the east and to the west, but the closest proximity is common Line.

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While we're still on, could could we just go to plan up? Could you direct? I know it's going to appear on this plan. Um, across to where? The residential development, if there's been approved.

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So if you move directly to the west, the farmyard that is now being. You can now see North Street Farm. That is the farmyard where the recent which I believe was on Wednesday Last week, planning permission was granted.

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Thank you for that. Um, Mr. Bowler, does that answer your question about.

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Um, churchyard.

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Looking for? I can't see the churchyard on

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the top right hand corner. No, it's not, it's not. There's obviously access to it. I'm

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sorry. Uh, James Barlow, uh, I can see where the base is. And the churchyard is to the north of that. Um, but there's obviously as a churchyard, there is an access path to it.

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Yeah.

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Sorry if you could point out where that is as well, please.

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Sorry if if we could show the layout that has the.

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I'm going to say I'm looking at that.

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In the public right of way. Right. I'm looking at that as well.

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It's a different document.

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Yes, yes. It's, um.

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Yes. Um, 009.

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Okay,

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zoom in a bit too. The weather is.

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So you're quite right. The purple dashed lines are public rights of way and bridle ways. So, as we said, there are public rights of way to the east and to the West. But Mr. Cole's comment was the closest public place is to the south, um, which is commonly known to the public right of way along there. We're not disputing there are other public places, but that was the closest part that we referred to.

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That's good. Thank you. All right.

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And Missus Barlow had a point to make.

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Uh, Julie Barlow.

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I'm in the weeds at the minute. Um, and forgive me for asking, but did you say the the fire brigades points of access were via Gainsborough Road or Common Line? Yes.

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Um. And for the applicant? Yes. That's correct. There's two points that as.

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Compound can be accessed from. Well, it's a.

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Common line to byway. Can the fire engine naturally get in their.

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Way to the bridge?

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It's got to wait them out on the bridge.

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Yes. Coming into the public road. And we've done a swept path analysis to check that a fire vehicle can stop.

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It's gated. It's not public. It's a byway.

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It's a gated lane. It's not a public road.

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No it's not.

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It's the truth.

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Yeah, sorry. The second point I wanted to note is, again, in the weeds, the penstock. I think you said the default was open. And that bit dangerous because you've got to rely on something to close it. And surely the default should be closed rather than anything.

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Um, Daniel. Thank you. Um, shall we deal with the private matter first? I think, um.

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Mr. British. You. Were you going to deal with that? Yes. Will bridges for the applicant at the point of access to the facility? It is a public highway. That's what the adopted records from the Notts County Council show, and I'm not. Further down the lane it is gated. But at that point it is the adopted public highway.

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Thank you.

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I think you're.

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Talking about North Street anyway. But either way, somebody is locked into gated evidence down your street. It's a waste of time.

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Thank you. Um,

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Mr. Pointer, do you could not give us any, um, clarity on this matter.

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Uh, so I'll have to go away and check this. Unless any of my colleagues online. Um, in terms of, uh, my colleague Peter Evans might be able to assist, but otherwise we can we can confirm at this point. Okay. Anybody not online who can confirm it, otherwise we'll take it away as an action point.

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I'm not seeing any. Um. We are. If you could just give it a name. Peter. Uh, representing.

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Notts County Council highways. As far as I can see on the records in front of me. I mean, we need to actually check this. Um, but it looks like it's all purpose highway, and it's also dual status, and I can't I can't see any gates that anyone is talking about.

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Is that further down? Commonly into the east?

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See again.

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I think we might need to. Okay. So. So. So. Common line hasn't got gates on it. It's a bit like your rivers and streams. The roads that lead onto Cotton Lane have gates on them. So Common Lane itself hasn't got a gate on it. But the lane that leads onto Common Lane is gated. And from the other end, the road that leads onto Common Lane is gated. So Common Lane theoretically is not gated the actual lane, but it's not possible to get to it because the lanes on either side are gated. Thank you.

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Can I suggest if I don't think we must sort this out now? Um, can I suggest the applicant takes this away as an action point with the local authority? And. And if you need further clarification from Mr. Barlow.

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Is that okay?

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Thank you. Um, I'm going to come to the hand up in the room and at the table. In a minute or so, I'll lose. Um, the question that Missus Barlow asked about the penstock valve being open in its default position. Um, Mr. Cole, I think you were going to comment on that.

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Um, I'm from the applicant, so the penstock valve is installed on the outlet drain from an attenuation basin. The way the attenuation basin works under normal circumstances is it restricts the flow rate of rainwater leaving the site to to the greenfield runoff rate. Colin was referring to um earlier on this afternoon. Um, so in order to to achieve its purpose, it needs to be open under normal operation and only closed in the event of a fire.

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Thank you. Um, there was a hand up in the room, and then I'll come to the one at the front. Um, if you could just state your name again.

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Uh, Karen Hodgson feels for farming. Um, my query was about the toxicity of the smoke and any other emissions. Um, if there was to be a fire. Um, I'm not an expert in this area, but my reading is telling me that that is a serious consideration. And given the proximity, proximity of North Street and particularly in other parts of the village, really, that you know what are going to be the effects of highly toxic emissions in the case of a fire? Um, my understanding is that they can't be controlled.

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There's evacuation guidelines where all life has to be humans and animals have to be evacuated within so many kilometers. I've read that somewhere I can't quote. But if you could tell us a bit more about the risks. If there was to be a fire and there have been fears about the toxicity because of the chemical nature and of the batteries themselves. Um, my understanding is it's very risky.

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Thank you for that, Miss Hodgson. Um, toxicity of, um, potential fire. Um.

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Daniel called for the applicant, um, as part of the, um, project risk assessment as it moves forward. Models will be undertaken, um, modelling this this cloud in the event of a fire, um, where the compound is positioned based on desk study information, we understand the prevalent wind direction to be from the south west to the north east. So, um, uh, clouds should, um, if wind is blowing and is its direction, be travelling away from the premises.

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Thank you for that. I am conscious of time. I don't want to do what we did last time and, um, not allow enough time for agenda item time, land use and agriculture which we'd like to start and get through today if we possibly can. Um, if the perhaps calendar suggested could give us a response on wellbeing, which um, just trying to summarize some of the views, some of the thoughts that were, um, provided in the room included to do with loss of views and um, other developments that are coming forward in the, in the next 20 years.

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Um, that would be helpful. And then Finally. Noise, a transformer noise. Um. Construction noise. Possibly after hours.

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So thank you. I'm going to ask Laura to speak first. I think the, um. Uh, I don't know, it's kind of a script come up on screen. The, um. Uh, she was responsible for the, uh, chapter on health and, well, the health impact assessment. Um, the applicant is submitted with the application. And if she could deal with the approach, uh, that assessment was made to the assessment of well-being. Take into account the factors have been hearing from the submissions made today.

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I'm wondering if that introduction is long enough to bring this day up onto the screen. It's looking promising.

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Afternoon.

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Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Afternoon, sirs. Um, yeah. My name is Laura Day, and I'm acting on behalf of the applicant. Um, so in response to the questions about wellbeing, um, just to give an overview of the health impact assessment, so the submitted health impact assessment, uh, reference app 183 presents a methodology which aims to facilitate an assessment of the range of both negative and positive potential effects. Um, and those include both direct and indirect physical and mental health and wellbeing effects of the proposed development.

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Um, and in doing so we look at, um, the baseline information and through through a review of consultation and the local area, who would be the relevant sensitive receptors and vulnerable groups to this, uh, project. Um, the insane that the the the groups that we identified. Um, included. Children. Adolescents. So not 15 years older persons.

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Um aged um as as one of the um representatives of field for farming identified as being a particularly vulnerable group um and then inclusive of a number of other groups, including um existing residents more generally, um, no matter what their age, and people using existing and future services in the local area. Um, and the information that was collated to be able to prepare the health impact assessment was drawn from a whole range of information across the wider application and application package.

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Um, so all the all the wider specialist areas, um, and consultants were were drawn into that process. So the information was drawn from the whole suite of consultation materials. Um, the, the environmental environmental statement, as well as any other documentation that was submitted. Um, and the range of health and wellbeing determinants um included or include. Sorry. Um, a whole range of issues. The overarching headline, um determinants are sort of are just that headline determinants.

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And within that we the, the issues that are looked at are, are very specific to the scheme that, that we're, we're assessing. So the headline uh determinants include lifestyles social and community. Community influences on health, living and environmental conditions affecting health, economic conditions affecting health access and quality of services. And then that the more, the more high level scale, the macro economic, environmental and sustainability issues. And each of those then is drilled down into and looked at um, from the, the perspective and, and sort of of each of the vulnerable groups that we identify as being relevant to the scheme.

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Um, drawing on all of that information I've previously just talked about. Um, and then an effect is identified for each of those groups, for each of those determinants at all the different development stages. Um, whether that be related to physical health, mental health or, or a combination of the two. Um, and in doing so, we identify the, uh, the significance of the effect, but inclusive of the severity, the likelihood, um, and the magnitude of change.

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And then as a result of that, then we also take note of all the different recommendations that are made across all the different, uh, specialist areas in relation to management plans and, and other uh, and mitigation measures to um, control potential risk, um, to ensure that the, the, uh, project is, um, goes forward with as minimal risk to those groups as possible.

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In respect of um.

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Wellbeing in particular. So

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while health and wellbeing is is interlinked between the two, there's there is there are different definitions for health and different definitions for wellbeing. But ultimately the two are closely interlinked and the whole of it. While it's called a health impact assessment, wellbeing is considered throughout the the assessment itself. Um, in the assessment it is acknowledged um where there are potential for negative effects and positive effects um where relevant in both in the construction phase, the operational phase and then the decommissioning phase.

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Um the construction and decommissioning phase align ultimately in terms of what the potential effects are, um, in reality. But the operational phase obviously is is somewhat different to that. Um, the information that we present in the health impact assessment essentially is a combination and a, uh, of all of the information that's presented in the individual technical assessments, but it's obviously thought about from the perspective of, of the different groups. So in the construction phase, um, we do identify that there is potential for negative effect, um, on health and wellbeing, whether that be direct or indirect, relating to the effects that, that the representatives of of identified this afternoon.

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Um and they include but not not specifically limited to um the noise during construction potential for dust um transport um effects during construction and potential safety of different groups making use of footpaths and and local roadways. Um,

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and then in the operational phase then we do also acknowledge that there is potential for change in land use, uh, landscape and visual effects, recreational amenity and flooding impacts. Um, and obviously also what we've in terms of what we've already talked about, the risk to risk as a result of

this. Um, and the HIA acknowledges all of those and it, it, it reiterates the recommended mitigation that's proposed by each of those specialist consultants in, in respect of presenting a coherent package of measures to address the physical impacts that are potential and the.

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Association then would potentially have impact on the mental health impacts. And so as I combined, the the aim is to alleviate as far as possible, um, the potential impact on, on physical and mental health. Um, and that and associated with that, the quality of life and overall wellbeing of, of the receptors and vulnerable groups that are identified.

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Those are the only thing I'd add on top of that, uh, to make sure people have got it. The reference to the Health Impact Assessment app 183. We're not going to go through in great detail. And, you know, a lengthy 105 page document with you now it has summaries at the end, and it has this methodology that has been taking you through that effectively. She's directing you to the health impact assessment.

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Thank you. Um, what about during operation did. Did you identify any negative impacts during that time?

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Apologies, sir. Is that directed at a specific question to me?

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Um, it was initially, yes. If you could you I think you spoke in a little bit of detail about the construction and the negative effects. Then I just was interested, if you identified any during the operational phase of the development.

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So, yeah, during the operational phase, the potential for um, negative effects are related to a combination of the change in land use, the landscape and visual recreational amenity, flooding impacts, um, some of which have been already spoken about, um, that could have in individually and in um, individual impacts. But then combined, it could also have an indirect effect on mental health of of some receptors that we've spoken about.

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And the mitigation that would be used to address that is, is a combination of the outline operational management plan, um, which includes, for example, flood risk enhancement works, the landscape environmental management plan, public rights of way proposals and the plans associated with that and the landscape and ecological mitigation strategy as examples.

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Thank you. And and just lastly, and in the, um, analysis that you've done, you've obviously talked about the mitigations and some of them are quite practical to do with, um, particularly in the construction phase, to do with noise and dust. But are there um, effects either in the operational or the

construction decommissioning phase that that you haven't been able to mitigate. And you, you you will be there, you know, after the mitigation.

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Not as currently identified. No. Um, but we are open to hearing if there are any further concerns in that regard and how we might address those going forward if needed.

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Thank you.

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This first comments in the room. Um, I will start with you, Mr. Barlow. Um. Thank you. Uh, James Barlow.

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Um.

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I've just heard a lot, but I'm a very simple person. Maybe somebody could summarize that to say what it actually meant. As far as I could understand. I think you're saying that from the start to the finish, there's a negative impact on our well-being. Am I right in saying that.

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They've done that?

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Thank you for the Observation. Mr. Atwood. Sorry, Mr. Fleming. Mr. chairman, can I request that the question of fire is put back onto the agenda for tomorrow morning, please? Otherwise, I'll be making a formal complaint about the way this examination has been carried out. This is the second, second occasion when fire has been bounced off. This off the agenda. The fire risk at that facility in the best compound is extremely dangerous.

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I noticed twice today that the appellants, the applicants experts, didn't know what the the chemicals were from the fire. They didn't know what the gases were, the hydrogen chloride and the hydrogen fluoride. Um, the whole talk about they're going to they're going to have an access to the, to the best compound from the, from the west and from the south. That assumes that the wind is blowing from the southeast. If the wind is blowing from the north east, the whole planet is completely dead and dead in the water.

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That I can explain that fully. I'm a total amateur. You know, I know what's going to happen. We need to speak to it. Everybody in this room needs to know what will happen. If there's a serious best fire, then it is really serious. And for an organization that's going to spend over £200 million, I'd make damn sure that all my fire precautions were in the right place. But they're not. I've got a hell of a lot to

say, and I think it's got to be it's got to be put into the agenda tomorrow morning at 9:00 or 10:00 when we start.

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Thank you for that comment.

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Sorry, Mrs. Berlin.

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Just again, I got totally lost by that. That last response. In summary, can you tell us what the outcome of the health impact assessment was for, for our village. Well, the local communities, it's the wider community that's affected by this project.

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Thank you for that.

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So an effort to be helpful. I have directed the examination to the document that's being talked about, and it has a three page summary at the end of it. I do appreciate that everybody wants to get their concerns out and express their views on what they're hearing. But I think to say, what is the conclusion of your health impact assessment? And it has a three page summary at the end. The answer is it is in the three page summary at the end of the document.

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Would I like to say there's 9000 pages of documentation? We're individuals. We need to be directed to where this information is. And a lot of this is based on professional judgment. And we've already challenged some of the professional judgment. There's over use of it, in our opinion, in these risk assessments.

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I'm going to ask the lady at the back because she's had her hand up. Mrs. Hudson.

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I'm looking at the table now. It says definite major, high in the overall well-being impact.

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Thank you. Um, I think that we've had an explanation in the room, I.

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I think it's a fair comment for Mr. Robinson to directly to the summary. It's it's not hugely long. I appreciate that you you may come back and say it's it's over technical, but, um, I hope it gives a bit of clarity to their findings, um, that they've tried to explain verbally. Um, I don't think I can do much more than, um, directly back to that reference, which is the health impact assessment. It's in the document library at app 183, and I presume it's at the end or the beginning.

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This summary.

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Is page 103, I think, to 105. Um.

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102 to 105.

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Thank you.

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Um, Mr. Fleming, I'm just going to speak to you, um, about the comment you've just made. Um, the applicant has spent some time explaining, um, their approach to the fire risk. And, um, we've also sought input from the the fire and rescue service. I know you've submitted representations in the past on this, and I assume that the detail about the chemicals and, um, other things that you mentioned just now to do with the wind direction are within that.

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Is is there anything new that you, um, wish to bring that hasn't been in what you've submitted already?

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Yes there is. It's quite simply the applicant's, um,

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firefighting, um, plan is based on access from the west, that Gainsborough Road or from the south, and that is from Common Lane. If the wind is blowing from the northeast like we had over the weekend, the fire brigade won't be able to go anywhere near the fire because they'll be up. They'll be downwind of the fire. That's fire. And I'm talking about a serious fire. Now, I'm not talking about a small 1 or 2. I'm quite sure they could put those out. If we have a serious fire there, the fire can't be put out.

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If a fire starts, a cell burns for 60 hours before it goes out. All the fire brigade can do is to spray water around the adjacent area, to cool all the other facility down so they don't go on fire. But the point is, if the wind is blowing from the northeast or from the east, they can't. The fire brigades themselves cannot get to the fire. And not only that, but I've noticed that they've talked to Nottingham Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue. The nearest big town to this facility is Gainsborough.

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Not Retford. Not Worksop, but Gainsborough. I've written to the Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue like I've written to Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue for a Freedom of Information Act. I've heard

absolutely nothing. I've heard nothing from our council. Nothing at all. Nobody's mentioned today that when these fires start a serious fire. 2 or 3km radius around the fire has to be evacuated and our village will have to be evacuated. My house is less than a kilometre from the base, and when that goes up, it's like.

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It's a chemical. It's a. I can tell you what they are. It's the chemicals. Are the chemical gases alone? Are hydrochloric acid, hydrofluoric acid, hydrogen fluoride. They're toxic. Um, I sold the firefighting water after that. After that's gone out. Um, I noticed one of the things I've noticed about the Bassetlaw District Council is lack of engagement. Had the Bassetlaw District Council engaged with this this inquiry. These gentlemen here would not be running around now, trying to find out what's happening about the redevelopment down at North Street Farm.

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That's that's just one of the just one of the other items I've also got in here. I've been reading about these are these are the rest rest documents themselves, um, blah blah blah, blah blah blah a document summary of these principles can be found in appendix eight, appendix A's blank and the fire response strategy. That's been that's been worked out with the local fire brigades. But we don't have a national we don't have national regulations for these fires. It's left down to the local fire brigade.

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And my friend is a senior farmer that's just retired. And he says the only experience we've got of electric fires is when an electric car goes on fire. If we have a fire, they're at best they took the whole, you know yourselves, the whole thing's going to be burnt out. Your investment is going to be a total waste of time because there'll be nothing left. Then I was reading about, um. Oh, well, the United States, they're talking now because they've had several very big fires, having at least a kilometer between any best site and any sensitive receptors.

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Item 33336. Water supply. Um.

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Water. Water supply options are identified within this preliminary assessment. The final solution will be determined. Guidance could potentially be achieved through the development of a detailed fire risk management plan. Again this if this could be it could be. So we go on to the next one. An existing fire hydrant is located approximately one kilometre from the site, which the fire service could connect to in the event of a fire alternative. Now, we now know that the fire has said it's too far away. Alternatively, a piped hydrant could be constructed within or adjacent to the site that connects to either an existing existing fire hydrant or to an existing water main that runs along Gainsborough Road.

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Y could be an alternative. Why not? You spend it £2.5 million, put a bloody water main it so you know that you've got enough water there to put the fire out. Um, the fun thing is an existing fire, water source and the provisional water storage areas are identified in appendix C. Appendix C is blank

again, and I just like the final comments. The fire in Liverpool, which I keep going back to in 2020 2022.

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There were fire hydrants in two adjacent roads, literally hundreds of feet away from their best fire, which was only one container. It only had three containers, not the 41 best units that this is. This is for, um, the hydrants there. There was two in the nearby streets. There were separate water mains and they had a high bore 600 millimeter hydrant. Have we heard anything about hydrants and how much water is going to be used? If the wind direction is from the north of the north east? How will the fire and rescue teams reach the best units they can't do? Burning lithium cells produce their own oxygen, hence thermal run away on a left to burn until they burn out.

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It takes 60 hours to put the cell out. 60 hours. The smoke plume consists of hydrogen, hydrochloric acid, hydrofluoric acid, both of which are toxic and firefighting. Water also contains both of those chemicals. And well, and so my last comment was that there was no response from Notts Fire and Rescue and from Lynx Fire and Rescue about my Freedom of Information Act of request. If there's a fire at that best, I don't want to be living less than a kilometre away and dying of bloody poison.

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Poison gas. It is. It's a serious, serious matter. And it's been. It was. You ignored it the last time, the last meeting. And you've tried to do it again today. And as I said, I listened to the comments made from the appellant, the appellant. They were talking it out. They didn't mention the chemicals. I know the chemicals, what they are. I've done the reading. They're the experts. They should know. But they never told anybody at this inquiry.

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There was a number of points you've made. Um, I am going to give the applicant another opportunity to comment on them, particularly to do with the, um, the wind direction and the accesses and, and also the chemicals that might be released if you could.

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Um, so if I may, just before Mr. Colgan, we will hear from Mr. Cole, but I've obviously been listening as well to the detail of that. And, you know, applying one's mind to how do these things work in this process? Because there's been said a number of times, um, you know, this is an unusual process. How does this consenting process work? Um, we are very dependent, of course, on the fire service talk in detail with and we have heard much people say, well, this, this road access, is it gated, is it not? It certainly will take a point away like that.

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If there's an issue with it, we will do it. We understand that to say the fire service has got access, vehicular access from two directions they need to. You need to hear that. So yes, you want to hear them. Sorry, we don't have the answer that they don't have that service. With the day. We will take that away. We understand the point that's made about prevailing wind and say simple question what if the wind direction changes? Got that? Understand that the fire service, I expect, will also be able to discuss that point, and we will take it as an action point that you want wind direction, road access,

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any points on that. We are happy to take our specific directions and come back to you, I'm afraid. But we can't do daylight today is sort of hammer it out now. No, we do have experts who can talk about chemical composition of batteries. They work on these things. But frankly, the issue is we're not intending the thing catching fire. And the fire service will deal with what happens if it does that. And that is what we'll come back to on. So we're not attempting to avoid anything now or to settle issues around the table this afternoon.

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As you say, it's a written process and it goes into those written plans, which fundamentally is what you'll be relying on.

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Well, thank you for that. If you don't want to answer those today, I will take those away as action points to do with the.

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I'll just ask Mr. Cole as a preferred constructor as he goes hand up. We'll just deal with this quickly. And then we ended up with this code does not say anything more about, um, that road access, wind direction or chemicals? Or is it better to deal with these things now in writing, as we've talked about?

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I'm Daniel Cobb for the applicant. Um, I'd just like to to add to that, the the the access from Gainsborough Road is in a completely different direction and a long distance away from the access from, um, common lane. Um, and so although the modeling of the smoke hasn't been undertaken yet, um, I can't see a direction the wind could blow that would cover both of those access points off. Um, that's all I have to say.

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Okay, well, we we we've already got, um, an action to establish the access points, um, from earlier. I think I might have saying. Yeah, the action point of the minute is for the applicant and.

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To provide further clarity on access to the bears from Common Lane, whether it is a highway, whether it is gated, and also to respond to queries regarding the weight restriction.

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And, um, I think it would, it would be useful to, um, have a more detailed response on um.

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The point about the wind direction.

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Is that reasonably.

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Practicable? Absolutely, yes. A specific wind direction into those discussions with the fire authority.

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Thank you. Um, right. One last question on this item. Um, from Mr. Appleyard.

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Parish council. No disrespect meant to anybody, but I don't feel confident that Notts Fire Service have got the expertise or the knowledge or in fact, the contrary. We don't seem to have got good, repeatable policy. Um, probably not the best choice of words. Also, when I spoke last time regarding this, I sent you a link in my email response to it. It's about 110 page document, which is an appeal.

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Whether we're talking about pumping out wastewater and putting in tankers. And it was there is, you know, the suggestion that it would work. In reality, when everybody is manning the pump, so to speak it. I don't know if you've read that document or not.

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We've read it. Everything has been submitted yet.

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Right? So I'm not being disrespectful, but I'm thinking a lot of what they're putting forward here was maligned within that document.

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Thank you.

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Thank.

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You, thank you for highlighting that. Um.

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You have your noise expert here. Um.

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So we do. Yes. If we're going to finish up, let's finish up with Mr., um, Craig noise. Mr. Craven still with us?

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And, uh, yes. So, uh, you've been following the discussion? I think the concerns are. What about noise levels? Both from people, you know, using footpaths, using rights of way, but also from residential areas and a new permission being granted, which I think you'll have seen up on screen.

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That's right. Um.

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We've gone through the whole process of assessing, uh, noise impacts during construction, through operation and decommissioning, um, including that these impacts would be not significant, but it's had to be got to be clear on the point that that does not mean that the noise levels would be necessarily inaudible. This is all in line with current planning practices. There are limitations of noise that you can generate during these, um, processes.

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With regard to the new property. Just I think that's that's it on all throat. I think that's slightly closer to the best facilities than another location that we assessed, um, as part of the planning application, but is not close enough to result in any breaches of particularly relating to operational noise. And that's about as simple as I can get on those points. If there's any other specific questions, I can respond to those.

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Thank you.

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Though there's one in the room from Missus Barlow.

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Thank you. Just like you talk about the the noise levels being acceptable for this project and the baselines and everything. Does that include the noise levels from the other projects around? Because obviously you look at this project in isolation and it might be acceptable, but we've got the demolition of the power station, we've got the operation of the gas fired power station with what the quarry about to start operations. We've just had two years of construction. So it's whether is it this in isolation or is it in layered for the cumulative impact that we're going to experience.

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So we've looked at in cumulative terms and.

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We can't be very definite on those points. We need to be not absolutely sure when construction and demolition of these things are going to happen, but they're all going to be subject to their own controls in their own right. So on that basis,

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it means they're planning tests.

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Thank you. Mister.

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Mister Barlow. Um, can.

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I just ask one question? What is the noise.

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Level.

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That's acceptable? What decibel reading is acceptable? Acceptable to that of interest?

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So there's lots of different thresholds depending on the activities that you're doing. So for construction these are obviously temporary noise levels. and there's a range of thresholds that apply. So during the day it's 65 DBA. During the evenings it's 55. And during the night it's 45. Um, and then during the the in operational terms, uh, limits are normally set relative to background noise levels.

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Existing background noise levels in the area, which vary depending on how close residences are located to existing roads, for example.

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So there's no fixed limit necessarily, but it's based on what's already experienced in the area.

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Thank you for that clarification.

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Mr. Barlow.

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Obviously I understand there's no fixed limit, but surely if I was to as a walking a footpath, there should be an indication of what is acceptable and what isn't. As I'm walking the footpath and that if I'm walking that footpath and it is very high, surely there is a means of placing it, and we have to have

a level that's pleased to to know that it's over what's allowed. Otherwise you say it's just no fixed compared to what's already there. How how is it ever monitored and policed if there isn't a fix? And I'm thinking about the operational because that's the majority of this is operational.

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So I'm thinking about when I'm walking with my dog through these lanes, what level of noise could I say is acceptable or you will say is acceptable and what isn't acceptable?

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Would you like to comment on that, please?

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Yeah. Noise limits are generally just related to residences. And the controls come in as if typically when if a resident complains about the noise and then that noise is then investigated in that. And then there's two sort of mechanisms you can place can connect directly to the operator in which they have a duty to investigate. And it's in their interest to look at those things. Or in certain instances you can go by your local authority.

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You have other powers to help either resolve or mediate the issue in respect of public rights of way. There are there is no real guidance on acceptable noise levels in those instances. Um, however, most noise generating kits, such as the inverters and transformers that are going to be introduced, it would be very, very easy to hold a conversation right next to that piece of equipment.

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And it wouldn't be any, um, sort of

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limiting requirements because the impacts as you walk past would be very, very temporary.

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So the controls that are generally related to residential distances.

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Right. I'm I'm.

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Going to.

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Move on. Um, I don't think there's much more we can do on this subject. Um, Mr. Fleming, if you if you can be brief.

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Extremely brief. Midnight on a windless night, 3 or 4 weeks ago, it was 30dB in my gun.

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Thank you.

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We've got the next.

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Agenda item is land use and agriculture. I'm quite happy to start that now. Um, it's 5 to 5. I need to take a show of hands.

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In the room as to how prepared you are to carry on, and I will be guided by yourself. So if you if you want us to carry on, um, we'll carry on and finish by half five. Um, if you'd rather pause and we flip that until tomorrow. Um, I'll start with the, um, people in the room, and I'll just check with the applicant if there's any logistical reasons why that will present a problem. So if you want to go on to a half, five, could you put your hand up, please?

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There's no hands up in the room.

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You don't mind? I think, um, unless the applicant would rather not, I will.

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So it's not a question, though? Not.

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We certainly can do that. Um, we're ready to. Ready to start tomorrow morning. Absolutely. You're. You're in charge of the thing, and you have the best judgment about how this will run this.

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Can I just check with.

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Case team? Are we due to start at half nine?

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Okay. Right. Well, I will then close. Well. I'm adjourning. I'm not closing. I'm adjourning at, um, 1657, and we'll resume at 930 tomorrow on the 12th of February. Thank you for your participation. We'll see you again tomorrow. Thank you.