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Welcome back, everyone. It's four o'clock and time to resume the hearing.

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Um, so we're now on to item 3.2 of the agenda, which

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is, um, if the applicant could give me an update,

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um, with respect to land right negotiations since the previous

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updates. Thank you very much.

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Uh, Julian Barter for the applicant.

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Um, so on, focusing on the, um, cable

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route, there's 35 agreements. Uh, and if we're going to be gained

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another one from the material changes, but obviously then we're going to be

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discussing those an- another time. But so there's 35.

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Um, we've now have, uh, eight in

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legals, um, and that was pretty much from deadline

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one. So, deadline three, in terms of changes, none, uh,

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we haven't had any extras, but there are, uh, many more out for

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signing. So that will bring us to 14 in

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total. So it's pretty, getting near sort of 50%,

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um, of the cable route, which is, uh, very positive.

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Um, we're also engaging with one of the local agents that has

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several, um, clients on the cable route and

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working on a template heads of terms, t- to then run through

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those. So there's some very, uh, positive moments.

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If there's any other questions you'd

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like...

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Thank you. That's helpful. Um, I just had one question.

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I didn't know whether there was any updates you could give with regard to any Crown

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Land matters, any disc- 'cause um, we're aware that these can be a

bit of

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a slower process.

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Uh, Claire Boggio for the applicant.

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We are still, uh, waiting for, um, a number of Crown Bodies

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to confirm that they do in fact still have,

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um, an interest in the land. Um, so we will

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continue to chase, um, the relevant bodies

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to confirm whether or not it is- whether or not it is Crown

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Land, uh, is the, is the first question.

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And then secondly, if it is Crown Land, um, to, um,

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obtain a Section 135, um, consent from

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them. Um, obviously, as you'll be aware, we will try and do that by the

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end of the examination, but the timing of the

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consent, um, is, is, is required before the Secretary of State

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makes a decision. So sometimes the relevant Crown Body doesn't

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necessarily prioritize it for close of the

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examination, but it may, uh, they'll be aware that it's needed before the

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Secretary of State makes a decision.

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So we will, um, provide, um, an update on the

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status of, um, Section 135, um, consents a- at

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deadline three. Thank

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you.

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Um, thank you. That's helpful. Um, I think that's all

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I had on that point, um, at the moment then.

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Um, presumably, um, updates will come in at sort of deadlines three and four as

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necessary if there's been any change.

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Yeah.

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Thank you. Um, okay. Well, that brings to a close, um,

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agenda item 3.2 then, and I'll hand over to my colleague, Ms. Bebe.

Thank you.

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Thank you. So, um, addressing now any other business.

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Um, the examining authority extends an opportunity for the applicant

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and affected persons to raise matters relevant to topics raised

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in today's hearing, um, that they consider should be

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examined. So, now is your opportunity to raise

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anything further you'd wish to draw our attention to,

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please.

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Is there anyone in the room? No? Thank you.

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Anyone online who wishes to make any further points at all,

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please?

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I can't see any hands. So that being the case, all that remains today is,

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um, for our closing remarks in this very brief

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second part of the hearing. Um, there are going to be various further

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discussions and signposting points as noted following

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today, um, but we don't propose to take formal action points

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as such. Just to confirm that those of you attending

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tomorrow's accompanied site inspection from the start should meet

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us, us here at the Hilton Northampton car park at 8:15

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A.M. That's 8:15, one-five,

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A.M. tomorrow. Uh, thank you all for your contributions

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today. The hearing is now closed.