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All interested parties and statutory parties

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN0110001

Date: 21 January 2026

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Dear Sir/ Madam

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

**Application by Keadby Next Generation Limited for an order granting development consent for The Keadby Next Generation Power Station Project (EN0110001)**

**Examination timetable and procedure**

This letter (the Rule 8 Letter) provides important information about the examination of this application. The letter includes:

- the examination timetable
- an invitation to submit written representations
- a request for statements of common ground
- a request for local impact reports from local authorities
- other procedural decisions made by the ExA
- information about hearings and accompanied site inspections
- information about the availability of examination documents
- guidance on the use of the 'Have your say' tab on the project webpage

All documentation associated with this examination, including a note of the preliminary meeting and the recording of that meeting, can be viewed under the [documents tab](#) on the project webpage of the Find a National Infrastructure Project website ([project webpage](#)).

## The examination timetable

I have made a procedural decision about the way the application will be examined. The final examination timetable is attached at **annex A** to this letter.

The examination timetable replaces the draft timetable that was included in my Rule 6 Letter [[PD-006](#)]. **Annex B** to this letter sets out my approach in finalising the examination timetable.

Please note that the examination timetable contains a number of deadlines for receipt of information by The Planning Inspectorate. All deadlines are at 23:59 on the date specified. Please ensure submissions arrive by the deadline. If you do not make your submissions by the dates specified in the timetable, I may disregard them.

I request that all interested parties make their submissions using the '[Have your say](#)' page on the project webpage on or before the applicable deadline. **Annex E** to this letter provides further information about using the '[Have your say](#)' page.

If I consider it necessary to vary the examination timetable during the examination, notification will be sent to interested parties and statutory parties invited to the preliminary meeting. The changes will be published on the [project webpage](#).

## Written representations

All interested parties are now invited to submit written representations and any comments on the relevant representations already submitted. These should be submitted by **deadline 1, Wednesday 4 February 2026** in the examination timetable.

Written representations can cover any relevant matter and are not restricted to the matters set out in my [initial assessment of principal issues](#).

Any person, other than the applicant, who submits a written representation must identify those parts of the application with which they agree and those parts with which they do not agree, explaining the reasons why. Interested parties should also provide with their written representations any data, methodology and assumptions used to support their submissions to avoid delays in the examination (see paragraph 009 of the [government's guidance on the examination stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects](#) for further information about written representations).

I have requested further types of written submissions at various points in the examination (see **annex A**).

Any written representations and any further written submissions requested during the examination, that exceed 1500 words, should also be accompanied by a summary which should not exceed 10% of the original text. The summary should set out the key facts of the written submission and must be representative of the submission made.

Representations **must not include hyperlinks** to documents/ evidence hosted on third party websites. See The Planning Inspectorate's [advice for members of the public: Advice](#)

[for submitting representations or comments](#) for important information about making written submissions.

## **Examining Authority's written questions**

I may prepare written questions (ExQ1) about the application following the representations received at deadline 1 and following at the applicant's responses to those representations at deadline 2.

Should I determine written questions are needed, they will be published on the project webpage on **Wednesday 11 March 2026**. Responses to ExQ1 must be provided by **deadline 3 (Wednesday 1 April 2026)** as set out in the examination timetable.

## **Other procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority**

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

- the examination timetable
- Examining Authority's written questions
- statements of common ground (SoCG)
- local impact reports (LIR)
- changes to land interests
- status of the applicant's examination documents
- other submissions

## **Format of examination events**

The operating model for oral events can be either blended (part in-person and part virtual) or fully virtual events. I will confirm the format of any hearings when I provide formal notification of each hearing in advance of it taking place.

## **Hearings and site inspections**

The examination of the application will principally be a written process supplemented where necessary by various types of hearings. See The Planning Inspectorate's [Advice for members of the public: The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say](#) for more information.

The Planning Inspectorate's advice for members of the public also provides important information about hearing procedures:

- [What to expect at a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project event](#)
- [Registering to speak at, or attend, a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project event](#)

On this basis the examination timetable at **annex A** to this letter includes periods of time reserved for any hearings to be held, and I will notify all interested parties of any hearings scheduled as part of the examination in advance of them taking place. That notification will include a deadline for interested parties to inform the Planning Inspectorate if they wish to participate at the notified hearing(s).

I will also undertake site inspections as required. Where I am able to view the site from public land I am likely to do this unaccompanied and a note of the site inspection will be published on the project webpage. The examination timetable also reserves time for me to undertake an accompanied site inspection (ASI) during the week commencing 27 April 2026. I will consider each suggested site location, including those provided in the applicant's draft itinerary (to be supplied at deadline 1), to determine if it could be viewed from public land on an unaccompanied basis or if it is necessary to view it on an accompanied basis. I will also consider if it would be appropriate to make arrangements for access only to be provided to specific sites such that they could be inspected as part of an unaccompanied site inspection on an access required basis.

**Annex C** provides details about what interested parties should include in a request to be heard at a hearing, and the procedure that will be followed at hearings. It also provides important information about the accompanied site inspection and attendance at the inspection.

### **Managing examination correspondence**

Given the volume and frequency of letters the Planning Inspectorate needs to send to interested parties during an examination, we aim to communicate with people by email as electronic communication is more environmentally friendly and cost effective.

If you have received a letter from the Planning Inspectorate but are able to receive communications by email, please inform the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter as soon as possible.

As the examination process makes substantial use of electronic documents, it will be useful for you to become familiar with the [project webpage](#).

A '[Have your say](#)' page is available on the website which provides a portal through which parties should make written submissions at relevant deadlines during the examination. Further information about the 'Have your say' page is provided at **annex E** to this letter.

You can also use the 'Get updates' button on the project webpage to register to receive automatic e-mail updates at key stages during the examination.

### **Your status in the examination**

You have received this letter because you are a person or organisation who is involved in the NSIP process. See The Planning Inspectorate's [Advice for members of the public: National Infrastructure Projects and the people and organisations involved in the process](#) for further details.

If, having read the advice, you are still unsure about how you are involved in the process please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter.

## **Awards of costs**

All parties will normally be expected to meet their own costs. Costs can be awarded against a party who has acted unreasonably and has caused the party applying for the award of costs to incur unnecessary or wasted expense during the examination. You should be aware of the relevant costs guidance [Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders](#).

## **Management of information**

Information, including representations, submitted in respect of this examination (if accepted by the Examining Authority) and a record of any advice which has been provided by the Planning Inspectorate is published on the [project webpage](#).

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair examination, it is necessary to publish some personal information. To find out how we handle your personal information please view our [Privacy Notice](#).

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

Yours faithfully

*Richard Allen*

**Richard Allen**  
**Examining Authority**

## **Annexes**

- A** Examination timetable
- B** Other procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority
- C** Requests to appear and procedure to be followed at hearings
- D** Examination documents
- E** Information about the 'Have your say' tab

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## Examination Timetable

The examination of the application primarily takes the form of the consideration of written submissions. The ExA will also consider any oral representations made at hearings.

Item	Matters	Date
1.	<p><b>Pre-examination procedural deadline</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• written submissions on the examination procedure, including any submissions about the use of virtual methods or of required reasonable adjustments</li> <li>• requests to be heard orally at the preliminary meeting</li> <li>• Suggested locations for site inspections (accompanied or unaccompanied), including justification, for consideration by the ExA. Note that sites already visited in [EV1-001] are unlikely to be re-visited. The ExA's comments in paragraph 6 of <b>annex D of the Rule 6 letter</b> should be considered prior to submission.</li> <li>• notification by interested parties of any wish to speak at Issue Specific Hearing 1</li> <li>• notification by affected persons of any wish to speak at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1</li> <li>• request to change from postal to email notifications for parties who receive notifications by post</li> <li>• summaries of all relevant representations (RR) exceeding 1500 words. <b>Refer to Annex D of the Rule 6 letter</b></li> <li>• comments on RR. <b>Refer to Annex D of the Rule 6 letter</b></li> </ul>	<b>Wednesday 14 January 2026</b>
2.	<b>Preliminary meeting (online only)</b>	<b>Tuesday 20 January 2026 am</b>
3.	<b>Issue Specific Hearing 1 into environmental matters and the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (online only)</b>	<b>Wednesday 21 January 2026</b>
4.	<b>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 into the applicant's strategic case for compulsory acquisition and temporary possession (online only)</b>	<b>Thursday 22 January 2026 am</b>

5.	<p><b>Issue by the ExA of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the examination timetable</li> </ul>	<b>As soon as practicable after PM</b>
6.	<p><b>Deadline 1</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>comments on relevant representations (RR) if not provided at the procedural deadline</li> <li>summaries of all RRs exceeding 1500 words (if not provided at the procedural deadline)</li> <li>written representations (WR), including summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words or confirmation as to whether all comments were made in RR</li> <li>local impact report</li> <li>written summaries of oral submissions given at the issue specific hearing 1 and compulsory acquisition hearing 1</li> <li>comments on any updates to application documents submitted by the applicant before or at the preliminary meeting</li> <li>applicant's updated guide to the application</li> <li>applicant's draft itinerary for the accompanied site inspection as referred to under paragraph 6 of <b>annex D of the Rule 6 letter [PD-006]</b></li> <li>requests by interested parties to be heard at an open floor hearing</li> <li>requests by affected persons (defined in section 59(4) of the Planning Act 2008) to be heard at a further compulsory acquisition hearing</li> <li>notification by any Statutory Parties who have not submitted a RR of their wish to be considered as an Interested Party (IP)</li> <li>statements of commonality of statements of common ground. <b>Refer to annex D of the Rule 6 letter [PD-006]</b></li> <li>any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> <li>comments on any further information/ submissions accepted by the ExA. <b>Refer to Annex D of the Rule 6 letter [PD-006]</b></li> </ul>	<b>Wednesday 4 February 2026</b>

7.	<p><b>Deadline 2 –</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• comments on written representations</li> <li>• comments on local impact reports</li> <li>• updated statements of commonality of statements of common ground. <b>Refer to annex D of the <u>Rule 6 letter</u> [PD-006]</b></li> <li>• applicants updated guide to the application</li> <li>• any other updated documents and statements from the applicant deemed necessary following responses at deadline 1</li> <li>• comments on any additional information/submissions received by deadline 1</li> <li>• any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday 25 February 2026</b></p>
8.	<p><b>Issue by the ExA of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• first written questions (ExQ1) (if required)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday 11 March 2026</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Deadline 3</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• responses to the ExA's written questions (ExQ1)</li> <li>• updated statements of commonality of statements of common ground</li> <li>• updated documents (if necessary) including clean version and version showing tracked changes of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- draft Development Consent Order</li> <li>- explanatory memorandum</li> <li>- book of reference</li> <li>- funding statement</li> <li>- statement of reasons</li> <li>- guide to the application document</li> <li>- land and rights negotiation tracker</li> </ul> </li> <li>• any other updated documents and statements from the applicant deemed necessary following responses at deadline 2</li> <li>• Comments on any additional information/ submissions received by deadline 2</li> <li>• any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday 1 April 2026</b></p>

10.	<p><b>Hearings: Time reserved for hearings and ASI (if required)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• open floor hearing(s)</li> <li>• further compulsory acquisition hearing(s)</li> <li>• further issue specific hearing(s)</li> <li>• accompanied site inspection</li> </ul>	<p><b>Week commencing 27 April 2026</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Deadline 4</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• written summaries of oral submissions given at the hearings during the week commencing 27 April 2026</li> <li>• comments on any additional information/ submissions received by deadline 3</li> <li>• updated documents (if necessary) including clean version and version showing tracked changes of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- draft Development Consent Order</li> <li>- explanatory memorandum</li> <li>- book of reference</li> <li>- funding statement</li> <li>- statement of reasons</li> <li>- guide to the application document</li> <li>- land and rights negotiation tracker</li> </ul> </li> <li>• any other updated documents and statements from the applicant deemed necessary following responses at deadline 3 and discussions at hearings during the week commencing 27 April 2026</li> <li>• updated statements of commonality of statements of common ground</li> <li>• any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monday 11 May 2026</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Publication by the ExA of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) (if required)</li> <li>• the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) and any associated questions (if required)</li> <li>• further written questions (ExQ2) (if required)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday 19 May 2026</b></p>
13.	<p><b>Deadline 5</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 9 June 2026</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• responses to further written questions (ExQ2) (if required)</li> <li>• comments on ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) (if required)</li> <li>• comments on the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required)</li> <li>• final comments from interested parties on outstanding matters of concern (if any)</li> <li>• comments on any additional information/ submissions received by deadline 4</li> <li>• updated statements of commonality of statements of common ground</li> <li>• any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> </ul>	
14.	<p><b>Deadline 6</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA, from the applicant, of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• final draft Development Consent Order (DCO) to be submitted by the applicant in the statutory instrument (SI) template Applicant to provide the email notification from <a href="https://publishing.legislation.gov.uk/validation">https://publishing.legislation.gov.uk/validation</a> confirming the document has successfully passed validation, and the PDF version of the SI validation report obtained from the link in the notification email. The applicant should also provide a clean (all tracking removed) standalone MS Word version of the draft DCO, with no header or cover page</li> <li>• final documents (if relevant) including clean version and version showing tracked changes of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- explanatory memorandum</li> <li>- book of reference (and schedule of changes)</li> <li>- funding statement</li> <li>- statement of reasons</li> <li>- guide to the application document</li> <li>- land and rights negotiation tracker</li> </ul> </li> <li>• final signed statements of common ground (SoCG)</li> <li>• final Statement of Commonality of SoCG</li> <li>• list of matters not agreed where SoCG could not be finalised</li> <li>• final principal areas of disagreement statements</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday 16 June 2026</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>final schedule of other consents and licences</li> <li>final signed and dated section 106 agreement(s)</li> <li>closing statements (if desired)</li> <li>comments on any additional information/submissions received by deadline 5</li> <li>any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> </ul>	
15.	<p><b>Deadline 7</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> </ul>	<b>Thursday 18 June 2026</b>
16.	<p><b>Close of examination</b></p> <p>The ExA intends to close the examination on this date. See 'Note about the close of examination date'.</p>	<b>Friday 19 June 2026</b>

### **Note about the close of examination date**

The ExA is under a statutory duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the preliminary meeting. The ExA may however decide to close the examination earlier and on the date specified in the timetable if it considers that the application and relevant matters have been examined adequately.

### **Submission times for deadlines**

The time for submission of documents at any deadline in the timetable is 23:59 on the relevant deadline date, unless instructed otherwise by the ExA.

### **Publication dates**

All information received will be published on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable after the deadlines for submissions.

### **Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)**

Where an applicant has provided a No Significant Effects Report or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the application, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of

the ExA's recommendation to the Secretary of State. The ExA may also raise questions in the RIES to confirm or clarify matters that remain outstanding.

The Secretary of State may rely on the consultation on the RIES to meet its obligations under regulation 63(3) of The Habitats Regulations 2017 and/ or regulation 28 of The Offshore Marine Regulations.

## Other procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority (ExA)

I have made a number of procedural decisions following the preliminary meeting:

### 1. Examination timetable

I received no substantive comments or concerns from interested parties on the draft timetable as set out in [annex E of the rule 6 letter](#) [PD-006]. Accordingly, I have decided to issue the examination timetable, as set out in annex A to this rule 8 letter, which is the same as the draft examination timetable set out in [annex E to the rule 6 letter](#) [PD-006]. I note the applicant's comments at the preliminary meeting regarding the configuration of events during the week commencing 27 April 2026 and whether written questions would be a better use of examination time. I will continue to consider the most appropriate use of this time and will notify all parties of my decision on the matter in due course.

### 2. Examining Authority's written questions

Should I decide to issue written questions (ExQ1), they will be published on Wednesday 11 March 2026.

Whilst most of my written questions will be directed at specific parties, no other party should feel inhibited or restricted in responding to any question I ask, even if it is directed elsewhere. Some of my questions will be directed to specific statutory parties which have not, at the time of writing, confirmed that they wish to become interested parties for the purposes of the examination of the application.

All relevant statutory parties are requested to check my written questions carefully in order that they may identify and respond to any questions posed to them.

For the avoidance of doubt, statutory parties are defined as the parties listed in schedule 1 to [The Infrastructure Planning \(Interested Parties and Miscellaneous Prescribed Provisions\) Regulations 2015](#). Statutory parties, including relevant local authorities, that have not already registered to become an interested party should consider notifying the ExA of their wish to be considered as an interested party, under Section 89(2A)(b) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) as soon as possible.

### 3. Statements of common ground (SoCG)

The applicant is taking the lead in the preparation of SoCGs and it will aid the smooth running of the examination if all interested parties who are participating in the preparation of SoCGs liaise and co-operate with the applicant in respect of their production. I set out in [annex D of my Rule 6 letter \[PD-006\]](#) the SoCGs I request are submitted during the examination of this application. Final signed versions of the SoCGs listed below are requested to be submitted **by the applicant** and the following parties at **deadline 6, Tuesday 16 June 2026**, or such earlier deadline if completed and signed:

1. North Lincolnshire Council
2. Canal and River Trust
3. the Internal Drainage Board

4. the Environment Agency
5. Natural England
6. National Grid Electricity Transmission
7. National Highways

**All of the SoCGs listed above should cover the articles and requirements in the draft DCO.** Any interested party seeking that an article or requirement is reworded should provide the form of words which are being sought.

The content of SoCGs will help to inform me about the need to hold any issue specific hearings during the examination, and to enable me and the applicant to give notice of such hearings in advance of them taking place.

I have requested at regular deadlines the applicant provide Statements of Commonality of SoCGs to inform me of the progress of the SoCGs. The applicant acknowledged in its response to the Rule 6 letter [[PDA-002](#)] that it was willing to do so.

#### **4. Local impact reports (LIR)**

A LIR is a report in writing giving details of the likely impact of a proposed development on a local authority's area (or any part of that area). For more information about the importance and content of LIRs see The Planning Inspectorate's [Advice for local authorities](#).

Local authorities, defined in section 56A of the Planning Act 2008, are invited to submit LIRs by **deadline 1, Wednesday 4 February 2026**.

#### **5. Changes to land interests**

When the applicant becomes aware that there has been a change in ownership, or a new interest, in relevant land the applicant is requested to make the relevant person aware that they can make a request to the ExA to become an interested party under section 102A of the PA2008. They should inform them that information about how to do this can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's advice for members of the public: [Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects and the people and organisations involved in the process](#).

The examination timetable includes various deadlines for the submission of an updated book of reference and schedule of changes to the book of reference, which should include confirmation that relevant persons have been informed of their rights under section 102A.

#### **6. Status of the applicant's examination documents**

I request that the applicant provides, at each deadline, an updated 'Status of the Applicant's examination documents' document which provides a list of the most up-to-date status of the documents submitted, including which copies have been superseded in whole or in part. A final version must be submitted before the close of the examination. All examination documents submitted should include a version number and date.

## 7. Other submissions

In addition to the documentation submitted by the pre-examination procedural deadline, the applicant submitted a number of updated documents, which are referred to in its procedural deadline submission cover letter [PD-002]. I have exercised my discretion and made a procedural decision to accept those updated documents as examination submissions. With the exception of the cover letter and the responses to Relevant Representations which I have published immediately, these will be published at deadline 1, Wednesday 4 February 2026.

## Arrangements for hearings

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

## Requests to participate at hearings

Interested parties are required to notify the Examining Authority (ExA) in writing of their wish to take part in an open floor hearing (OFH) or compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH) on or before **Wednesday 4 February 2026** (see **deadline 1**). I remind interested parties of the procedural decision issued with the [Rule 6 Letter](#) [PD-006] requesting notification from interested parties in this regard on or before **Wednesday 4 February 2026** (see **deadline 1**).

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

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

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

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

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

If no written requests to take part in an OFH or CAH are received by the above deadline, I am not required to hold such a hearing, although I may choose to do so nonetheless.

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

## Hearing agendas

For ISHs and CAHs the ExA will publish a detailed draft agenda on the project website at least five working days in advance of the hearing date. However, the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA. For OFHs an agenda may not be published.

## Procedure at hearings

The examination of the application will principally be a written process supplemented where necessary by various types of hearings. See The Planning Inspectorate's [Advice for members of the public: The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say](#) for more information.

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in rule 14 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. The ExA is responsible for the oral questioning of a person giving evidence and the process affords very limited scope to allow cross-questioning between parties.

## Hearing livestream and recording

A link to a livestream for each hearing will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before any hearing is due to open. The livestream is available to anybody who wishes to observe a hearing in real time.

All hearings are recorded, and the recordings will be made available on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable after the close of the hearing. The recordings allow any member of the public who is interested in the application and the examination to find out what has been discussed.

## Accompanied site inspection (ASI) and requests to attend

Time has been reserved in the examination timetable to undertake an ASI during the week commencing 27 April 2026.

As requested in **annex E** of my [Rule 6 letter \[PD-006\]](#), suggestions, including justification, for locations to be included in the ASI were submitted by the pre-examination procedural deadline and have been published on the [project webpage](#). **Annex D** of my [Rule 6 letter \[PD-006\]](#) also included a number of locations I requested to be included in the draft itinerary for the ASI. I have reviewed the suggested locations including justification, for locations to be included in the ASI and request that the applicant prepare a draft itinerary for the ASI that includes the following locations:

- the area for the proposed power station, associated pipeline and connection infrastructure and area reserved for CCS (Work Nos 1-4 and 11)
- area for the water supply connection including the locations of the ancient and veteran trees (Work No 5)
- access areas including emergency access and that reserved for the AILs (Work No 8)
- soft landscaping areas (Work No 10)

- temporary construction and laydown areas (Work No 9)

If any part of the itinerary is on operational land, the applicant must confirm any attendance restrictions with the landowners and include these in the itinerary, if applicable.

The draft itinerary should be submitted by **deadline 1, Wednesday 4 February 2026**.

I will then review the comments received and the draft itinerary and may make changes to it. My final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the project webpage on or before Thursday 26 March 2026. I will also issue formal notification of the exact date for the ASI by this date. This notification will contain further information about how to request to attend the ASI.

**Interested parties should be aware that the ASI is not an opportunity to make any oral representations to me about the proposed development.** However, I may invite participants to indicate specific features or sites of interest.

## Examination documents

The application documents and relevant representations can be inspected on the [project webpage](#).

### How to stay up to date

All further documents submitted in the course of the examination will also be published under the [documents tab](#) of the project webpage.

You can also sign up to get [email updates](#). This is **strongly recommended** so you receive an email notification whenever we publish an update about the project.

If you have any questions about the process, examination events or how to access the documents, you can email [keadbynextgeneration@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:keadbynextgeneration@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) or contact us on 0303 444 5000.

## The Examination Library

For ease of navigation, please refer to the [Examination Library](#) (EL) which is accessible by clicking the blue button under the documents tab. The EL is updated regularly throughout the examination.

The EL records and provides a hyperlink to:

- each application document
- each representation and submission made to the examination
- each procedural decision made by the Examining Authority

Each document is given a unique reference number which will be fixed for the duration of the examination. **Please quote the unique reference number from the EL when referring to any examination documents in any future submissions that you make.**

## Information about the ‘Have your say’ page

The [‘Have your say’ page](#) is available on the [project webpage](#).

You will need to enter your unique reference number (‘Your ref’ found at the top your letter or email from The Planning Inspectorate). If you are making a submission on behalf of another person or organisation, and do not have your own unique reference number, then you should enter the unique reference number of the person or organisation you are representing. If you are not a registered interested party then it is at the discretion of the Examining Authority whether or not your submission is accepted.

Submissions will be published on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable following the close of the relevant deadline. For further information about publishing submissions please view our [Privacy Notice](#).

You will be able to submit a document (upload file), make a text representation or both. It is possible to upload multiple files for each individual submission item. Electronic attachments should be clearly labelled with the subject title and not exceed 50MB.

Submissions **must not include hyperlinks** to documents/ evidence hosted on a third party website, for example technical reports, media articles and so on. See The Planning Inspectorate’s [Advice for members of the public: Advice for submitting representations or comments](#) for important information about making written submissions. All submissions must be made in a format that can be viewed in full on the National Infrastructure Planning website. Any submissions that exceed 1500 words should also be accompanied by a summary; this summary should not exceed 10% of the original text.

You should select the relevant deadline for your submission and then, on the next webpage, select the appropriate submission item as described in the examination timetable at **annex A** to this letter. Please ensure you make a separate submission for each submission item and **do not duplicate your submission**. If you consider that your submission does not fit the description of any of the submission items then please select the submission item ‘Other’ and ensure that it is titled appropriately.

If you experience any issues when using the [‘Have your say’ page](#) please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter and they will assist.