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Thank you. The time is now eleven fifteen, and this examination procedure meeting for proposed light and solar project is reopened. Can I repeat the request made earlier? To to minimize the background noise, make sure your phone is switched off or turned to silent, and that you stay muted if your camera turned off unless you are speaking.

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We are going to conclude item two shortly. I see, mister Fox, you have a hand up. Want to briefly comment?

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Thank you, sir. I was just to say that in that break, we've worked through an alternative

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timetable, and I don't know. I imagine that's also what you were looking at given what the next item is. And I didn't know if it would help for us just to talk through our potential thinking on that or not at this stage?

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At this stage, no. We will be moving on to item three, which will look at

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alternatives to the time table as proposed. And, of course,

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we have provided advice as well in... On receipt of the notification for the change, pointing out some of the issues and points that have been raised today. There was also an opportunity then in response to that to assess an alternative prior to today's meeting. We thank you for suggesting that you can look at alternatives, and we'll... We will come back to that point.

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Thank you, sir. I I did did... Sorry. I did almost make a second smaller point, which was just an additional response to some of the queries raised earlier, which was just to say on the the land interest point that we've not had formal confirmation yet, but of of the... At least the freehold interest, we've had seven confirmations that those land interests are amenable to the change. So I just wanted to make that point in terms of the the ongoing engagement that we're doing. Obviously, we appreciate the CA for the CA regulations purposes.

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It's not just the rate holders. It's all the it's all the interest you have to consent.

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Thank you, Mr. Octavio. It is useful to know those conversations are heading.

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Okay. So concluding item two, the examining authorities considered the representations made on the applicant's proposed timetable for examining the proposed changes in context of the wider application.

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Combined with our own concerns and advice set out in our letter dated the fifth of October twenty twenty six, proposed timetable does not provide a sensible approach that demonstrates how the requested changes could be meaningfully examined alongside the wider application. It is fair and reasonable to all involved in this process and sequentially follows the compulsory acquisition regulations.

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At this point, it would be useful for the applicant to explain what the implications would be if changes two, four, and nine were not accepted for examination.

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Mister Fox and half the applicant, that was not what I thought you were going to say. Give me a moment.

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As all three of them relate to

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traffic management matters in terms of kind of visibility space space and approaches for abnormal indivisible loads,

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it would mean that the applicant would have to rereview the approach. And, obviously, it would therefore need to... If to to get voluntary agreements outside of the the CA files. And, obviously, that's what we're

aiming to do anyway. It would just mean that we wouldn't have the backup of those powers if... Obviously, we weren't we weren't able to bring

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the change forward with with with those powers in it.

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would be that those particular attention would be needed, but would be without the request for the compulsory acquisition.

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Yes, sir. I mean, I think the... See, some the aspects of the changes are it's the, for example, for the traffic things that outline construction traffic management plan, we would be updating the table that's in there in terms of where accesses are being taken off, and we would need the works powers.

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We'd obviously, we'd still be seeking the works powers, I would suggest. It's just we wouldn't have the accompanying land powers.

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Yeah.

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And that's useful to understand in the context that you're having positive engagements in responses from seven of the twelve, and I'm assuming that's for all of the changes.

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That's across the changes.

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Oh, yes. That's all of them. Yes.

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To be able to elaborate at this point, it's no problem if you can't. It's still... Of those chain... Of changes two, four, and nine, and the land interests there, how many of those are

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agreed for the other ones?

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Yeah. I'll bring in miss Lizzie Hall to speak to that.

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In there. So we're actively trying to engage with the important with question. the purchaser of that land in respect of the the voluntary agreement.

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In regard to change four, we've got verbal confirmation that in principle, there's no issues in respect of those changes. In respect of change nine, we haven't been able to make contact at this moment

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with the affected party's agent. However, I would just like to say we've made good progress with that agent in terms of the voluntary agreement for the wider rights we're seeking from that affected party. So the hope is that once we do manage to engage with the affected party's agent that the rights we're seeking in respect of change nine can be included within the the voluntary agreement and the progress that we've made to date in respect of wider rights that have been sought.

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Thank you. And presumably, you would be looking to reach agreements in you within the remaining examination period.

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Do you think, Depelle, that is likely?

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Yeah. Absolutely. So we're... We we are actively engaging with with all affected parties as detailed in the the land rights negotiation tracker, and the applicant remains confident that that voluntary agreements can be can be reached. And in the context of this, in respect of the change applications that have been that have been requested.

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Useful because

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if the quasi acquisition weren't powers being pursued as part of changes two, four, and nine, that would make some considerable difference to the implications for the examination timetable.

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Hence, why we're sort of pursuing this and wanting to understand that position. So it is useful.

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Mister Fox, is there anything else you'd want to say now before I move on?

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Sir, I'm gonna talk to one of the applicant. I I don't know unless unless this is a good time to suggest how we feel it it could be still captured by taking account of your comments this morning.

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think if that's related to alteration dates and the timetable, then that would be better placed under item three. So know we... That's okay. Yeah. No problem.

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It'd useful to understand the context of those changes and also on the compulsory acquisition position. Staff g six month examination period ends on the twenty eighth of January twenty twenty seven, by which date the examination was closed. Change request submitted at this late stage presents a significant challenge to accommodate the necessary procedural steps within the time remaining while meeting the statutory requirements and ensuring fairness to all parties. Examining authority will carefully consider what limited opportunities there may be to accommodate the proposed changes within the remaining examination period and whether other procedural requirements can still be met.

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This underlines the importance of following government guidance and client inspectorate advice throughout the preparation of examination of an application for development consent order.

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As such, I propose that we move on to item three on the agenda. And I will now hand over to mister Willis.

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Thank you, Mr. Sandi. So okay. So turning to agenda item three, which we've entitled amendments to the examination timetable. As we've discussed earlier, due to the change in notification and the request and

the time that has been occupied in considering and responding to those, the examining authority is considering at this stage whether the existing examination timetable may need to change to some degree. Now to be clear, this is irrespective of any future decision on whether all, some, or none of the changes, as discussed previously, are accepted.

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So more specifically, we're looking potentially to rearrange the second round of hearings, which are currently timetabled for the second of November, to a later date with a potential consequential amendments to the subsequent deadlines and dates to accommodate this. Now to assist us in our consideration of this, I'd like to, therefore, invite and hear views of interested parties on this suggestion as well as some consequential changes that might need to be made to the examination time table in order to facilitate it.

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So can I start first off with regard to the second round of hearing, which, as I say, was scheduled for the week commencing the second of November? We'd like to hear views, please, and comments on whether a potential deferral of those hearings to mid November twenty twenty six would pose any specific issues or problems that could have prevent or the ability for parties to meaningfully engage and attend those hearings. So more specifically, if we were, for example, to look to move these to the week commencing the sixteenth of November, I'd welcome views on that.

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And also whether there's any views with regard to, if it were necessary, those hearing being held virtually rather than being in person or hybrid. Can I perhaps start first with the applicant?

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Mister Botkma, the applicant said no concerns from our perspective. Obviously, it would be welcomed once people have the chance to speak. It would be in in welcome discussion on how that fits in with everything else because I think it would be... We'd just like to understand how that works with the the change, I suppose, process. But, actually, in terms of that proposal, that's fine for us.

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Okay.

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Okay. Thank you. Can I ask North Yorkshire Council then on those same two points, really, a potential deferral to the sixteenth or mid? Around the sixteenth? And any views on virtual hybrid?

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Thank you. Lynda Drake, North Yorkshire Council. The council has no concerns with those items either.

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Okay. Thank you. Any other parties wish to comment at this stage?

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Councillor Holmes?

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Bill Holmes, McFarish and Price Council. Thank you. We would be happy with the change of the the dates of the meetings, but we would prefer to see the meetings as hybrid, not just online.

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Thank you.

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Okay. Thank you. And I've got hand up with doctor Ellen... Roman. Sorry.

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Thank you. Yeah. Doctor Roman. So I would just say that I would appreciate the meeting to be either virtual or hybrid, which would give me the potential opportunity to attend.

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K. Thank you.

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Could I ask that you put your hand down, please, doctor Roman, just so it's helpful to keep the the screen in order? Mister Grant?

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Yeah. Elliot Grant, resident at Mount Friesen. Just from anybody, any of the the public or residents that have a a vested interest in this, It's related to timeline and notification of any changes. And if they need anybody that needs to rearrange, obviously, giving due notice is a consideration and and also in relation if there's any accompanied site visits that are required.

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No. So I think at the moment, just on that point, what we're just looking for a feel for if we were move to those dates back. Obviously, if those dates were, we would give appropriate and reasonable notice in advance of those those hearing for people to attend. It was just specifically that week personally for yourself, or is there an issue with... If we were looking to move it back?

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No. It's true for me personally. No. Thank you.

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So if I can move on, obviously, if we were to move the hearings, the remaining dates and deadlines within the examination timetable would also potentially need to shift. In effect, that would move each deadline back an equivalent period.

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Again, with this in mind, if we were to amend the current timetable, I'd like to, therefore, highlight the deadline the deadline, sorry, for the post hearing submissions or actions could be towards the end of the first week in December. So this would allow approximately two weeks following those hearings. So again, just in terms of that context, do any party foresee any issues with that potential change in a requirement?

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Councillor HAMES?

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Thank you very much. I think as previously stated, I think there will be some difficulty pushing with things around the Christmas period and getting appropriate responses. So I'd appreciate if that period could be avoided if at all. Thank you.

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K. Mister Fox, I can see you put you in

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Yeah. So it was just it was just to... I was aware of the the silence, I just thought I'd say it from our perspective. That's fine. So thank you.

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Okay. Thank you.

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Okay. So and I'm mindful you will want to comment on some of the points in a moment. But so moving on, what I would like to say is so whilst we've not obviously made a change a decision on the change request, we are mindful that if the examining authority were to accept the requested changes two, four and nine for examination, as we've discussed, it would also be necessary to amend the existing timetable further. This is because we would need to set a clear timetable for examining the additional compulsory acquisition proposals and allow time for written representations, questions, further information, responses and any necessary hearings to take place as we've discussed earlier this morning.

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Now that revised timetable would not be issued until after the close of the relevant representation period relating to the change proposals. Now in advance of any decision of the change request, it would nevertheless help us in advance of that to know if there are any periods that could present a potential problem that we would need to consider. I suspect, Mr. Fox, that will lead into some of the things you

want to raise as well. But can I just start by just highlighting a few potential points there for parties to consider? So the first key date would be the potential delay in issuing our second written questions and the schedule changes to the draft DCO from the first of December to a potential new date of sometime around the fifteenth to the eighteenth of December.

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Now this revised date could then potentially allow the examining authority to include any questions that might arise from relevant representation received in response to change the application proposals should the request be accepted in full. Now that does mean that the second round of questions and feedback on the schedule of proposed change to draft DCO would need to be submitted around the seventh or the eighth of January twenty twenty seven. So with this in mind, again, I've been welcoming views on that, please, the potential changes in those dates.

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So can I perhaps start with the applicant?

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As far as from the applicant, not from our point of view.

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Just as a comment on that, I would... I I don't know if there is... Thought could be given potentially to a kind of staged approach to the questions, I. E, some of the questions that you have for the applicant could be asked for that... On that timetable perhaps, but then second question is focused to other parties could be asked after Christmas potentially. Just a just a suggestion, sir, just because I'm conscious of what people have already said this morning, imagining what their responses are about to be.

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So there might be a way of thinking about staggering it within the wider timetable.

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Okay. Thank you. So let's make a note of that. One second.

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Do any other parties... Can I start with perhaps North Yorkshire Council, first and foremost? Do you have any comments or views on what I've just said?

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Thank you. Lynda Drake, North Yorkshire Council. Just to point out, sir, that the council has a week with the offices closed from the twenty eighth of December. So, clearly,

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we would not be able to address anything in that period. So as much time as possible after Christmas would be of benefit.

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And can I just ask on point that then? So you say the office closed on the twenty eighth of December. When does it reopen?

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We shut down from the end of Christmas Eve, and we reopen on the fourth of January.

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I'll open it up to any other parties attending today. Anyone wants to comment if you want to put your hand up, I'll invite you in. So miss Snowball, Environment Agency.

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Thank you. Yes. Chloe Snowball for the Environment Agency. We don't have a mandatory shutdown period like some of the local authorities do, but I suppose just, I think, from the end of... So Friday the eighteenth of December, think that's when the school holidays start. So probably quite a lot of of the specialists within the team will be going on leave at that point and may not be returning until sort of first week back in January. So either to delay response... The deadline to be able to respond to x q two until a little bit later after Christmas would be beneficial or to bring forward the release of those questions slightly earlier, perhaps by a week, so we had time to sufficiently review those ahead of the Christmas period would be much appreciated if possible.

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Thank you.

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Alright. Thank you.

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Mister... Councilor Holmes?

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Yeah. Bill Holmes, New York, vice president of British Council. The comments from mister Fox regarding issue of any questions to the applicant prior to other interested parties, This is just a general question for the examining authorities. I'm not familiar with the processes. But the question is, is it right to issue questions to the applicant in lieu of issuing them to an interested party? Thank you.

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So I will invite mister Fox to respond to that.

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Mr. Fox, McArthurkin. Thank you, sir. I mean, just to be clear, I wasn't suggesting it was instead of. I think it was just to have a target date. And that could either be one set of questions being released but giving two sets... Two dates for parties to respond, I. E, you issue them, for example, the eighteenth of December, and you say, for the questions directed to the applicant, respond by the date you just gave. But for interested parties, you can respond, you know, a week later. Or it's a set of, you know, a set of questions for the applicant before questions and a set of questions for everybody else afterwards.

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You know, there's... What I'm saying is that there's there's flexibility there, but it's certainly not a suggestion of of of... In lieu of.

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That's understood.

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I don't know if if there's... I have some thoughts about how that could all fit together potentially, if if it would help to do that or or would... Or...

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I think it might... If we continue with... Because I have a line of question. If we continue with a line of questioning as we are, it may well be that then there's an opportunity for you to put that in the wider context at the end, if that's helpful. That'd be more helpful, I think. Just because I'd I'd like to just get specific views on specific dates at this moment in time. And then if there's a need to follow that, we can do.

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That's it. Thank you.

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Okay. So again, just looking on to consequential effects, if you like, the changes that we'd be looking and and key dates. So the seven four eight for January, which I've just alluded to, would be the responses to those questions, could also perhaps coincide with the deadline for the written representation from additional affected parties and additional interested parties in line with the CA regulations. Again, this is in the event that the change request were to be accepted in full.

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So again, just... I'm really just seeking if there's any views from parties on that particular point

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I'll just give a moment. I'll direct it. If there's anybody who wish to put their hand up, you just want to make a comment, then please do so.

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Mister Fox, you got your camera on. I'm assuming that's instead of a hand.

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Yeah. Yeah. I'm a talk from half the afternoon. Yeah. Sorry. Just to say, I think I think that was aligning with some of the thoughts I I had. So... But we would support that. And I think there's a way you could work that even with a staggered response dates, which would come back to you, she said, in a case, shortly. Okay.

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I'll just give a moment for anybody else to make a comment.

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I'm not seeing any.

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Okay. So the next the next, again, next key thing I'd like to just discuss is, you know, if we were to, again, looking at potential hearings to enable any matters arising from the change request to be considered, should that change request be accepted in full. These would likely need to take place around the week during... Sorry, the week commencing the eleventh of January and would be virtual hearings only. They're likely to be held towards the end of that week given response to second written questions as we've just discussed, and written representation may have only been received around the seventh or eighth of January.

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However, allowing time for these to be checked and published and leaves only two to three working days for all parties, including the examining authority, to be able to review and prepare for those hearings. So again, given this, I've just welcomed some thoughts and views on whether these times and dates would allow parties to meaningfully engage and review and respond to the information in that documentation. So again, things I've welcomed views on really is if hearings were necessary to consider the change proposal, should they be accepted? Would that week suit? Are there any particular conflicts with the dates that suggested? And any views on whether those hearings are held virtually only? I'll start with the applicant again first, and then I will invite it open to others.

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Thanks, Sam. Scott from the applicant. Yes. We've we've we've had no problems with hearings in in that week commencing the eighteenth of January.

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Thank you. Any other parties in particular want to comment, mister... Councilor Holmes? Sorry.

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Thank you. I'd just like to reiterate in pricing's position that we would prefer to have meetings face to face and virtual at the same time. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Okay. So again, on that assumption, if they... If there were needs to hold hearings in mid January, again, the post hearing submissions as well as any closing statements and final documents would then need to follow those hearings. And to enable that, a potential date for these could be the twenty second of January, which would be seven days or five working days following those hearings. Now again, that is an extension to the current examination timetable I set out.

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Just inviting comments on that particular point of the time frame for post submission of hearings. Are there any views about that time frame? Mr. Fox, can I ask you first?

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No. So just to check, my mic distorted slightly. Did you say the twenty seventh of September?

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January. Sorry. Twenty second. So we're looking at about... If if the hearings were to be held the week commencing eleventh of January hearings, we'd be looking at post submission hearings around the twenty second thing.

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So, yes, that that works for us. Sorry. I had I had been thinking that you were talking about hearings in the week commencing the eighteenth, but then final submissions on the twenty seventh, which is day four end of examination because that would then wrap everything up in terms of closing submissions generally and submissions on the on the hearing, but we can come back to that. But, yes, if you... So keeping the hearings and we commence on the eleventh, then we could we could do submissions by the twenty second.

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So just just, Robin, we'll come on to this, I'm sure. But... So you you... Your... I presume your provisional timetable that you've worked up is suggesting around the eighteenth?

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You're in your current line thinking. Yes. So we could we could do that.

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Okay. Thank you.

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I don't see anyone else really wishing to make comments on that. And again, really, just to reiterate, you know, it's helpful to understand everyone's position at this time so we can give them a full and proper consideration of making a decision on to whether we want to amend the current timetable or not. And should we decide to update that current timetable, then this will be notified to all parties at the end of for a procedural decision in due course.

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I think this that closed this item in this agenda, but I will. Just give me one second. I'm just mindful of what Mr. Falk had said with regard to suggested tentative timetable. So just give me one second, please, mister Fox.

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Okay. Thank you for that brief pause. I was just making some note. But, yes, Mr. Fox, you did mention in the break that you've constructed an alternative timetable. So it's a high level. It would be helpful if you perhaps give a summary of what that proposal would be so we can perhaps make that... Note of that, and parties to attend today can obviously comment to that as well if necessary. So do you want to just take the lead and and give us an introduction to that?

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Thanks, sir. Yes, sir. So, yes, trying to take account of everything that's been discussed today. So we were... Starting point being, so if you were to

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to make your procedural decisions whether or not to accept the changes. And and this is a scenario that you're accepting all of them, so I think you would appreciate. That that would then mean, as I said earlier, the first notice on the third of December, second notice on the tenth.

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Sorry, mister Funk. So just check third of December.

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November. Sorry. Thank you, sir. Third of November. And then second notice on the tenth of November.

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We would then

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the end of that period would then be for representations, would then be the tenth of December

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for us to then issue the certificate of compliance on the eleventh.

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Again, pre taxing service is then asking you to use your discretion. We... But then you could issue the timetable on the eighteenth of December, so to give you a working week to consider the representations. And in that timetable, you could include the dates for the hearings to making sure that we're giving the requisite notice for January. And as you were suggesting, there's issuing the second written questions at the same time. For now, I'm going to posit a scenario that that is potent so that second written question is issued.

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Then we were looking at the

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given what Mr. Tandy said earlier about wanting to have them as a separate process, having that and having that as you suggested as for

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the eighth of January. And at that point, then... And I'm gonna pause this scenario here. So where there is a staggered, but doesn't have to be. But in a situation of a staggered response to... Respond to questions, so we'd suggest on that date, you then have the applicant responses coming in on the eighth of January alongside the written recommendations on the changes.

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You could then have on the we suggest perhaps the thirteenth of January,

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that being the date for applicants' response to the written reps, which we appreciate. It only gives us three working days, but we feel we can cope with that. And... But that can then also be the date when the other party's second rank question responses could be, so giving them an extra three working days.

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And then that would therefore mean... The reason I deliberately saying the thirteenth, sir, is then in terms of... Although you would have notified the hearings, obviously, you need to construct an agenda, some of which you would have got from our responses to the questions to... On the on the eighth. But that's why I'm assessing the thirteenth rather than the fifteenth. So it's the Wednesday rather than the Friday. So then you could you'd have then time to finish your agendas on, say, the the fifteenth or even the eighteenth in Jan... Sorry. Just get that calendar up again just so I'm misquoting myself.

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Yes. So then you can then issue the agenda either on the fifteenth or the eighteenth, and then having the hearings towards the back end of that following week, I. E, the twenty first, twenty second of January, and then allowing post hearing submissions and final submissions on the twenty seventh.

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So we think that, therefore, allows for the the the rep to happen. It could allow for stack of responses to account Finch's to party availability over Christmas to give them a few extra days if that works. I am conscious having made that suggestion. Of course, there are questions that you have asked previously that have been directed to multiple parties, so I appreciate this isn't as easy as I'm making it sound. But, you know, I think there is some flex in there, therefore, to to allow for second if you wanted to, whilst also, say, hearings.

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But I acknowledge absolutely in that. That does mean that we're only giving you five working days to

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finish writing the timetable, the amended timetable, and the... To finish the agenda for the hearings. But I'm kind of hoping that because you would have had the written question responses, you would have... You have the chance to kind of have started writing most of those... Most of that agenda, you know, and then just be a case of finishing it off once you've had the interested party question responses if you'd staggered it plus our responses to the written reps on the changes.

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So that that was our proposal. So trying, I think, as much as possible to

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take account of what interest parties have said this morning.

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And I and I think... So that's helpful. Thank you. And I think given some particularly the... Some of the dates you've mentioned, I think that aligns with the line of questioning about the periods I've asked the parties anyway. So I don't think it necessarily unless anybody wants to make any comment go back on that because we've already sort some views on, in particular, the period over the eighteenth of December written questions through to January period. So

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unless anybody wishes to make any particular comments in response to that, it's helpful to have that response, mister Fox. Obviously, we need to take that into account. Do any parties wish to make any comments in response to Fox's dead?

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Right now, I'm not seeing that in in that case. Thank you for that contribution.

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As I say, any decision about whether or not we wish to make amendments to current the examination timetable. When we made today, they'll be made in a future decision.

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And with regard to any changes that may be needed to accommodate the change, proposals will obviously be dependent on the examining authority's decision as to whether or to accept those changes. So again, that would follow a later date. That, therefore, concludes this item of the agenda.

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Can I perhaps then move on to agenda item four, which are any of the methods?

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Has anybody got anything that they wish to raise today that's not been covered?

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I'm not seeing any. So in that case, that concludes the business and the items on the agenda that we'd identified for today's meeting. We trust the agenda has been covered, we believe that we provide an opportunity for all those who have notified us of their site to comment to do so.

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It just therefore leaves me the chance the opportunity to thank everyone for their contributions today and in particular for attending this meeting at such short notice. We appreciate that everybody is busy, and we thank you for attending and your time this morning.

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And I'll just remind everybody that the recording of this meeting will be added to the project web page of the Planning Inspectorate National Infrastructure website as soon as possible after this meeting. In that case, that just leaves me to bring this meeting to a formal close. The time is eleven fifty six, and this examination procedure meeting for the Light Valley Cellar project is now closed. Thank everyone for your attendance.