



## Hearing Transcript

<b>Project:</b>	The Droves Solar Farm
<b>Hearing:</b>	Recording of Preliminary Meeting
<b>Date:</b>	6 May 2026

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My name is Anthony Johnson. I'm a chartered civil engineer, and I've been appointed

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00:00:03.920 --> 00:00:07.670

by the Secretary of State as the single examining inspector to

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examine this application. You will also hear me referred to as the

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00:00:11.540 --> 00:00:12.640

examining authority.

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00:00:22.480 --> 00:00:26.140

The case manager is Sarah Norris. She's being supported here today by Emma

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Smith, and Tim Hole is providing support remotely.

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As well as the planning inspectorate team, we are joined here today by another

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inspector, Carl Pelling, who is observing the meeting for training

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purposes.

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00:00:39.800 --> 00:00:43.680

I'll now deal with a few housekeeping matters for those attending in person.

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Can everyone please set all devices and phones to silent?

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The toilets are located towards the back of the room.

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There's no fire drill planned today.

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However, should the fire alarm sound, please treat it as a real event.

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The fire exits are located at the back and at the front of the room, as

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indicated by the signs.

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The fire assembly point is at the front of the rear car park outside the

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fire exits, on the right-hand side.

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Please wait there for further instruction.

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A short mid-morning break will be held around 11:30, and a lunchtime

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break will be taken around 1:00 PM if the meeting is not concluded

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by that time.

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I will aim to keep the proceedings focused and as efficient as possible.

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To assist this, I issued Annex B to the Rule 6 letter,

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dated 8th of April 2026, reference

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PD-006, which invited you to

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00:01:41.200 --> 00:01:45.190

this meeting. That annex sets out an introduction to the preliminary

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00:01:45.220 --> 00:01:46.200

meeting process.

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00:01:48.360 --> 00:01:51.220

That is now displayed on the screen, as you can see.

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I trust that you've all read this in advance, as I will only be providing a

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summary now.

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You will find information about this application on the Planning Inspectorate's

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National Infrastructure Planning website.

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I would strongly encourage you to familiarize

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yourself with this website, because as the examining authority, I will

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be using it to communicate with you and to provide access to documents

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throughout the examination.

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Today's meeting is being undertaken as a hybrid or blended event,

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meaning some of you are present with us at the hearing venue, and some of

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you are joining us today using Microsoft Teams.

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I will make sure that however you have decided to attend today, you will be given

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a fair opportunity to participate.

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A recording of today's meeting will be made available on the Drove Solar

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Farm section of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon

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as practicable after the meeting has finished.

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With this in mind, please ensure that you speak clearly into a

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00:02:54.120 --> 00:02:57.900

microphone, stating your name and who you are representing each time

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00:02:57.980 --> 00:02:58.840

before you speak.

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To use the microphone, press the button so that it turns green just before you

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00:03:04.120 --> 00:03:08.000

speaking. Please turn the button off to red when you've finished speaking.

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00:03:09.160 --> 00:03:12.900

If you're not at a table with a microphone, there is a roving microphone, so please

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wait for one of these to be brought to you before you speak.

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A link to the Planning Inspectorate's privacy notice was provided in my Rule

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6 letter. I assume that everybody here today has familiarized

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themselves with this document, which establishes how the personal data

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of our customers is handled in accordance with the principles set out

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in data protection laws.

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Please speak to Sarah Norris if you have any questions about this.

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00:03:41.530 --> 00:03:45.200

The meeting will follow the agenda as set out in Annex A of the Rule

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6 letter. It would be helpful if you would have a copy of this in front of

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00:03:49.440 --> 00:03:49.600

you.

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00:03:50.960 --> 00:03:54.400

Could this also be displayed on the screen as well, the agenda?

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00:03:54.700 --> 00:03:55.100

Thank you.

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Let me briefly explain the purpose of this preliminary meeting.

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Its purpose is to focus on the way in which the application is proposed to be

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examined. On that basis, I will only be inviting discussion about

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the procedural aspects of the examination.

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The purpose of this meeting is not to discuss either the merits or any

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concerns that you may have regarding the application.

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The merits or concerns can only be considered once the examination of the

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application begins, which happens following close of the preliminary

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meeting.

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Please note that this meeting is not to be used as a platform to make

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electioneering points, and any attempts to do so will not be

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tolerated.

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00:04:44.120 --> 00:04:47.140

I'm aware that Norfolk County Council, reference

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PDA-006, has expressed its

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disappointment that the venue chosen today isn't closer to the proposed

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development site. Venues in Swaffham were considered.

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However, the only venue that suited the requirements didn't have the availability

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for these dates. We will endeavor to use a venue closer to the

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proposed development for the next hearings in September.

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A number of interested parties have notified us in advance of the meeting they wish

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to speak. I'm now going to ask those of you who are

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participating in today's meeting to introduce yourselves.

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When I state your organization name, could you introduce yourself, stating your

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00:05:26.680 --> 00:05:28.280

name and who you represent,

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and which agenda item you wish to speak on?

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If you're not representing an organization, please confirm your name,

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00:05:36.080 --> 00:05:39.800

summarize your interest in the application, and confirm the agenda

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item

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00:05:41.160 --> 00:05:42.560

upon which you wish to speak.

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00:05:43.740 --> 00:05:46.620

Please could everybody also state how they wish to be addressed?

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00:05:49.420 --> 00:05:53.180

I'll start with the applicant. Who will be representing the applicant today?

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00:05:53.620 --> 00:05:55.520

Good morning, sir. My name is Alex Tresadern.

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I'm a senior associate at Pinsent Masons LLP, the solicitors for the

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applicant. I'm joined to my left and right by various members of the

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00:06:03.520 --> 00:06:07.400

applicant's team, but I anticipate it will just be me speaking at this preliminary

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meeting on all agenda items, please.

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00:06:11.410 --> 00:06:11.810  
Thank you.

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00:06:12.650 --> 00:06:15.570  
Can I just confirm your surname?

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00:06:17.170 --> 00:06:18.010  
It's Tresadern.

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00:06:18.690 --> 00:06:19.310  
Tresadern.

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00:06:19.530 --> 00:06:19.830  
Thank you.

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00:06:19.930 --> 00:06:22.770  
Thank you.

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00:06:25.310 --> 00:06:25.770  
Thank you.

107  
00:06:27.690 --> 00:06:28.770  
Now can I move to

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00:06:30.330 --> 00:06:31.790  
Breckland District Council, please?

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00:06:33.550 --> 00:06:36.910  
Good morning, sir. My name is Simon Wood, representing Breckland Council.

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00:06:37.910 --> 00:06:41.400  
I'm here to answer questions and clarification and make points where

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00:06:41.470 --> 00:06:42.509  
necessary, sir.

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00:06:47.730 --> 00:06:49.510  
Thank you.

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00:07:06.870 --> 00:07:09.490

Other representatives from Breckland District Council, please.

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00:07:12.050 --> 00:07:13.250

I'm the only one today, sir.

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00:07:13.310 --> 00:07:13.510

Oh.

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00:07:13.530 --> 00:07:15.550

There was a councilor who was supposed to join, but he's not well.

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00:07:16.090 --> 00:07:17.910

Right. Thank you. I can see that on my list. Thank you.

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00:07:19.590 --> 00:07:20.590

Norfolk County Council.

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00:07:23.730 --> 00:07:27.050

Thank you, sir. Andrew Szurkowski for Norfolk County Council.

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00:07:28.610 --> 00:07:30.109

Mr. Szurkowski is fine.

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00:07:30.950 --> 00:07:33.329

I may make comment from time to time if required.

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00:07:36.630 --> 00:07:37.130

Thank you.

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00:07:38.410 --> 00:07:42.150

And Kings Lynn and West Borough and West Norfolk Borough Council.

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00:07:44.030 --> 00:07:47.570

Good morning, sir. Mrs. Julie Barrow for the Borough Council, along with my

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00:07:47.610 --> 00:07:51.550

colleague Lucy Smith. The likelihood is I will be responding to any

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00:07:51.590 --> 00:07:53.510

questions that you may have on the agenda items.

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00:07:53.910 --> 00:07:56.290

Thank you.

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00:07:59.410 --> 00:08:01.190

Thank you.

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00:08:02.590 --> 00:08:03.710

Swatham Town Council.

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00:08:08.010 --> 00:08:10.510

Expecting Councillor Paul Darby.

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00:08:10.970 --> 00:08:12.550

Is he present today or online?

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00:08:15.850 --> 00:08:16.190

Okay.

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00:08:18.930 --> 00:08:20.870

Castle Acre Parish Council.

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00:08:23.030 --> 00:08:26.130

Good morning, sir. My name is Tim Hubbard, chair of Castle Acre Parish

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00:08:26.250 --> 00:08:29.980

Council. I'm not intending to speak at this preliminary meeting,

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00:08:30.190 --> 00:08:32.250

only the open floor meeting this afternoon.

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00:08:34.110 --> 00:08:37.890

Thank you. And I also had another name for Castle

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00:08:37.899 --> 00:08:40.591

Acre Parish Council. Is there anybody else intending to speak?

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00:08:42.610 --> 00:08:42.770

No.

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00:08:43.130 --> 00:08:43.230

Okay.

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00:08:43.250 --> 00:08:43.390

Well-

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00:08:43.750 --> 00:08:44.610

Oh, sorry.

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00:08:45.090 --> 00:08:48.850

Yeah. So I'm Ilga Chakrabati, also a parish councilor at Castle

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00:08:48.910 --> 00:08:49.270

Acre.

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00:08:50.650 --> 00:08:54.030

And I was expecting to speak this afternoon at the open floor

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session.

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00:08:56.430 --> 00:08:58.649

Okay, thank you for clarifying that.

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Michael Bennett.

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00:09:03.970 --> 00:09:07.910

Good morning, sir. Yeah. Michael Bennett representing Spawll with Palgrave

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Parish Council.

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00:09:10.050 --> 00:09:13.430

I wish to speak, I think, to item three.

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00:09:19.730 --> 00:09:20.170

Thank you.

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00:09:22.830 --> 00:09:23.150  
And

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00:09:24.550 --> 00:09:27.930  
other interested parties, Mark Holmes. Is he present today?

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00:09:28.350 --> 00:09:29.029  
Thank you.

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00:09:32.890 --> 00:09:35.650  
Hi. Hi, my name's Dr. Mark Holmes.

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00:09:35.830 --> 00:09:38.140  
I've registered to speak this

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00:09:38.210 --> 00:09:41.340  
afternoon on stone-curlews and

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00:09:41.370 --> 00:09:42.210  
biodiversity.

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00:09:45.730 --> 00:09:46.790  
Thank you, Dr. Holmes.

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00:09:47.050 --> 00:09:47.450  
Thank you.

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00:09:51.210 --> 00:09:51.590  
Thank you.

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00:09:52.630 --> 00:09:56.070  
Okay, now if I could ask if there's anyone else in the room today  
who wishes to

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00:09:56.170 --> 00:09:58.040  
speak, if they could let me know now.

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00:10:02.830 --> 00:10:06.470  
If I could now move on to virtual

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00:10:06.550 --> 00:10:09.950

attendees. If you're with us on Microsoft Teams and you wish to speak today,

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00:10:10.170 --> 00:10:13.190

please could you raise a virtual hand, and I will invite you to

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00:10:13.870 --> 00:10:17.770

introduce yourself. And again, please let me know on which agenda item you wish

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00:10:17.810 --> 00:10:18.870

to speak.

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00:10:24.350 --> 00:10:24.670

All right.

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00:10:26.410 --> 00:10:29.330

I'll go to Charlotte Jones first, please.

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00:10:33.450 --> 00:10:34.410

Morning. Sir, can you hear me?

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00:10:35.310 --> 00:10:35.550

Yes.

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My name is Charlotte Jones. I'm Managing Associate at Addleshaw

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Goddard, presenting National Grid Electricity Transmission.

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I'm joined today by Tiffany Bate and Andrea

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Dinka Pandaru directly from National Grid.

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00:10:55.040 --> 00:10:58.720

And we wish to speak or answer any questions in relation

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to item three, specifically grid connection.

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Thank you.

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Jeremy Bloom.

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Morning, sir. Jeremy Bloom,

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DCO lead for National Highways East Region,

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so representing National Highways.

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Predominantly I'm here to answer any questions or deal with any

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clarifications. If I do need to speak, it'll be

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likely to be item three on the agenda. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Thank you. If anybody else decides that they wish to speak during

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00:11:44.660 --> 00:11:48.530

the course of this morning's proceedings, for example, to make comments

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in response to representations made by other parties, you may do so.

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Please raise your hand, either physically here in the room or using

the

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00:11:56.670 --> 00:11:58.490

Microsoft Teams function.

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Are there any other comments anyone wishes to make under agenda item

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one?

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00:12:09.470 --> 00:12:12.730

Okay, I'll now move on to the next item on the

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agendaIn

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00:12:19.234 --> 00:12:22.784

order to streamline the running of this event, in Annex B of my Rule 6 letter,

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00:12:23.574 --> 00:12:27.134

I provided an introduction to the preliminary meeting and the examination

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00:12:27.234 --> 00:12:30.854

process, explaining how it will be conducted and how you can

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00:12:30.914 --> 00:12:31.674

participate.

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00:12:34.654 --> 00:12:38.614

For expediency, I'm assuming that everyone has read this, and therefore I don't

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00:12:38.624 --> 00:12:41.494

propose to spend time reading it now.

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00:12:42.194 --> 00:12:45.154

It is important that you are clear in your understanding of the process.

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00:12:45.454 --> 00:12:49.354

Therefore, if there is anything you are unclear about or on which you need

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00:12:49.374 --> 00:12:52.414

clarity, then this is your opportunity to ask.

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00:12:53.294 --> 00:12:57.014

So on the basis of the information set out in Annex B of my Rule 6

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00:12:57.094 --> 00:12:57.354

letter,

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00:12:58.294 --> 00:13:01.614

are there any questions about the way in which I propose to examine this

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00:13:01.674 --> 00:13:05.564

application? If you have any specific points to make regarding

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00:13:05.594 --> 00:13:09.554

the draft timetable, can I ask that these are raised later in agenda

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00:13:09.654 --> 00:13:10.794

item four?

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00:13:15.094 --> 00:13:17.094

I'm not seeing any hands in the room.

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00:13:17.494 --> 00:13:19.134

Are there any hands online?

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00:13:22.954 --> 00:13:26.594

Thank you. That concludes this item of the agenda.

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00:13:30.474 --> 00:13:34.174

Agenda item three, examining authority's initial

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00:13:34.214 --> 00:13:36.114

assessment of principal issues.

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We now turn to agenda item three,

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00:13:42.754 --> 00:13:46.734

examining authority's initial assessment of principal issues considered under

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Section 88 of the Planning Act 2008.

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00:13:50.974 --> 00:13:54.304

This section of the act requires the examining authority to make an initial

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assessment of the principal issues arising on the application.

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00:13:58.734 --> 00:14:02.374

In preparing this initial assessment, I have taken into account the application

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00:14:02.454 --> 00:14:06.274

documents, the relevant representations received, and any other

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00:14:06.334 --> 00:14:09.074

matters that I consider to be important and relevant.

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00:14:10.734 --> 00:14:14.674

The initial assessment of principal issues are set out in Annex D of my Rule 6

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letter, which you should already have had sight of.

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If that can be shown on the screen, please.

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00:14:22.694 --> 00:14:26.014

Therefore, in the interest of brevity, I don't propose to go through these in

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00:14:26.154 --> 00:14:29.553  
detail. However, I will summarize these and then provide

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00:14:29.674 --> 00:14:30.934  
opportunity for comment.

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00:14:34.434 --> 00:14:37.904  
Before I do, I would emphasize that the purpose of the initial  
assessment of

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00:14:37.974 --> 00:14:41.914  
principal issues, they are an initial assessment that has guided me  
in

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00:14:41.954 --> 00:14:45.854  
forming a provisional view as to how the application is to be  
examined.

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00:14:46.724 --> 00:14:50.674  
They are not a comprehensive or exclusive list of all issues that  
will be subject

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00:14:50.754 --> 00:14:54.274  
to examination. And inevitably, other relevant issues will

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00:14:54.314 --> 00:14:56.394  
arise during the course of the examination.

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00:14:57.434 --> 00:15:00.994  
May I remind you that I will have regard to all important and  
relevant matters

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00:15:01.054 --> 00:15:04.714  
during the examination and when writing my recommendation

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00:15:04.794 --> 00:15:06.594  
report to the Secretary of State.

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00:15:08.054 --> 00:15:11.554  
It's also worth noting the order in which the issues are set out  
does not

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00:15:11.594 --> 00:15:14.914  
imply any order of prioritization or importance.

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00:15:19.614 --> 00:15:22.714  
So in summary, there are 12 principal issues which are,

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00:15:23.734 --> 00:15:27.174  
number one, the need, site selection, and alternatives.

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00:15:28.494 --> 00:15:32.154  
Two, aviation. Three, biodiversity.

246  
00:15:32.914 --> 00:15:34.334  
Four, the climate.

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00:15:35.154 --> 00:15:38.994  
Five, cultural heritage. Six, flood risk, hydrology,

248  
00:15:39.074 --> 00:15:40.094  
and water resources.

249  
00:15:41.094 --> 00:15:42.754  
Seven, grid connection.

250  
00:15:43.914 --> 00:15:47.334  
Eight, land and soil. Nine, landscape and visual,

251  
00:15:47.514 --> 00:15:48.614  
including good design.

252  
00:15:49.554 --> 00:15:53.374  
10, noise and vibration. 11, population.

253  
00:15:53.934 --> 00:15:56.054  
And 12, transport and access.

254  
00:15:59.594 --> 00:16:00.994  
Cumulative effects will be

255  
00:16:01.074 --> 00:16:10.474  
considered

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00:16:10.494 --> 00:16:14.274

on a topic-by-topic basis, and as such have not been listed as a separate

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00:16:14.334 --> 00:16:18.044

issue in their own right. I'm now going to provide the opportunity for any

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00:16:18.134 --> 00:16:21.704

comment by inviting you to speak. Please remember that this meeting is about

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00:16:21.794 --> 00:16:25.714

procedure and not a time to make representations or express

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00:16:25.754 --> 00:16:27.474

views on the merits of those issues.

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00:16:28.234 --> 00:16:31.114

I would also like to remind all parties to introduce themselves

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00:16:32.234 --> 00:16:33.274

when they are speaking.

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00:16:34.554 --> 00:16:38.514

I'll go first to those who've indicated in advance that they wish to speak on this

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00:16:38.574 --> 00:16:39.294

agenda item.

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00:16:41.674 --> 00:16:44.274

Simon Wood.

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00:16:46.054 --> 00:16:48.794

I've got nothing to add at the moment, sir. Thank you.

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00:16:50.594 --> 00:16:50.914

Thank you.

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00:16:54.814 --> 00:16:56.054  
Norfolk County Council.

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00:16:59.514 --> 00:17:01.374  
Andrew Sherikowski for Norfolk County Council.

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00:17:01.574 --> 00:17:05.055  
Sorry, we don't have anything further to add at this stage.

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00:17:05.094 --> 00:17:05.535  
Thank you.

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00:17:10.535 --> 00:17:14.274  
Any comments from either Castle Acre Parish Council or Spool

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00:17:14.335 --> 00:17:14.585  
with

274  
00:17:15.454 --> 00:17:17.154  
Palgrave Parish Council?

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00:17:18.535 --> 00:17:20.614  
Yes, sir. Michael Bennett,

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00:17:21.674 --> 00:17:24.194  
Spool with Palgrave Parish Council.

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00:17:28.194 --> 00:17:29.814  
The draft timetable

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00:17:30.654 --> 00:17:34.034  
shows that the close of examination for the Drovers DCO

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00:17:34.094 --> 00:17:36.954  
application will be November 6th of this year.

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00:17:38.134 --> 00:17:41.954  
In light of the fact that the High Groves DCO application will

281  
00:17:41.964 --> 00:17:45.574  
not be submitted until at least October 2026,

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00:17:46.494 --> 00:17:50.354

we would wish to ask how the examiner expects to assess

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00:17:50.874 --> 00:17:54.664

and examine the cumulative impacts of both the Drovers and

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00:17:54.774 --> 00:17:56.254

High Grove on the local area,

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00:17:57.074 --> 00:18:00.974

bearing in mind that these two developments border each other along the

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00:18:01.034 --> 00:18:04.814

ACE 1065 and will have significant cumulative

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00:18:04.854 --> 00:18:08.614

impacts, not least the impact of traffic during construction

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00:18:08.994 --> 00:18:12.554

if both were undertaken at the same time or even consecutively.

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00:18:13.374 --> 00:18:17.044

Similarly, the cumulative impacts on the landscape and

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00:18:17.154 --> 00:18:21.034

visually, glint and glare, biodiversity, and particularly

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00:18:21.094 --> 00:18:24.673

the impact of potentially large numbers of deer

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00:18:24.794 --> 00:18:26.914

moving through the landscape down narrow

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00:18:26.974 --> 00:18:30.534

corridorsWe've yet to see the final

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00:18:30.604 --> 00:18:34.224

design and proposals that High Grove will come up with in the light

295  
00:18:34.284 --> 00:18:37.624  
of the statutory consultations responses.

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00:18:38.264 --> 00:18:39.764  
And as they develop,

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00:18:41.984 --> 00:18:45.963  
we hope there will be opportunities to discuss these with RWE in  
detail

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00:18:46.004 --> 00:18:48.524  
prior to submission of their DCO application.

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00:18:49.334 --> 00:18:53.164  
Therefore, we would hope that the examining authority would too,

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00:18:53.584 --> 00:18:57.464  
and be able to communicate the results of those discussions and  
possible changes

301  
00:18:57.504 --> 00:18:59.444  
in their assessment during the examination

302  
00:19:01.104 --> 00:19:01.944  
to interested

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00:19:02.824 --> 00:19:03.364  
parties.

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00:19:05.764 --> 00:19:09.364  
So really, it's a question really over process of how

305  
00:19:09.704 --> 00:19:11.624  
are we going to see that

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00:19:12.804 --> 00:19:15.984  
assessment of the cumulative impacts of the High Grove

307  
00:19:16.664 --> 00:19:19.664  
and the Drovers, because both

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00:19:20.204 --> 00:19:20.844  
impact

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00:19:22.724 --> 00:19:24.424  
Spall Parish significantly.

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00:19:25.884 --> 00:19:26.184  
Thank you.

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00:19:26.624 --> 00:19:29.644  
Okay. Thank you. So, I'm the examining authority for the Doves-

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00:19:29.804 --> 00:19:29.864  
Mm

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00:19:29.924 --> 00:19:31.664  
... Solar Farm project.

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00:19:32.504 --> 00:19:36.104  
As part of that examination, we will be looking at cumulative effects.

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00:19:36.144 --> 00:19:36.244  
Mm.

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00:19:38.684 --> 00:19:40.044  
Regarding High Grove,

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00:19:41.804 --> 00:19:45.444  
if that is accepted for examination, there will be a separate

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00:19:45.784 --> 00:19:46.884  
examining authority-

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00:19:47.084 --> 00:19:47.094  
Mm

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00:19:47.094 --> 00:19:50.924  
... who would also look at the cumulative effects as part of that application.

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00:19:52.264 --> 00:19:53.864

Yes, but at this stage, sir,

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00:19:55.704 --> 00:19:56.044

while

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00:19:57.444 --> 00:19:59.044

you're examining this

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00:20:00.324 --> 00:20:01.064

application,

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00:20:02.604 --> 00:20:06.564

surely it's important that a full

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00:20:06.844 --> 00:20:10.784

appraisal is made of what High Grove are proposing

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00:20:10.844 --> 00:20:14.404

as well, so that in fact you can assess those

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00:20:14.444 --> 00:20:16.284

cumulative impacts

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00:20:17.364 --> 00:20:21.144

completely. And the problem is that they're not due to put

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00:20:21.184 --> 00:20:25.004

their application until probably after you've

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00:20:25.064 --> 00:20:28.944

finished your examination. So the question really is how

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00:20:28.964 --> 00:20:32.804

are we going to deal with that at this present time, and look at

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00:20:33.184 --> 00:20:34.404

those issues that are

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00:20:36.384 --> 00:20:37.464

going to be coming up

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00:20:39.063 --> 00:20:40.124  
with High Grove?

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00:20:40.644 --> 00:20:43.324  
Okay. Well, I've explained how I'll be examining-

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00:20:43.504 --> 00:20:43.744  
Yeah

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00:20:43.924 --> 00:20:47.764  
... the project, but I'll go over to the applicant to just clarify  
how

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00:20:47.804 --> 00:20:49.644  
they've assessed cumulative effects.

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00:20:50.164 --> 00:20:52.544  
Thank you, sir. Alex Tresadern, on behalf of the applicant.

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00:20:52.594 --> 00:20:55.404  
Without wishing to stray too much into the

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00:20:56.404 --> 00:20:59.624  
topics that will be covered at the issue specific hearing tomorrow,  
one of which is

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00:20:59.724 --> 00:21:03.404  
cumulative impact, just to reiterate that the applicant has

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00:21:03.744 --> 00:21:07.584  
considered High Grove Solar as part of its cumulative assessment in  
relation

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00:21:07.644 --> 00:21:11.294  
to every topic as appropriate within the environmental statement,

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00:21:11.944 --> 00:21:13.404  
based on the information available.

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00:21:13.444 --> 00:21:17.364

Further to that, the applicant is in ongoing discussions

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00:21:17.424 --> 00:21:21.124

with the developers for High Grove Solar, RWE, and indeed, there are

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00:21:21.164 --> 00:21:25.034

commitments in various management plans submitted by the applicant  
for that

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collaboration to continue, should consent be granted for the

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00:21:28.324 --> 00:21:29.944

Droves.

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00:21:33.744 --> 00:21:34.144

Thank you.

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00:21:36.824 --> 00:21:38.584

Sir, could I just make one comment?

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00:21:39.544 --> 00:21:39.704

Yes.

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00:21:39.844 --> 00:21:43.764

What my concern is, sir, is that you actually see what the High  
Grove are

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00:21:43.804 --> 00:21:44.104

doing.

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00:21:45.004 --> 00:21:48.084

As the examining authority, you should be looking at

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00:21:48.144 --> 00:21:50.244

what's happening with the other

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00:21:52.124 --> 00:21:55.964

projects that are going on around the place, and I think it's

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00:21:56.284 --> 00:21:59.944  
incumbent on you to actually make contact with RWE

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00:22:00.364 --> 00:22:04.284  
and actually see what they are proposing over these next few

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00:22:04.364 --> 00:22:06.984  
months before they put the DC0 application in.

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00:22:07.704 --> 00:22:07.844  
Yeah.

364  
00:22:08.104 --> 00:22:11.924  
We need to know these things because otherwise you're

365  
00:22:11.944 --> 00:22:15.544  
going to make your recommendation to the Secretary of

366  
00:22:15.664 --> 00:22:16.144  
State

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00:22:17.164 --> 00:22:17.824  
before

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00:22:19.284 --> 00:22:21.224  
really High Grove has really been considered.

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00:22:21.464 --> 00:22:25.344  
And they are both, as I hope I and others will be able

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00:22:25.404 --> 00:22:25.624  
to

371  
00:22:28.624 --> 00:22:29.804  
put forward tomorrow,

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00:22:31.384 --> 00:22:34.204  
they are absolutely intricately linked.

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00:22:34.614 --> 00:22:37.224  
There's only the A1065 between them.

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00:22:37.744 --> 00:22:41.724

Yeah. No, I understand that. And one of the procedural decisions I've already made

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00:22:41.784 --> 00:22:45.664

is to ask the applicant for an interrelationships report,

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00:22:46.424 --> 00:22:49.144

which will be updated during the examination process-

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00:22:49.284 --> 00:22:49.404

Yeah

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00:22:49.524 --> 00:22:50.664

... so that we understand

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00:22:51.604 --> 00:22:53.764

the interrelationship between the two projects.

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00:22:53.884 --> 00:22:54.044

Mm.

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00:22:55.284 --> 00:22:55.454

Well,

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00:22:56.884 --> 00:22:57.524

you can see the

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00:22:59.124 --> 00:23:03.044

importance that we, particularly at Spall, put on this because

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00:23:03.524 --> 00:23:07.424

we actually have both projects, if you like, within

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00:23:07.464 --> 00:23:11.144

our parish boundaries, and we are looking at

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00:23:11.964 --> 00:23:15.844

over 1,000 acres of our parish being taken for

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solar development. So you can see why we're concerned that

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00:23:19.444 --> 00:23:20.224

this

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00:23:21.564 --> 00:23:24.864

conversation is carefully managed

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00:23:25.444 --> 00:23:25.744

and

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00:23:26.744 --> 00:23:28.784

done in the whole examination process.

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00:23:29.904 --> 00:23:30.584

Okay. Thank you.

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00:23:32.824 --> 00:23:34.124

Would you like to come back on that point?

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00:23:34.474 --> 00:23:36.564

Thank you, sir. Alex Tresadern on behalf of the applicant.

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00:23:36.644 --> 00:23:40.324

Just to reiterate, we completely appreciate the point being made by the Parish

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00:23:40.384 --> 00:23:44.004

Council and understand that both projects are in close

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00:23:44.064 --> 00:23:47.664

proximity to each other and affect the land of the Parish Council.

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To reiterate, we are completely confident in the robustness of our

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00:23:52.064 --> 00:23:55.864

cumulative assessment, as has been informed by the latest design

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00:23:55.924 --> 00:23:59.144  
information from High Grove Solar, given our ongoing collaboration  
with the

401  
00:23:59.164 --> 00:24:02.524  
development. But we absolutely welcome both tomorrow and throughout  
the

402  
00:24:02.564 --> 00:24:06.464  
examination, ongoing discussions with affected members about the  
cumulative

403  
00:24:06.524 --> 00:24:07.604  
nature of the schemes.

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00:24:11.864 --> 00:24:15.384  
Thank you. I'd now like to move to the virtual attendees.

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00:24:17.124 --> 00:24:17.134  
Sorry.

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00:24:18.024 --> 00:24:19.824  
Yeah, sorry. Dr. Holmes.

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00:24:20.344 --> 00:24:23.944  
Thank you. Dr. Mark Holmes. I'd just like to second Mike

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00:24:23.964 --> 00:24:25.424  
Bennett's comments about the

409  
00:24:26.924 --> 00:24:30.884  
massive cumulative impact of both High Grove and Drovers developments

410  
00:24:31.364 --> 00:24:35.080  
on the very sensitive Knarr Valley SSSI,

411  
00:24:35.860 --> 00:24:39.180  
an internationally important chalk stream, and the huge

412  
00:24:39.260 --> 00:24:42.980  
biodiversity of this whole area between Spall, Southacre,

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00:24:43.080 --> 00:24:46.840

Castleacre, which is functionally linked to the

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00:24:46.880 --> 00:24:48.940

Breckland Special Protection Area.

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00:24:49.560 --> 00:24:53.300

And these issues cannot be easily ignored, and they must be

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00:24:53.340 --> 00:24:57.300

addressed at this stage. I would certainly agree with Mike Bennett that

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00:24:58.340 --> 00:25:00.080

these are priority issues to be addressed.

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00:25:00.940 --> 00:25:01.720

Okay. Thank you.

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00:25:01.880 --> 00:25:02.180

Thank you.

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00:25:02.560 --> 00:25:03.760

Alex, trusted in? No.

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00:25:04.600 --> 00:25:07.680

Okay, I'm going to move to the virtual attendees.

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00:25:12.300 --> 00:25:16.280

Starting with Charlotte Jones. I believe you wanted to comment on

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00:25:16.320 --> 00:25:16.880

this item.

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00:25:20.480 --> 00:25:22.240

Charlotte Jones, representing National Grid.

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00:25:23.500 --> 00:25:27.140

Having discussed with my client, we have nothing further to add at this stage.

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00:25:27.740 --> 00:25:29.740

We intend to speak at the issue specific hearing tomorrow.

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00:25:31.480 --> 00:25:33.560

Okay, thank you. And Jeremy Bloom.

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00:25:38.460 --> 00:25:40.860

Thank you, sir. Jeremy Bloom, National Highways.

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00:25:41.740 --> 00:25:45.580

Nothing specific to add, just to confirm that

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00:25:46.280 --> 00:25:50.220

reference to the transport or the highway network

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00:25:50.260 --> 00:25:53.880

refers to both the local and strategic highway networks

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00:25:53.920 --> 00:25:54.300

together.

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00:25:56.600 --> 00:25:57.240

Okay, thank you.

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00:26:01.280 --> 00:26:03.900

Okay, I'm not seeing any further hands up online.

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00:26:06.400 --> 00:26:08.460

So, just one hand in the room.

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00:26:12.120 --> 00:26:14.580

Sorry, very basic. Ilga Chakrabuti.

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00:26:15.080 --> 00:26:18.920

Is it possible to have a printout of your previous table of

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00:26:18.960 --> 00:26:22.640

all the different topics that you are going to examine?

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00:26:23.100 --> 00:26:27.080

Certainly, yes. If you speak to the case team at the back of the room-

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00:26:27.140 --> 00:26:30.460

And secondly, could we have introductions on that side

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00:26:31.120 --> 00:26:34.860

of the room? Because we haven't, I don't think, unless I missed it, the

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00:26:34.920 --> 00:26:35.860

names of everybody.

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00:26:36.500 --> 00:26:37.930

Yes, certainly we can do that.

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00:26:37.930 --> 00:26:38.090

Thank you.

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00:26:38.280 --> 00:26:41.300

My apologies. I've just introduced myself as the only person speaking this morning.

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00:26:41.400 --> 00:26:45.180

To my left is Gareth Phillips, a partner at Pinsent Masons, the same law firm for

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the applicant. To my right is Harman Sonn, project development manager for the

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applicant. To his right is Laura Tinker, associate director at

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DWD, who's consultants for the applicant as well.

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00:26:55.580 --> 00:26:59.500

And then behind us is Dave Elvin, who's a director at the applicant's holding

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00:26:59.540 --> 00:26:59.900

company.

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00:27:06.440 --> 00:27:07.140

Okay, thank you.

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00:27:08.480 --> 00:27:11.920

So I'm now going to move on to the next agenda item,

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00:27:13.180 --> 00:27:14.749

which is number four,

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00:27:15.060 --> 00:27:19.020

examining authorities draft examination

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00:27:19.060 --> 00:27:19.760

timetable.

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00:27:21.140 --> 00:27:24.900

So the draft examination timetable is set out in Annex E

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00:27:25.080 --> 00:27:26.240

of my Rule 6 letter.

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00:27:27.300 --> 00:27:29.160

Can this be shown on the screen, please?

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00:27:34.000 --> 00:27:37.840

Thank you. This timetable covers the whole period of the

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00:27:37.860 --> 00:27:41.840

examination. The examination period commences the day after the close

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00:27:41.880 --> 00:27:43.230

of this preliminary meeting.

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00:27:44.620 --> 00:27:48.380

As the examining authority, I am under a duty to complete the examination within

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00:27:48.480 --> 00:27:52.300

six months, which means the examination will close on Friday the 6th of

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00:27:52.340 --> 00:27:54.200  
November 2026.

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00:27:55.100 --> 00:27:58.800  
Please note this draft timetable is provisional and will be issued as

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00:27:58.880 --> 00:28:02.720  
final following this preliminary meeting as soon as practicable

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00:28:02.820 --> 00:28:06.400  
via the issue of my Rule 8 letter, which will also include the

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00:28:06.420 --> 00:28:09.300  
examining authority's first written questions.

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00:28:16.120 --> 00:28:19.820  
To note, the draft timetable includes time periods for potential future

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00:28:19.840 --> 00:28:23.810  
hearings and an accompanied site inspection and six deadlines for the

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00:28:23.900 --> 00:28:25.560  
submission of written documents.

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00:28:26.320 --> 00:28:29.680  
It also includes the dates on which I propose to issue documents.

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00:28:29.760 --> 00:28:33.280  
For example, the proposed schedule of changes to the draft development

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00:28:33.400 --> 00:28:34.120  
consent order.

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00:28:35.340 --> 00:28:38.780  
As the examining authority, I have the discretion to make amendments

to the

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00:28:38.800 --> 00:28:42.540

examination timetable where it would be for wider benefit of the

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00:28:42.580 --> 00:28:43.240

examination.

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00:28:44.520 --> 00:28:48.400

Where possible, future potential events such as accompanied site

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00:28:48.440 --> 00:28:52.240

inspections and further hearings will be arranged for times when all relevant

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00:28:52.340 --> 00:28:53.639

parties are available.

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00:28:55.040 --> 00:28:58.600

Additionally, I will consider any comments made today on the draft timetable,

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00:28:59.480 --> 00:29:03.060

but please bear in mind that I've already considered the time of year at which the

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examination will fall. Specifically, so that the next hearings

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00:29:07.120 --> 00:29:10.820

would be after the main summer holiday period in week commencing

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00:29:10.860 --> 00:29:11.940

7th of September.

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I remind you that as the examining authority, I am under a duty to complete the

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examination by the end of the six-month period, beginning with the day

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after the close of today's preliminary meeting.

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Hence, in practice, there will be limited scope to alter the dates

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set out in the draft timetable.

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00:29:31.100 --> 00:29:35.040

I'll now summarize the comments received at procedural deadline A,

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00:29:36.000 --> 00:29:38.600

PDA-001.

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00:29:42.640 --> 00:29:43.420

Sorry, excuse me.

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00:29:44.720 --> 00:29:47.220

The applicant's procedural deadline A submission,

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00:29:47.360 --> 00:29:51.140

PDA-001, requests that deadline

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00:29:51.200 --> 00:29:54.940

two is moved from Tuesday the 16th of June to Friday the

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00:29:54.980 --> 00:29:58.740

19th of June 2026, to allow for the volume of submissions

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typically expected at deadline one.

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00:30:03.180 --> 00:30:06.200

Norfolk County Council's procedural deadline A submission,

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00:30:06.360 --> 00:30:10.260

PDA-006, draws the XA's attention

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00:30:10.300 --> 00:30:14.260

to the fact that there are elections to Norfolk County Council taking place

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00:30:14.640 --> 00:30:18.300

tomorrow on the day of the issue specific hearing.

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00:30:18.620 --> 00:30:22.230

Norfolk County Council state the timing is very unfortunate because it makes it

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00:30:22.260 --> 00:30:25.720

very unlikely that any elected representatives or prospective

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00:30:25.760 --> 00:30:29.500

elected representatives of the local community will be able to

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00:30:29.540 --> 00:30:32.880

attend either the open floor hearing or issue specific hearing.

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00:30:34.400 --> 00:30:37.360

Norfolk County Council would ask the XA

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00:30:37.380 --> 00:30:41.284

accordingly To ensure that there is at least one open floor

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00:30:41.364 --> 00:30:44.884

hearing at which there is an opportunity of local elected council

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00:30:44.944 --> 00:30:48.884

representatives to speak at the examination, and that this takes place at

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00:30:48.924 --> 00:30:51.544

a venue local to the application site.

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00:30:53.844 --> 00:30:57.784

The Borough Council of King's Lynn and the West Norfolk's procedural deadline A

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00:30:57.864 --> 00:31:01.784

submission, PDA-003, comment that the

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00:31:01.804 --> 00:31:05.654

preliminary meeting and open floor hearing are being held in the

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00:31:05.684 --> 00:31:09.524

pre-election period, and issue specific hearing

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00:31:09.584 --> 00:31:13.374

one is being held on election day. This may impact attendance

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00:31:13.484 --> 00:31:17.164

generally, as well as the ability of candidates and elected members to

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00:31:17.204 --> 00:31:18.744

attend and speak at the hearings.

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00:31:21.444 --> 00:31:24.044

Are there any further comments on the timetable?

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00:31:29.524 --> 00:31:30.284

Yes.

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00:31:30.644 --> 00:31:32.064

Sir, I don't know whether it's appropriate.

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00:31:32.144 --> 00:31:33.944

Tim Hubbard, Castle Acre Parish Council.

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00:31:34.664 --> 00:31:38.244

Will you be actually responding to the requests for either

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00:31:38.324 --> 00:31:41.344

attended or unattended visits to the locations?

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00:31:45.164 --> 00:31:46.084

Yes. So a number of

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00:31:47.924 --> 00:31:50.724

locations have been put forward under procedural deadline A,

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00:31:51.764 --> 00:31:55.334

and I'll confirm the next steps in the rule A letter,

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00:31:57.624 --> 00:31:59.644

which will be issued after this meeting.

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00:32:01.464 --> 00:32:01.864

Thank you.

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00:32:08.704 --> 00:32:10.444

Are there any comments online

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00:32:11.844 --> 00:32:12.944

regarding the timetable?

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00:32:17.684 --> 00:32:19.184

I'm not seeing any hands.

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00:32:24.704 --> 00:32:26.504

Sir, can I just ask for a clarification from you?

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00:32:27.464 --> 00:32:29.444

Andrew Szurajkowski from Norfolk County Council.

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00:32:29.664 --> 00:32:32.144

You mentioned earlier that it is the intention to have,

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00:32:32.674 --> 00:32:36.584

potentially, the next or a future open floor

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00:32:36.624 --> 00:32:36.964

hearing

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00:32:37.844 --> 00:32:39.084

in September, I believe,

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00:32:40.344 --> 00:32:42.604

and hopefully nearer to the site. Can I just confirm that?

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00:32:42.664 --> 00:32:44.004

Is that definitely the plan?

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00:32:44.504 --> 00:32:45.244

It's the plan, yes.

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00:32:45.424 --> 00:32:47.184

Right. Okay. Thank you.

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00:32:50.884 --> 00:32:53.804

Are there any further comments on the timetable, in particular

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00:32:55.084 --> 00:32:59.064

from Norfolk County Council? Are you content with the deadline for

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00:32:59.104 --> 00:33:00.384

the local impact report?

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00:33:01.984 --> 00:33:02.284

Yes.

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00:33:02.364 --> 00:33:06.104

Yes. Have you considered the potential implications for the local

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00:33:06.164 --> 00:33:06.744

elections?

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00:33:10.944 --> 00:33:14.794

I suspect, like the other local authorities, we have an internal consultation

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00:33:14.844 --> 00:33:18.604

procedure which takes into account any views from the elected

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00:33:18.644 --> 00:33:19.584

members of the council.

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00:33:20.764 --> 00:33:24.004

I have to say, we have had some discussion internally, because clearly, that does

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00:33:24.044 --> 00:33:24.424

present

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00:33:25.364 --> 00:33:26.104

implications

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00:33:27.104 --> 00:33:29.454

arising from the fact that there are elections tomorrow, and

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00:33:30.984 --> 00:33:34.584

potentially, there's a change in the elected representatives of the council.

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00:33:36.004 --> 00:33:39.904

And there's obviously going to be certainly a short period of time

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00:33:39.944 --> 00:33:43.804

before the structure of the new council and who

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00:33:43.844 --> 00:33:47.704

fits into which positions in the council settles down, but we think we can

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00:33:47.744 --> 00:33:49.644

probably do it within the timescale available.

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00:33:50.504 --> 00:33:51.143

Okay. Thank you.

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00:33:53.144 --> 00:33:56.744

Sorry, sir. Could I just make a quick point this way, sorry, to the applicant

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00:33:57.344 --> 00:33:58.064

on your right. Sorry.

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00:33:58.144 --> 00:33:59.824

The sound is coming to me.

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00:33:59.864 --> 00:34:00.984

Sorry. I

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00:34:03.564 --> 00:34:07.393

can wave next time. Just in relation to local impact reports, you'd have seen from

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00:34:07.444 --> 00:34:11.044

our, as you referenced, our procedural deadline A, PDA

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00:34:11.265 --> 00:34:15.144

001 submission, requesting that slight shift from deadline two to

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00:34:15.185 --> 00:34:19.004

the 19th of June, in order to

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00:34:19.084 --> 00:34:22.265

allow us a couple of extra working days to sufficiently respond

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00:34:22.324 --> 00:34:26.004

to the volume of submissions at deadline one, as we recognize

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00:34:26.044 --> 00:34:29.984

it's hugely important to do so. One of those categories of submissions being

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00:34:30.024 --> 00:34:31.185

the local impact reports.

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00:34:32.644 --> 00:34:35.725

Obviously, we hope that you make the changes that we've suggested, but either way,

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00:34:36.144 --> 00:34:39.984

it would be much appreciated if the councils, Breckland and Norfolk

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00:34:40.004 --> 00:34:43.884

County Council, and any other councils who are submitting local impact reports, if

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00:34:43.924 --> 00:34:45.064

they're content to do so,

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00:34:45.864 --> 00:34:49.435

could provide us with copies of those local impact reports,

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00:34:49.844 --> 00:34:53.705

either in draft form near submission or once submitted on the day of submission,

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00:34:53.824 --> 00:34:57.204

so that we don't have to wait for the understandable delay for the

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00:34:57.463 --> 00:35:00.603

documents to be submitted onto the Planning Inspectorate's website.

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00:35:00.643 --> 00:35:02.674

That would just therefore give us an extra couple of days to

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00:35:03.964 --> 00:35:07.124

respond to those, or certainly start to address them once you've already submitted

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00:35:07.164 --> 00:35:07.984

them.

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00:35:08.864 --> 00:35:10.524

Can I come in? Sir, if I could come back to that.

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00:35:10.544 --> 00:35:12.364

Andrew Szurajkowski from Norfolk County Council.

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00:35:13.144 --> 00:35:16.644

I'm tempted to suggest, actually, just listening to that comment, and then if the

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00:35:16.684 --> 00:35:19.364

alternative is actually potentially just to shift the deadline back

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00:35:20.824 --> 00:35:22.984

for the submission of the local impact report.

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00:35:23.344 --> 00:35:26.844

I think particularly taking into account the local elections we've got taking

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00:35:26.924 --> 00:35:30.424

place, I might suggest that as an alternative, because it would at least give us a

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00:35:30.444 --> 00:35:33.884

bit more opportunity in terms of fitting in with the fact that

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00:35:33.904 --> 00:35:37.144

the dust has to settle on the elections in the county council.

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00:35:37.324 --> 00:35:39.784

I think I need to apologize. I perhaps wasn't entirely clear.

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00:35:40.514 --> 00:35:40.514

I'll withdraw.

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00:35:40.544 --> 00:35:44.464

No, that's my fault. The deadline one for the submission of the local

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00:35:44.504 --> 00:35:48.184

impact reports is the 2nd of June. We're proposing that deadline two is moved,

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00:35:48.304 --> 00:35:51.524

i.e., our time period to respond to them, hence asking for them to be

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00:35:51.544 --> 00:35:54.444

received once submitted rather than when uploaded, if that makes sense.

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00:35:54.564 --> 00:35:55.904

Fine. My misunderstanding.

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00:35:55.924 --> 00:36:01.684

Fine.

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00:36:01.764 --> 00:36:05.444

Okay. But you're requesting that they issue them as draft?

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00:36:07.294 --> 00:36:10.704

A draft would be ideal, because then we could receive them earlier and have

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00:36:11.084 --> 00:36:12.584  
enough time to sufficiently respond.

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00:36:12.944 --> 00:36:16.684  
If that's unacceptable, and I can see perhaps how it would be, if on the

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00:36:16.724 --> 00:36:20.594  
day they're submitted, i.e., the 2nd of June, the normal process is that

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00:36:21.004 --> 00:36:24.704  
the applicant would have to wait a couple of days for the documents to be submitted

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00:36:24.744 --> 00:36:27.684  
onto the online portal and available for review.

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00:36:27.844 --> 00:36:31.684  
I was requesting that if when they are submitted onto the portal, if they

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00:36:31.724 --> 00:36:35.564  
could be sent, perhaps via email, directly to us on that day, it would just give us

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00:36:35.604 --> 00:36:38.824  
the extra couple of days to help with our response.

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00:36:38.904 --> 00:36:39.184  
Okay.

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00:36:39.404 --> 00:36:40.004  
Can I just make-

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00:36:40.224 --> 00:36:40.704  
Yeah

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00:36:40.724 --> 00:36:42.784

... a point, sir? Simon Wood for Breckland

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00:36:42.904 --> 00:36:46.240  
Council. I'm not sure that we're

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00:36:47.320 --> 00:36:50.140  
minded to share a draft early with you,

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00:36:51.080 --> 00:36:54.280  
even though we want to work with you and alongside you.

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00:36:54.620 --> 00:36:58.540  
I'm quite happy to submit to you and send you a copy

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00:36:58.580 --> 00:37:02.420  
on the day that we submit to the Planning Inspector in relation to  
the

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00:37:02.460 --> 00:37:03.040  
DCO.

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00:37:04.600 --> 00:37:08.460  
I'm not entirely sure of the fairness of asking for

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00:37:08.740 --> 00:37:12.710  
an extension of time to do your bit and not talk about

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00:37:12.720 --> 00:37:16.060  
extensions of time for us to do our bit. But I'll leave that one  
hanging.

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00:37:17.280 --> 00:37:18.420  
Thank you. That's appreciated.

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00:37:19.340 --> 00:37:22.139  
Sorry, if I could just comment on this as well. I'd agree with Mr.  
Wood, actually.

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00:37:22.200 --> 00:37:23.919  
Andrew Sherry, I'm speaking for Norfolk County Council.

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00:37:25.500 --> 00:37:28.680

I suppose, again, particularly from the County Council's perspective, because we do

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00:37:28.740 --> 00:37:32.700

have this issue of the new set of elected members potentially

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00:37:32.760 --> 00:37:36.590

coming in, I think we'd be hard-pressed to have a draft that we could

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00:37:36.640 --> 00:37:40.330

send you in advance. So I think I would agree with that comment, but not

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00:37:40.580 --> 00:37:43.700

in any way meaning to be awkward. It's just the reality, particularly for the

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00:37:43.720 --> 00:37:45.120

County Council because of that position.

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00:37:49.020 --> 00:37:50.200

Okay, thank you. One more.

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00:37:51.200 --> 00:37:54.360

Thank you, sir. Mrs. Judy Barrow for Borough Council, Kings Lynn and West Norfolk.

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00:37:54.740 --> 00:37:58.260

Just for clarity, just to say that concur with colleagues either side of me,

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00:37:58.660 --> 00:38:01.910

and also just to confirm that we do intend to submit a local impact report, just

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00:38:01.980 --> 00:38:02.640

for clarification.

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00:38:03.660 --> 00:38:03.960

Thank you.

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00:38:11.280 --> 00:38:13.020

Any further comments on the timetable?

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00:38:16.900 --> 00:38:18.540

I'm not seeing any hands online.

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00:38:21.880 --> 00:38:24.140

So that brings this agenda item to a close.

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I'll now move on to agenda item five,

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00:38:30.120 --> 00:38:32.570

procedural decisions made by the examining authority.

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00:38:35.180 --> 00:38:38.920

These are set out in Annex H of the Rule 6 letter, if that can

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00:38:38.980 --> 00:38:40.220

be displayed on the screen.

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Annex H gives full details of the decisions.

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00:38:45.860 --> 00:38:49.440

As I assume that you've all had the opportunity to read this annex,  
I will not go

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00:38:49.520 --> 00:38:51.820

through all the details of each item in this meeting.

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00:38:52.520 --> 00:38:56.280

However, I will be summarizing them now and providing the  
opportunity for comment.

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00:38:57.480 --> 00:39:01.280

So the first decision, procedural decision following issue of  
acceptance,

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00:39:01.520 --> 00:39:04.980

reference PD-004. This

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00:39:05.040 --> 00:39:08.760

procedural decision requested that the applicant provided an assessment of the

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00:39:08.800 --> 00:39:12.739

implications for delivery of the proposed development and how the

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00:39:12.780 --> 00:39:16.060

application should be examined, including the order limits.

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00:39:16.780 --> 00:39:18.340

In its letter, reference

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00:39:18.680 --> 00:39:22.280

AS-063, the applicant confirmed that it

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00:39:22.340 --> 00:39:26.040

intends to proceed with the DCO application as currently

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00:39:26.120 --> 00:39:26.640

proposed.

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00:39:27.820 --> 00:39:29.860

Any comments on this first decision?

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00:39:34.160 --> 00:39:36.160

Not seeing any hands online either.

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Move on to the second one.

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Second decision, statements of common ground.

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00:39:41.640 --> 00:39:45.380

The examining authority requested that the applicant submits and leads the

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00:39:45.400 --> 00:39:49.260

production of statements of common ground with the interested

parties as

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00:39:49.320 --> 00:39:52.920  
listed in paragraph 7.1.5 of the

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00:39:52.980 --> 00:39:56.740  
applicant's planning statement, but also requests statements of  
common

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00:39:56.760 --> 00:40:00.020  
ground are developed additionally with the Defense Infrastructure

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00:40:00.180 --> 00:40:00.880  
Organization,

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00:40:01.700 --> 00:40:05.170  
representing the Ministry of Defence, and the National Energy System

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00:40:05.260 --> 00:40:05.750  
Operator.

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00:40:06.630 --> 00:40:10.610  
The examining authority requests initial versions of these documents

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00:40:10.680 --> 00:40:14.620  
are submitted by deadline one of the examination timetable to inform

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00:40:14.640 --> 00:40:18.360  
the decision on whether further issue-specific hearings are

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00:40:18.400 --> 00:40:22.120  
required and to enable the examining authority to give sufficient

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00:40:22.200 --> 00:40:24.640  
notice of holding these hearings if they are needed.

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00:40:26.360 --> 00:40:28.829  
The applicant's procedural deadline A submission,

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00:40:29.060 --> 00:40:32.630  
PDA-001, confirms that it is also

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00:40:32.660 --> 00:40:36.600

seeking to progress a draft statement of common ground with the Borough Council

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00:40:36.620 --> 00:40:39.980

of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk as an affected authority,

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00:40:40.540 --> 00:40:42.940

which the applicant will also submit at deadline one.

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00:40:44.520 --> 00:40:46.820

Any comments on that procedural decision?

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00:40:47.380 --> 00:40:49.600

Thank you, sir. Alex Tresiden on behalf of the applicant.

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00:40:50.100 --> 00:40:53.960

That's right, and just to say that all drafts of those statements of common

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00:40:53.970 --> 00:40:57.810

grounds have now been issued to the relevant parties, and we welcome comments on

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00:40:57.860 --> 00:41:01.660

those. The exception to that is NESO, and we're just

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00:41:01.700 --> 00:41:05.560

ascertaining internally who best to send that to, but that

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00:41:05.600 --> 00:41:07.200

statement of common ground has been drafted as well.

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00:41:08.620 --> 00:41:08.940

Thank you.

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00:41:11.180 --> 00:41:13.680

I'm not seeing any hands online, so I'll move on to the

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00:41:14.680 --> 00:41:16.760

third decision, local impact reports.

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00:41:17.400 --> 00:41:20.940

The examining authority requests local impact reports from Breckland District

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00:41:21.040 --> 00:41:24.760

Council and Norfolk County Council and welcomes local impact

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00:41:24.820 --> 00:41:28.300

reports from any other relevant local authorities defined in Section

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00:41:28.600 --> 00:41:31.800

56A of the Planning Act 2008.

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00:41:32.940 --> 00:41:35.020

Any other comments from local authorities?

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00:41:37.160 --> 00:41:37.380

No.

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00:41:41.000 --> 00:41:44.360

No comments in the room. Any comments online?

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00:41:46.880 --> 00:41:48.380

I'm not seeing any hands up.

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00:41:49.500 --> 00:41:51.650

The fourth decision, closing summary statements.

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00:41:51.840 --> 00:41:55.560

The examining authority requests that all interested parties, where they wish to do

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00:41:55.660 --> 00:41:59.600

so, submit their closing summary statements at the final deadline

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00:41:59.640 --> 00:41:59.960

six.

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00:42:00.760 --> 00:42:04.580

Further, I ask that each respondent details their position on

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00:42:04.620 --> 00:42:06.900

their principal issues within these statements.

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00:42:07.780 --> 00:42:10.900

Any comments on closing summary statements?

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00:42:13.660 --> 00:42:17.320

No. No comments in the room. No. Any comments online?

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00:42:18.980 --> 00:42:20.180

No hands up online.

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00:42:22.220 --> 00:42:24.860

The fifth decision, accompanied site inspection.

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00:42:26.220 --> 00:42:30.160

The draft timetable in Annex E includes a week

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00:42:30.200 --> 00:42:34.010

reserved for an accompanied site inspection at week commencing 7th of

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00:42:34.040 --> 00:42:35.640

September 2026.

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00:42:36.740 --> 00:42:40.640

The examining authority has received submissions from interested parties for

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00:42:40.680 --> 00:42:43.820

both unaccompanied and accompanied site inspections.

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00:42:44.800 --> 00:42:48.720

I also note the applicant proposes a single location for the site inspection

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00:42:48.880 --> 00:42:51.020

in its procedural deadline A submission,

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00:42:51.520 --> 00:42:55.356  
PDA-001.I request that the

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00:42:55.396 --> 00:42:59.176  
applicant provides a draft itinerary for the accompanied site inspection

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00:42:59.416 --> 00:43:02.956  
only to be submitted by deadline one, as stated in the draft

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00:43:03.036 --> 00:43:03.616  
timetable.

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00:43:04.476 --> 00:43:06.176  
I'll also ask that comments

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00:43:07.076 --> 00:43:10.936  
from interested parties on the applicant's

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00:43:10.976 --> 00:43:14.516  
draft itinerary are provided by deadline two, and I'll be

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00:43:14.556 --> 00:43:18.516  
considering the suggestions for unaccompanied site

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00:43:18.576 --> 00:43:21.835  
inspections that have been put forward.

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00:43:23.836 --> 00:43:27.616  
Any comments on accompanied site inspections?

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00:43:29.596 --> 00:43:31.256  
Thank you, sir. Alex Tresadern for the applicant.

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00:43:31.296 --> 00:43:34.076  
Just to note that we will do that for deadline one.

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00:43:35.096 --> 00:43:35.456  
Thank you.

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00:43:42.836 --> 00:43:45.596

Following deadline one, I'll consider the draft itinerary

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00:43:46.536 --> 00:43:50.096

and any comments received at deadline two, and we'll publish the final

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00:43:50.156 --> 00:43:53.996

itinerary at least five working days before the date of the accompanied site

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inspection.

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00:43:59.095 --> 00:44:01.716

Procedural decision number six, additional submissions.

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00:44:02.016 --> 00:44:05.936

Examining authority has accepted additional submissions from interested parties as

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00:44:06.016 --> 00:44:06.376

followed.

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00:44:07.236 --> 00:44:09.716

AS-001 to

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00:44:10.116 --> 00:44:13.876

AS-059, applicant's response to Section

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00:44:13.996 --> 00:44:14.816

51 advice.

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00:44:16.816 --> 00:44:20.576

AS-060, additional submission from Historic

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00:44:20.636 --> 00:44:20.996

England.

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00:44:22.156 --> 00:44:25.876

AS-061, additional submission from Barber

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00:44:25.956 --> 00:44:27.576  
and Mid Suffolk Council.

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00:44:29.036 --> 00:44:32.756  
AS-062, additional submission from the Environment

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00:44:32.876 --> 00:44:33.376  
Agency.

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00:44:34.456 --> 00:44:36.316  
Any comments on those submissions?

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00:44:38.716 --> 00:44:41.116  
Thank you, sir. Alex Tresadern on behalf of the applicant.

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00:44:41.756 --> 00:44:45.616  
Just to say we've noted those submissions, and we'll be responding  
to

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00:44:45.636 --> 00:44:49.616  
those in full, as well as the rest of the relevant representations  
at deadline one.

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00:44:50.016 --> 00:44:53.896  
I also note the further additional submission that came in on

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00:44:53.936 --> 00:44:57.816  
Friday from a Mr. Paul Bird, which is AS-064, which

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00:44:58.436 --> 00:45:02.316  
came after the Rule 6 letter, hence its exclusion from that list,  
but to

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00:45:02.356 --> 00:45:04.816  
say as well that we've noted that and we'll respond in full.

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00:45:06.836 --> 00:45:07.136  
Thank you.

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00:45:13.416 --> 00:45:14.976  
Any comments online?

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00:45:17.216 --> 00:45:18.476

No, hands online.

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00:45:19.376 --> 00:45:23.256

The final procedural decision was the report on interrelationship with other

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nationally

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significant infrastructure projects.

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Examining authority requests that the applicant provide a report on the

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interrelationship with other nationally significant infrastructure

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00:45:36.136 --> 00:45:37.256

projects by deadline one,

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with subsequent updates at other deadlines as detailed in

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the draft examination timetable.

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In particular, I've requested that this document covers the approach taken by the

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applicant to coordinate aspects of the proposed development

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00:45:52.516 --> 00:45:56.236

with other projects, including shared mitigation and cumulative

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impact assessment.

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00:45:58.676 --> 00:46:01.196

The applicant's procedural deadline, A submission

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00:46:01.336 --> 00:46:04.816

PDA-001 confirms the applicant

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00:46:04.856 --> 00:46:08.816

acknowledges this request and confirms that such a report will be submitted

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00:46:08.856 --> 00:46:12.596

at deadline one, and then throughout the examination as required.

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00:46:14.176 --> 00:46:14.916

Any comments?

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00:46:18.236 --> 00:46:21.125

No comments in the room. No hands online.

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00:46:26.496 --> 00:46:28.276

Before moving to the next agenda item,

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00:46:30.556 --> 00:46:34.296

does anyone have any additional comments that they wish to make regarding

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00:46:34.576 --> 00:46:37.716

the procedural decisions summarized under this agenda item?

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00:46:42.216 --> 00:46:46.156

No further comments in the room. This concludes this

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00:46:46.196 --> 00:46:46.996

agenda item.

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So moving on to the final agenda item,

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00:46:51.936 --> 00:46:53.616

number six, any other matters.

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00:46:55.616 --> 00:46:59.596

I've not had any further matters notified to me under this agenda

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00:46:59.696 --> 00:47:02.136

item that anyone wishes to raise at this meeting.

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Are there any other items in relation to the examination procedure that

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anyone wishes to raise at this point?

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Mr. Bennett.

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00:47:15.436 --> 00:47:16.116

Hubbard, sorry.

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00:47:16.655 --> 00:47:17.116

Tim Hubbard.

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00:47:18.176 --> 00:47:18.246

Yep.

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00:47:18.246 --> 00:47:21.436

Yes, and please forgive my inexperience in such matters, but

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00:47:22.236 --> 00:47:26.126

at this stage, does the inspector wish to provide any

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00:47:26.236 --> 00:47:30.076

further clarity as to how the examination is to proceed when there's

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00:47:30.116 --> 00:47:33.726

no confirmed connection point or substation location,

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00:47:34.236 --> 00:47:37.956

both which surely represent fundamental deficiencies of the

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00:47:37.996 --> 00:47:38.696  
application?

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00:47:46.486 --> 00:47:48.736  
That item was raised as a procedural

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00:47:49.656 --> 00:47:53.456  
decision before this preliminary meeting.

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00:47:54.016 --> 00:47:56.115  
The applicant has already responded to that.

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00:47:59.536 --> 00:48:01.916  
Do you want me to give you the procedural-

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00:48:02.836 --> 00:48:04.736  
I have seen the response.

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00:48:05.586 --> 00:48:05.586  
Yes.

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00:48:05.656 --> 00:48:05.696  
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00:48:06.936 --> 00:48:10.596  
read your initial letter, but you have not responded to their  
response?

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00:48:11.496 --> 00:48:15.216  
No, we do not respond in that way during the

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00:48:15.236 --> 00:48:16.796  
examination. Well,

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00:48:18.436 --> 00:48:19.796  
we've made a procedural decision.

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00:48:19.836 --> 00:48:23.596  
The applicant has responded to that, and we've held the preliminary

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00:48:23.656 --> 00:48:24.096  
meeting.

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00:48:27.916 --> 00:48:28.196  
Okay.

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00:48:29.396 --> 00:48:33.176  
I understand that. I think our conclusion

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00:48:33.216 --> 00:48:36.716  
is, how can the development be

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00:48:36.996 --> 00:48:37.456  
actually

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00:48:41.696 --> 00:48:45.376  
regarded as deliverable if these key items of

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00:48:45.516 --> 00:48:46.256  
infrastructure

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00:48:47.056 --> 00:48:49.856  
are not decided, or the location of these key

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00:48:51.156 --> 00:48:53.476  
items of infrastructure are not decided?

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00:49:00.056 --> 00:49:00.566  
Sir, could I

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00:49:01.556 --> 00:49:04.496  
come in on that, please? Alex Tresadern on behalf of the applicant.

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00:49:05.216 --> 00:49:09.096  
I appreciate this is an agenda item specifically for tomorrow's  
hearing, so I

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00:49:09.136 --> 00:49:12.096  
don't propose to go into the full detail of our response.

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00:49:12.176 --> 00:49:15.976

But I would just note that we have responded at the previous

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00:49:16.016 --> 00:49:19.776

procedural deadline, and given that the next open floor hearing

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00:49:19.816 --> 00:49:23.136

doesn't start until 2:00, we are around this morning.

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00:49:23.376 --> 00:49:26.596

And until that time, if it would be helpful to have a discussion on that matter

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00:49:27.036 --> 00:49:29.376

separately, and that applies to anyone in the room.

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If anyone would like to speak on any matters before the open floor hearing, we're

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00:49:33.156 --> 00:49:36.386

always welcome to engage in discussions and as I say, we will be around.

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00:49:41.936 --> 00:49:42.376

Thank you.

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00:49:44.936 --> 00:49:45.716

Okay. Thank you.

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00:49:46.856 --> 00:49:48.796

Any hands online?

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00:49:52.516 --> 00:49:53.776

No, I'm not seeing any hands.

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00:49:58.036 --> 00:49:59.936

Okay, I'll now move to close the meeting.

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Thank you all for your contributions.

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00:50:02.996 --> 00:50:06.116

I look forward to commencing the examination of this application.

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00:50:07.136 --> 00:50:10.476

May I remind you that both the notes and the digital recording of the

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00:50:10.556 --> 00:50:14.396

proceedings today will be made available as soon as possible on the Doves

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00:50:14.596 --> 00:50:18.336

Solar Farm section of the Planning Infrastructure National

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Infrastructure's website. May I also remind you that the first open floor

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hearing will take place this afternoon in the same location commencing at

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2:00 PM.

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Time is now 10:51, and I draw this meeting to a close.

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00:50:32.236 --> 00:50:32.596

Thank you.