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To all Interested Parties, Affected Persons,
Statutory Parties and Other Persons invited
to the Preliminary Meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN020027

Date: 22 May 2026

Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rules 8(3), 13 and 17 and the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (CA Regulations) – Regulations 10 to 16

- 1. Change requests: including notice of variation to the examination timetable, initial assessment of issues and receipt of written representations**
- 2. Notification of Hearings**
- 3. Request for information**

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for an order granting development consent for the Norwich to Tilbury project

1. Change requests

The Examining Authority (ExA) has accepted for examination the applicant's proposals to amend its application at Bulphan (change request 1) and Little Bromley (change request 2). The ExA's acceptance of both change requests (CR1 and CR2) can be found in the [Examination Library](#) under document reference [\[PD-016\]](#).

The '**proposed provisions**' in CR1 and CR2 contain the compulsory acquisition of rights over additional land. Details of these 'proposed provisions' and more information on the reasons for the changes can be found in the [Examination Library](#) under document references [CR1-001] to [CR1-017] and [CR2-001] to [CR2-017] (inclusive).

The applicant has certified that the 'proposed provisions' in CR1 and CR2 have been publicised in accordance with Regulations 7 and 8 of the CA Regulations.

In accordance with Regulation 11 of the CA Regulations, the ExA made an initial assessment of the issues arising in connection with the 'proposed provisions' for both CR1 and CR2. The ExA has decided that the issues remain as set out in Annex C to its Rule 6 letter of 13 January 2026 [PD-009], as no new issues not previously identified were arising from the relevant representations submitted with regard to either CR1 and CR2. As such the ExA decided it was not necessary to hold a meeting to discuss how the 'proposed provisions' should be examined.

The 'proposed provisions' within CR1 and CR2 will be examined by written representations and by holding further hearings.

'Additional affected persons' are persons with an interest in the land subject to the applicant's 'proposed provisions' as set out in CR1 and CR2, and where the land is deemed to constitute additional land for the purposes of the CA Regulations.

All interested parties are now invited to submit written representations on the amendments to the application arising from the acceptance of CR1 and CR2 by the additional deadline 5A in the amended timetable as set out in section 2 below and in annex A of this letter.

Please note that submissions should only relate specifically to the 'proposed provisions' and the changes set out in CR1 and CR2. The ExA wishes to highlight that the purpose of this additional deadline is not for existing interested parties who have already made written representations at deadline 1 to submit further written representations which may be unrelated to the changes. Furthermore, persons who are not already registered as interested parties in the examination, or are not an 'additional affected person', should not make a further written representation at the additional deadline.

Existing interested parties in the examination who wish to comment on other matters, such as deadline 4 submissions and their responses to the ExA's second written questions, should continue to submit these by **deadline 5 (10 June 2026)** as set out in the examination timetable.

However, any 'additional affected persons' are able to submit written representations at deadline 5A on any relevant matter and the proposed development as a whole should they wish to. Any person who submits a written representation must identify those parts of the application with which they agree and those parts with which they do not agree, explaining the reasons why.

The written representations should be submitted in accordance with the amended timetable, by **deadline 5A (17 June 2026)**, as set out below. Any that exceed 1500 words should also be accompanied by a summary which should not exceed 10% of the original text, should set out the key facts of the written submission, and must be representative of the submission made.

2. Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – rule 8(3) Notification of amendments to the examination timetable

The ExA has made a procedural decision to amend the examination timetable, as previously set out at annex A of the ExA's Rule 8 letter [PD-011]. The amended timetable is necessary to accommodate an additional deadline for the submission of the aforementioned written representations in relation to the 'proposed provisions'.

Deadline 5A (Wednesday 17 June) has been inserted to the revised timetable as set out in **annex A** of this letter. In summary, deadline 5A requires comments on the relevant representations and receipt of written representations and that concern the applicants 'proposed provisions' for the compulsory acquisition of additional land in CR1 and CR2. It also requires notification from such additional affected persons and interested parties of their wish to speak at the hearings which are notified in the next section of this letter.

Amendments have also been made to **deadline 6 (Tuesday 7 July 2026)**. This includes insertion of an additional bullet point for comments on any further information or submissions received by both deadlines 5 and 5A, including those made by additional interested parties in relation to the 'proposed provisions'.

The amended timetable also includes the insertion of confirmed hearing dates for week commencing 22 June, and in the light of the insertions, re-numbering of all item numbers accordingly.

3. Notification of Hearings

Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – rule 13 CA Regulations 14 (Hearings about Specific Issues), 15 (Compulsory Acquisition Hearing) and 16 (Open Floor Hearings)

Annex A of the ExA's Rule 8 letter [PD-011] notified that the week commencing Monday 22 June 2026 was reserved for hearings, if required. We are now writing to advise you that the following hearings will be held under sections 91, 92 and 93 of the Planning Act 2008. The hearings will be blended events, with participants attending either in person or virtually via Microsoft Teams.

These hearings are being provided to further examine the submitted DCO application, as well as being provided for the benefit of any additional interested parties and additional affected persons, in accordance with Regulations 14, 15 and 16 of the CA Regulations.

Date	Hearing	Start time	Venue and joining details
Tuesday 23 June 2026	Open Floor Hearing 4 (OFH4)	Seating available at venue from: 9:00am Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 9:30am Hearing starts: 10:00am	The Sports Bar Chelmsford City Racecourse Chelmsford Essex CM3 1QP and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
Wednesday 24 June 2026	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 3 (CAH3)	Seating available at venue from: 9:00am Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 9:30am Hearing starts: 10:00am	The Sports Bar Chelmsford City Racecourse Chelmsford Essex CM3 1QP and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
Wednesday 24 June 2026	Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) on the draft Development Consent Order	Seating available at venue from: 13:30 Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 13:30	The Sports Bar Chelmsford City Racecourse Chelmsford Essex CM3 1QP and

		Hearing starts: 14:00	By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
Thursday 25 June 2026 and Friday 26 June 2026 (if required)	Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4) on environmental matters including but not limited to: landscape and visual, aviation safety, noise, and socio-economics. (see notes on pages 6-7 of this letter)	Seating available at venue from: 9:00am Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 9:30am Hearing starts: 10:00am	The Sports Bar Chelmsford City Racecourse Chelmsford Essex CM3 1QP and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
NOTE: If any of the above hearings are no longer required then notification will be published as soon as practicable on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website, providing reasonable notice to interested parties of the decision to cancel.			

Applicant's notification duties

The applicant is reminded of its duty to notify and publicise hearings under rule 13(6) and 13(7) of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

Purpose of hearings

Please refer to the Planning Inspectorate's advice for members of the public: [The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say](#) for information about the purpose of open floor, issue specific and compulsory acquisition hearings.

Open Floor Hearing 4

OFH4 will take no more than one day. OFHs are hearings where IPs who are individuals, groups and organisations have the opportunity to raise any matters that they consider are important and relevant to the consideration of the application.

It should be noted that three OFHs have already been held in different locations, and a large number of interested parties were given the opportunity to make oral representations at these previous events on 10 to 12 February 2026.

OFH4 is a hearing for interested parties who have not previously spoken at a previous OFH (1 to 3), and those who requested to participate in a future OFH by deadline 1 (Thursday 26 February 2026).

It is also for the additional interested parties affected by the 'proposed provisions' in CR1 and CR2.

It will include representations by interested parties who have registered to speak. Speakers will be heard in the order on a list published on the project webpage prior to OFH4. Speaking slots may be time limited. Other persons who wish to speak, including non-interested parties, will only be invited to speak on the day at the discretion of the ExA.

Issue Specific Hearing 3

ISH3 will take no more than half a day and will focus on articles, requirements and schedules within the draft Development Consent Order, with questioning primarily directed to the applicant and local authorities.

Issue Specific Hearing 4

The duration of ISH4 will be no more than one and a half days, and will include a range of environmental matters.

This is likely to include discussion on landscape and visual effects (which may include the historic environment where relevant), aviation safety, noise, and socio-economics. Other matters may be added, and a detailed draft agenda will be published on the project webpage at least five working days in advance of the hearing date. The ExA is unable to confirm the detail of the environmental matters on the final agenda until it has considered submissions received at deadline 5, in particular the responses to its second written questions (ExQ2).

A number of interested parties have previously requested hearings on specific environmental topics, specific areas of the route of the proposed development, or in relation to alternatives. The limited time available within the examination period does not enable the ExA to hold individual or standalone hearings. The title of ISH4 'environmental matters' encompasses a collection of matters affecting a range of locations, and will incorporate consideration of cumulative effects and alternatives where relevant. Such

matters will only be discussed where they will assist in the ExA's consideration of the application. All parties are reminded that the examination is a primarily written process.

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 3

CAH3 will take no more than half a day and will primarily seek comments from the applicant relating to progress on negotiations with affected persons and statutory undertakers and other matters related to compulsory acquisition and land rights.

Detailed agendas

The detailed agendas and arrangements for ISH3, ISH4 and CAH3 will be published on the [project webpage](#) at least five working days beforehand. However, the actual agendas on the day of each hearing (ISH3, ISH4 and CAH3) may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA, after its consideration of submissions received at deadlines 5 and 5a. With regard to OFH4, speakers will be heard in the order on a list published on the project webpage as soon as possible after the close of deadline 5a.

Registration and requests to participate in hearings

Please register using the [event participation form](#) by 23:59pm Wednesday 10 June 2026 (Deadline 5) if you intend to participate in the hearings and provide all the information requested. If you have any difficulty completing the form please contact the case team. Please note that by attending the event either in person or online you are agreeing to be filmed for the purposes of the online live stream of the event and the recording of the event which will get published on the [project webpage](#). A limited number of seats will be available for observers who wish not to be filmed at the event. Please contact the case team to notify them if you prefer not to be filmed at the event. A transcript of the event will also be published on the [project webpage](#) after the event.

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

- your name and unique IP reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate), and if applicable, of the person or organisation you are representing
- email address (if available) and contact telephone number
- confirmation of the hearing(s) you wish to participate in, the agenda item(s) on which you wish to speak and/ or brief details of the topic(s) that you would like to raise
- for CAH 3: the plot number(s) of the relevant land provided in the Book of Reference and the Land Plans
- the examination library reference number (with paragraph/ page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to
- Confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in person
- Any special requirements you may have (such as disabled access, hearing loop)

Joining instructions for hearings will be issued by the case team via email shortly before the hearing dates.

Please contact the case team if you require any support or assistance to attend any hearing, either virtually or in person.

If you simply wish to observe any of the hearings, then you can either:

1. Watch a livestream of the event - a link to the livestream will be made available on the project webpage shortly before the event is scheduled to begin and/or
2. Watch the recording of the event which will be published on the project webpage shortly after the event has finished.

Alternatively, you can attend the physical event at the venue to observe the proceedings; however, to ensure there is adequate seating capacity at the venue we request that you register your attendance to observe only by **23:59pm Wednesday 10 June 2026** using the event participation form. Please note that it may not be possible to participate on the day if you have not registered your wish to speak by **23:59pm Wednesday 10 June 2026**.

If you are an additional affected person or additional interested party who is affected as a result of the applicant's 'proposed provisions' for the compulsory acquisition of additional land and would like to participate in Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 3 or Open Floor Hearing 4, you have until **deadline 5A (Wednesday 17 June)** to register your wish to participate.

All other existing interested parties should notify of their wish to attend any of the hearings listed above by **deadline 5** as set out in the original examination timetable, **Wednesday 10 June**.

Hearings already undertaken

In accordance with the CA Regulations, any additional interested parties and additional APs should be afforded the opportunity to make oral representations in relation to the following hearings that have already been held:

Issue Specific Hearings:

- **ISH 1** on the scope of development and alternatives held on Friday 13 February 2026
- **ISH 2 on Environmental Matters and the draft DCO** held on Tuesday 28 April 2026, Wednesday 29 April 2026 and Friday 1 May 2026

Compulsory Acquisition Hearings:

- **CAH 1** held on Wednesday 11 February 2026
- **CAH 2** held on Wednesday 29 April 2026 and Thursday 30 April 2026

Open Floor Hearings:

- **OFH 1** held on Tuesday 10 February 2026 and Wednesday 11 February 2026.
- **OFH 2** held on Thursday 12 February 2026
- **OFH 3** held on Thursday 12 February 2026

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The video recordings and transcripts from the above hearings are available in the examination library (under 'events') accessed from the [project webpage](#).

This letter notifies all IPs and APs of the further hearings and provides at least 21 days notice in advance of them taking place, including any hearing(s) to allow additional IPs and additional APs to make oral representations in relation to previous hearings.

The revised examination timetable at **annex A** of this letter also sets out the date by which any additional IP(s) must request to participate in OFH 4 and/ or CAH 3.

Attendees

The ExA would find it helpful if the following parties could attend on the relevant days:

- the applicant
- all local authorities
- Dedham Vale National Landscape and Stour Valley Partnership
- Ministry of Defence: Defence Infrastructure Organisation
- Any other public authority, body or organisation or an IP or AP affected by the proposed development can also attend if they wish

Procedure at hearings and post hearing submissions

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

Participation in a hearing will be subject to the ExA's powers of control. It is for the ExA to determine how the hearing will be conducted, including the time allowed at the hearing for the making of a person's representations. The hearing will be managed in the interests of ensuring fair access to the hearing for all parties, and to ensure that the submissions of all invited persons are fully heard within the allotted time. For issue specific hearings IPs may be invited to make oral representations at the hearing on the specific issues being examined at the hearing as set out in the agenda.

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

As the recordings are retained and published, they form a public record that can contain personal information to which the General Data Protection Regulation applies. Please refer to our '[Privacy Notice](#)' for further information. Participants must do their best to avoid making public any information which they would otherwise wish to be kept private and confidential. If there is a need to refer to such information, it should be in written form. Although this will also be published, personal and private content can be redacted or removed before it is made publicly available. Any person who is unclear on this point should ask the case team for guidance before they place personal and private information into the public domain. The Planning Inspectorate's practice is to publish the recordings

and transcripts and retain them for a period of five years from the Secretary of State's decision on the DCO. If you actively participate in the hearing, it is important that you understand that you will be recorded and that the recording and transcript will be made available in the public domain.

The evidence presented orally at hearings should be included in post hearing submissions and submitted at the relevant deadline in the examination timetable. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the case team at norwichtotilbury@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or at the contact number or postal address at the top of this letter.

3. Rule 17 - Request for further information

The ExA has made a request for further information to the applicant under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 in relation to submission of updated plans submitted at deadline 4 as set out below.

- At deadline 4, and in previous deadline submissions, the applicant has updated a number of plans/ figures. Due to the volume of documents and individual pages within those documents, it is unreasonably problematic for the ExA and interested parties to understand what has changed in the latest, revised submission.
- The ExA therefore requests that the applicant provide a track changed version of the document which highlights the changes to the latest plans/ figures using a 'cloud' outline, for example. This should be in retrospect for all plans/ figures submitted at deadline 4 and for all plans/ figures submitted at deadline 5 onwards. Clean versions of these plans/ figures should also be submitted.

The information should be submitted by **deadline 5 (Wednesday 10 June 2026)**. Any interested party wishing to comment on the applicant's response to the rule 17 request received at deadline 5 should do so at **deadline 5A (Wednesday 17 June 2026)**.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the case team at norwichtotilbury@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or at the contact number or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Susan Hunt

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

Annexes

A Examination timetable, as amended by Rule 8(3) of the EPR

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Examination Timetable

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty to **complete** the examination of the application within a period of no longer than **6 months** beginning with the day after the close of the preliminary meeting.

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

Please note: the revised Examination Timetable applies from the date of this letter. Revisions are shown in red text.

Item	Matters	Date
1.	<p>Procedural deadline A Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responses to the Rule 6 letter including any written submissions on the examination procedure and about this draft examination timetable • the applicant is to set out its approach to errata including its approach to updating the ES and other application documents as may be necessary • requests to be heard orally at the preliminary meeting on Tuesday 10 February 2026, including the agenda items you wish to speak on and the matters you will address (and why these points need to be made orally rather in writing) • requests to participate in any of the open floor hearings from Tuesday 10 February to Thursday 12 February 2026 (annex E of this letter) • requests to participate in the compulsory acquisition hearing on Wednesday 11 February (annex E) • requests to participate in issue specific hearing 1 on Friday 13 February (annex E) 	Tuesday 27 January 2026
2.	<p>Preliminary meeting (Suffolk) Venue: Ipswich Town Football Club</p>	Tuesday 10 February 2026 at 10:00
3.	<p>Open Floor Hearing 1 (Suffolk) Venue: Ipswich Town Football Club</p>	Tuesday 10 February 2026 at 16:00
4.	<p>Continuation of Open Floor Hearing 1 (Suffolk) Venue: Ipswich Town Football Club</p>	Wednesday 11 February 2026 at 10:00

5.	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (Suffolk) Venue: Ipswich Town Football Club	Wednesday 11 February 2026 at 14:00
6.	Open Floor Hearing 2 (Essex) Venue: Orsett Hall	Thursday 12 February 2026 at 10:00
7.	Open Floor Hearing 3 (Norfolk) Venue: The Space, Norwich	Thursday 12 February 2026 at 11:00
8.	Issue Specific Hearing 1 (Essex) Relating to the scope of development and alternatives Venue: Orsett Hall	Friday 13 February 2026 at 10:00
9.	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the examination timetable 	As soon as practicable after the close of the Preliminary Meeting
10.	Deadline 1 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • notification by statutory parties of their wish to be considered as an interested party by the ExA • comments on relevant representations • written representations (with summaries for any that exceed 1500 words) • local impact reports from any local authorities • written post-hearing submissions; summaries of and responses to oral submissions made at hearings held during week commencing 9 February 2026 • responses to action points from compulsory acquisition hearing 1 and issue specific hearing 1 • initial and updated statements of common ground and overview document • initial report on interrelationship with other infrastructure projects (see annex F2 of the Rule 6 letter) • suggested locations for site inspections (accompanied or unaccompanied or access required), including justification for consideration by the ExA and specifying whether the locations require access to private land • requests by IPs to be heard at any further open floor hearings • requests by IPs to be heard at any further compulsory acquisition hearing 	Thursday 26 February 2026

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comments on any further information/ additional submissions accepted by the ExA • submission of policy compliance tracker document, if required, in regard to any relevant published and emerging policies (see annex F of the Rule 6 letter) • any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	
11.	Deadline 2 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comments on written representations • comments on the local impact reports • the applicant's draft itinerary for an accompanied site inspection (ASI) • the applicant's updated documents and application guide • comments on any further information or submissions received by deadline 1 • any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	Thursday 12 March 2026
12.	Publication by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the ExA's first written questions (ExQ1) 	Friday 20 March 2026
13.	Deadline 3 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responses to ExQ1 • comments on the applicant's draft itinerary for the ASI • notification of a wish to attend hearings on the week commencing 27 April 2026 • notification of a wish to attend an accompanied site inspection (if required) • the applicant's updated documents and application guide • comments on any further information or submissions received by deadline 2 • any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	Friday 10 April 2026
14.	Issue specific hearing 2 Venue: Colchester United Football Club Venue: Ipswich Town Football Club	Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 April Friday 1 May
15.	Compulsory acquisition hearing 2 Venue: Ipswich Town Football Club	Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 April
16.	Deadline 4 For receipt by the ExA of:	Tuesday 12 May 2026

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> written post-hearing submissions; summaries of and responses to oral submissions made at hearings held during week commencing 27 April 2026 applicant's mid-examination update to statements of common ground mid-examination update to report on interrelationship with other infrastructure projects (see annex F2 of the Rule 6 letter) the applicant's updated documents and application guide submission of policy compliance tracker document, if required, in regard to any relevant published and emerging policies (see annex F13 of the Rule 6 letter) comments on any further information or submissions received by deadline 3 any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	
17.	Publication by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the ExA's second written questions (ExQ2) 	Friday 22 May 2026
18.	Accompanied Site Inspection	Wednesday 27 May 2026
19.	Deadline 5 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> responses to ExQ2 notification of a wish to attend hearings on the week commencing 22 June 2026 the applicant's updated documents and application guide comments on any further information or submissions received by deadline 4 any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	Wednesday 10 June 2026
20.	Deadline 5A Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> comments on relevant representations received that concern the applicant's 'proposed provisions' for the compulsory acquisition of additional land pursuant to change requests 1 and 2 written representations (including summaries of all that exceed 1500 words) about the 'proposed provisions' from the applicant, any additional affected persons and additional interested parties 	Wednesday 17 June 2026

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> notification from any additional affected person and additional interested party who is affected as a result of the applicant's 'proposed provisions' for the compulsory acquisition of additional land (who have not previously submitted a relevant representation of their wish to be considered as an interested party) of their wish to speak at the open floor hearing on Tuesday 23 June and/ or the compulsory acquisition hearing on Wednesday 24 June any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	
21.	Open Floor Hearing 4 Venue: Chelmsford City Racecourse	Tuesday 23 June (10:00)
22.	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 3 Venue: Chelmsford City Racecourse	Wednesday 24 June (10:00)
23.	Issue Specific Hearing 3 (Development Consent Order) Venue: Chelmsford City Racecourse	Wednesday 24 June (14:00)
24.	Issue Specific Hearing 4 (Environmental Matters) Venue: Chelmsford City Racecourse	Thursday 25 June and Friday 26 June (if required) (10:00)
25.	Deadline 6 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> written post-hearing submissions and summaries of and responses to oral submissions made at hearings held during week commencing 22 June 2026 the applicant's updated documents and application guide comments on any further information or submissions received by deadlines 5 and 5A, including from the applicant, any interested party, and any additional affected person or additional interested party made pursuant to change requests 1 or 2 relating to the 'proposed provisions' any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	Tuesday 7 July 2026
26.	Publication by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the report on the implications for European sites (RIES) and any associated questions (if required) ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the draft development consent order (if required) 	Tuesday 7 July 2026

27.	<p>Deadline 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comments on the RIES and responses to any associated questions (if provided) • comments on the ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the draft development consent order (if provided) • comments on any further information/submissions received by Deadline 6 • any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 <p>Final updated documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • signed and dated statements of common ground • report on interrelationship with other infrastructure projects • draft development consent order to be submitted by the applicant in the statutory instrument (SI) template with the SI template validation report • book of reference • land rights tracker • signed and dated other agreements • final versions of any updates to the Environmental Statement including associated appendices and figures, and other documents including management plans/control documents • Habitats Regulations Assessment, and appropriate assessment/ derogation case (if required) • policy compliance tracker document, if required, in regard to any relevant published and emerging policies 	Tuesday 21 July 2026
28.	<p>Deadline 8</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comments on any further information received by deadline 7 • applicant's closing statement with a summary of areas of disagreement • final application guide to include hyperlinks to all relevant and the most up-to-date examination library references • closing statements from interested parties with a summary of matters that they have previously raised during the examination which have not been resolved to their satisfaction (if desired) 	Tuesday 4 August 2026

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	
29.	Close of examination The ExA intends to close the examination on this date. See 'Note about the close of examination date'.	Monday 10 August 2026

Note about the close of examination date

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

Submission times for deadlines

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

Publication dates

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

Hearing agendas

For issue specific hearings and compulsory acquisition hearings the ExA will publish detailed agendas at least five working days in advance of the hearing dates. Any agenda published. The agendas may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

Where an applicant has provided a No Significant Effects Report or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the application, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's recommendation to the Secretary of State. The ExA may also raise questions in the RIES to confirm or clarify matters that remain outstanding. The Secretary of State may rely on the consultation on the RIES to meet its obligations under regulation 63(3) of The Habitats Regulations 2017.