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All interested parties, statutory parties and any other person invited to the preliminary meeting

Our Ref: TR050008

Date: 8 October 2026

Dear Sir/ Madam

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

Application by Oxfordshire Railfreight Limited for an order granting development consent for the Oxfordshire Strategic Rail Freight Interchange

Examination timetable and procedure

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

- The examination timetable
- An invitation to submit written representations
- Publication of the Examining Authority's (ExA) written questions
- A request for statements of common ground
- A request for local impact reports (LIR) from local authorities
- Information about hearings and accompanied site inspections
- Information about the availability of examination documents
- Guidance on the use of the 'Have your say' tab on the project webpage

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

The examination timetable

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

The examination timetable replaces the draft timetable that was included in our [Rule 6 Letter](#). In finalising the examination timetable, we have sought to accommodate requests and suggestions made orally or in writing to the preliminary meeting.

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

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

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

Written representations

All interested parties are now invited to submit written representations and any comments on the relevant representations already submitted. These should be submitted by deadline 1 (Tuesday 13 October 2026) in the examination timetable.

Written representations can cover any relevant matter and are not restricted to the matters set out in our [initial assessment of principal issues](#) or to the content of our written questions (see next heading below).

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

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

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

Representations **must not include hyperlinks** to documents/ evidence hosted on third party websites. See The Planning Inspectorate's [Advice for members of the public: Advice for submitting representations or comments](#) for important information about making written submissions.

Examining Authority's written questions

We have prepared written questions (ExQ1) about the application and the representations received so far. These questions are published on the project webpage and can be accessed at the following link:

[Examining Authority's First Written Questions \(ExQ1\)](#)

Responses to ExQ1 must be provided by **deadline 2 (Monday 26 October 2026)** in the examination timetable.

If you require an editable Microsoft Word version of ExQ1, please [contact the Case Team](#) using the contact details at the top of this letter.

Other procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority

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

- Examination timetable
- Examining Authority written questions
- Statements of common ground (SoCG)
- Local impact reports (LIR)
- Changes to land interests
- Status of the Applicant's Examination Documents

Format of examination events

Both blended (part in-person and part virtual) and fully virtual events will form part of the operating model. We remain flexible and will confirm the format of any hearings when we provide formal notification of each hearing in advance of it taking place.

Hearings and site inspections

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

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

- [What to expect at a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project event](#)

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>



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

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

Annex C sets out the procedure for interested parties to notify the ExA in writing should they wish to be heard at an open floor hearing (OFH) or compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH) on or before **deadline 1 (13 October 2026)**. If no written requests to take part in an OFH or CAH are received by the above deadline, we are not required to hold such a hearing, although we may choose to do so nonetheless.

We will also undertake site inspections. Where we are able to view the site from public land we are likely to do this unaccompanied and a note of the site inspection will be published on the [project webpage](#). The examination timetable reserves time for us to undertake an accompanied site inspection (ASI), details of which can be found in **Annex C**. We will also consider if it would be appropriate to make arrangements for access only to be provided to specific sites such that they could be inspected as part of an unaccompanied site inspection on an access required basis.

Managing examination correspondence

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

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

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

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

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

Your status in the examination

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

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

Awards of costs

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

Management of information

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

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

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

Yours faithfully

Adrian Hunter

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

Annexes

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

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Examination Timetable

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

Item	Matters	Date
1.	Preliminary meeting	Tuesday 29 September 2026
2.	Issue specific hearing 1 (ISH1) Relating to the principle and scope of proposed development, the need for the proposed development and alternatives considered by the applicant (see annex E)	Tuesday 29 September 2026
3.	Issue specific hearing 2 (ISH2) Relating to matters identified in the IAPI and possible other environmental matters and the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (see annex E)	Wednesday 30 September 2026
4.	Compulsory acquisition hearing 1 (CAH1) Relating to the applicant's overall case for compulsory acquisition and temporary possession (see annex E)	Thursday 1 October 2026
5.	Issue by the ExA of: - the examination timetable (Rule 8 letter) - the ExA's first written questions (ExQ1)	As soon as practicable after the preliminary meeting
6.	Deadline 1 For receipt by the ExA of: - comments on RR if not submitted at procedural deadline A - summaries of all RR exceeding 1500 words if not provided at procedural deadline A - written representations (WR) and summaries of any WR which exceed 1500 words - local impact reports (LIR) from local authorities (see annex F) - drafts of any DCO obligations - statements of commonality of SoCG (see annex F)	Tuesday 13 October 2026

	• applicant's revised dDCO, schedule of changes and updated Explanatory Memorandum • applicant's updated land and rights negotiations tracker • any other updated documents and statements from the applicant deemed necessary following responses at deadline 1 and submissions at hearings • updated guide to the application, if necessary • post hearing submissions, including written summaries of any oral cases heard in ISH1, ISH2, and CAH1 • the applicant's draft itinerary for accompanied site inspection (ASI) • requests by interested parties to be heard at open floor hearing 1 (OFH1) on the date reserved in the examination timetable • requests by affected persons (defined in section 59(4) of the Planning Act 2008) to be heard at compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH2) on the date reserved in the examination timetable • requests by interested parties to be heard at issue specific hearing 3 (ISH3) on the date reserved in the examination timetable • comments on any further information/ submissions accepted by the ExA • notification by statutory parties of their wish to be considered as an interested party by the ExA • any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010	
7.	Deadline 2 For receipt by the ExA of: • comments on WRs • comments on LIRs • responses to ExQ1 • updated statements of commonality of SoCG • comments from affected persons on the applicant's updated land and rights negotiations tracker • comments on applicant's revised dDCO	Monday 26 October 2026

	- any other updated documents and statements from the applicant deemed necessary following responses at deadline 1 - updated guide to the application, if necessary - comments on the applicant's draft itinerary for the ASI and any requests to attend - comments on any further information/ submissions received by deadline 1 - any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010	
8.	Dates reserved (if required) for: - Issue specific hearing (ISH3) - Compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH2) - Open floor hearing (OFH1) - ExA's accompanied site inspection (ASI)	Week commencing 9 November 2026
9.	Deadline 3 For receipt by the ExA of: - comments on responses to LIRs - comments on responses to WRs - Comments on responses to ExQ1 - drafts of any DCO obligations - updated statements of commonality of SoCG - applicant's revised dDCO, schedule of changes and revised Explanatory Memorandum - applicant's update land and rights negotiations tracker - any other updated documents and statements from the applicant deemed necessary following responses at deadline 2 and submissions at hearings - updated guide to the application, if necessary - post hearing submissions including written summaries of any oral cases heard at hearings and responses to hearing action points - comments on any further information/ submissions received by deadline 2	Tuesday 24 November 2026

	any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010	
10.	Publication by the ExA of: ExA's second written questions (ExQ2)	Friday 11 December 2026
11.	Deadline 4 For receipt by the ExA of: - responses to ExQ2 - comments on applicant's revised dDCO - comments from affected persons on the applicant's updated land and rights negotiations tracker - updated statements of commonality of SoCG - any other updated documents and statements from the applicant deemed necessary following responses at deadline 3 - comments on any additional information/ submissions received at deadline 3 - requests by interested parties to be heard at hearings that may be held, if required, in the week commencing 1 February - any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010	Tuesday 19 January 2027
12.	Dates reserved (if required) for: - Issue specific hearings - Compulsory acquisition hearing - Open floor hearing	Week commencing 1 February
13.	Deadline 5 For receipt by the ExA of: - comments on responses to ExQ2 - drafts of any DCO obligations - updated statements of commonality of SoCG - applicant's revised dDCO, schedule of changes and Explanatory Memorandum - applicant's update land and rights negotiations tracker	Tuesday 16 February 2027

	- any other updated documents and statements from the applicant deemed necessary following responses at deadline 4 and submissions at hearings - update from the applicant and all Statutory Undertakers on the agreement of protective provisions - post hearing submissions including written summaries of any oral cases heard at hearings and responses to hearing action points, if required - comments on any additional information/ submissions received at deadline 4 - any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010	
14.	Publication by the ExA of: - ExA's third written questions (ExQ3) (if required) - the ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the draft DCO (if required)	Tuesday 23 February 2027
15.	Deadline 6 For receipt by the ExA of: - responses to ExQ3 (if required) - responses to ExA's schedule of changes to dDCO (if required) - applicant's revised dDCO, schedule of changes and Explanatory Memorandum (if required) - comments from affected persons on the applicant's updated land and rights negotiations tracker - updated statements of commonality of SoCG - any other updated documents and statements from the applicant deemed necessary following responses at deadline 5 - comments on any additional submissions received at deadline 5 and accepted by the ExA - any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010	Tuesday 9 March 2027
16.	Deadline 7 For receipt by the ExA of: comments on responses to ExQ3 (if required)	Tuesday 16 March 2027

	• comments on responses to ExA schedule of changes to dDCO (if required) • any other updated documents and statements from the applicant deemed necessary following responses at deadline 6 • comments on any additional information/ submissions received at deadline 6 • any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 • applicant's closing statement with summary of areas of disagreement • any interested party closing statements (if desired) regarding matters that they have previously raised during the examination and which have not been resolved to their satisfaction For receipt by the ExA, from the applicant, of final updated documents (in clean and tracked versions), including: • final draft dDCO to be submitted by the applicant in the SI template. Applicant to provide the email notification from https://publishing.legislation.gov.uk/validation confirming the document has successfully passed validation, and the PDF version of the SI validation report obtained from the link in the notification email. The applicant should also provide a clean (all tracking removed) standalone MS Word version of the draft DCO, with no header or cover page • final explanatory memorandum • final position on Protective Provisions • final position on securing other consents • the final updated book of reference (BoR) and schedule of changes to BoR • final land and rights negotiations tracker • final signed SoCG including list of matters not agreed • final statement of commonality of SoCG • any signed and dated planning agreements and obligations (if required) • final management plans and control documents (if required) • final guide to the application	
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17.	Deadline 8 For receipt by the ExA of: any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010	Tuesday 23 March 2027
18.	Close of examination The ExA intends to close the examination on this date. See 'Note about the close of examination date'.	Thursday 25 March 2027

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 with the day after the close of the preliminary meeting. The ExA may however decide to close the examination earlier and on the date specified in the timetable if it considers that the application and relevant matters have been examined adequately.

Submission times for deadlines

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

Publication dates

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

Other procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority (ExA)

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

1. Examination timetable

The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

In finalising the examination timetable, we have had regard to requests and suggestions made at the Preliminary Meeting and in representations submitted in advance of that meeting. Those requests have had to be balanced with the needs of the ExA to facilitate a timely and thorough examination.

2. Examining Authority's written questions

Our written questions (ExQ1) have been published alongside this Rule 8 Letter. Whilst most of our written questions are directed at specific parties, no other party should feel inhibited or restricted in responding to any question we ask, even if it is directed elsewhere.

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

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

3. Statements of common ground (SoCG)

The applicant is taking the lead in the preparation of SoCGs and it will aid the smooth running of the examination if all interested parties who are participating in the preparation of SoCGs liaise and co-operate with the applicant in respect of their production.

We set out in **annex F** of our [Rule 6 Letter](#) the SoCGs we request are submitted during the examination of this application. Final signed versions of the SoCGs listed below are requested to be submitted **by the applicant by deadline 7 (Tuesday 16 March 2027)**:

1. SoCG between the applicant and Cherwell District Council
2. SoCG between the applicant and Oxfordshire County Council
3. SoCG between the applicant and Gloucestershire County Council
4. SoCG between the applicant and the Environment Agency
5. SoCG between the applicant and Historic England
6. SoCG between the applicant and Natural England
7. SoCG between the applicant and National Highways
8. SoCG between the applicant and Anglian Water Services
9. SoCG between the applicant and Thames Water
10. SoCG between the applicant and Upper Ouse Water Management Limited

11. SoCG between the applicant and Dorchester Living
12. SoCG between the applicant and Valencia Waste Management Limited
13. SoCG between the applicant and Viridor Limited

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

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

The ExA notes the applicant's response to the ExA's Rule 6 letter at procedural deadline A (PDA-001) in relation to SoCGs with Biffa Waste Services and Smith & Sons and the suggestion that Position Statements could be prepared instead. The ExA agrees with this approach and requests final versions are submitted **by the applicant by deadline 7 (Tuesday 16 March 2027)**.

4. Local impact reports (LIR)

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

Local authorities, defined in section 56A of the Planning Act 2008, are invited to submit LIRs by **deadline 1 (Tuesday 13 October 2026)**.

5. Changes to land interests

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

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

6. Status of the Applicant's Examination Documents

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

Arrangements for hearings

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

Requests to participate at hearings

Interested parties are required to notify the Examining Authority (ExA) in writing of their wish to take part in an open floor hearing (OFH) or compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH) on or before **13 October 2026 (deadline 1)**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hearing agendas

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

Procedure at hearings

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

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

Hearing livestream and recording

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

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

Accompanied site inspection (ASI) and requests to attend

Time has been reserved in the examination timetable to undertake an ASI during the week commencing 9 November 2026.

As requested in **annex F** of our Rule 6 Letter, suggestions, including justification, for locations to be included in the ASI were submitted by procedural deadline A and have been published on the [project webpage](#).

We have reviewed the suggested locations including justification, for locations to be included in the ASI and request that the applicant prepare a draft itinerary for the ASI that includes the following locations:

- Ashgrove Farm
- Footpaths 109/28, 109/29 and 109/30
- Ardley Wood
- Former Ardley Railway Station
- Upper Heyford Airfield
- Ardley In-Vessel Composting Facility

The draft itinerary should be submitted by **deadline 1**.

Comments on the applicant's draft itinerary should be submitted by **deadline 2**.

We will then review the comments received and the draft itinerary and may make changes to it. Our final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the project webpage.

Other locations to those identified above have been suggested by the applicant and IPs at procedural deadline A. Further submissions were also made at the Preliminary Meeting. Having reviewed these, the ExA considers that some of the suggested locations have already been visited by the ExA as part of our USI. For those locations not already visited, the ExA considers them to be publicly accessible and therefore proposes to visit these on an unaccompanied basis at some point during the examination.

Requests by interested parties to attend the ASI should be provided by **deadline 2** and should include confirmation of whether the request is to attend for the whole inspection or just specific locations. The request must be submitted separately from any other written submission.

Please select the appropriate deadline and submission item under the [‘Have your say’ page](#). **Annex E** provides further information about the [‘Have your say’ page](#).

The interested parties attending the ASI will include representatives of the applicant, OCC and CDC, together with other interested parties (or their representatives). Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it.

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

Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter if you require any support or assistance to attend the ASI.

Examination documents

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

How to stay up to date

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

You can also sign up to get [email updates](#).

If you have any questions about the process, examination events or how to access the documents, you can email oxfordshiresrfi@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or contact us on 0303 444 5000.

The Examination Library

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

The EL records and provides a hyperlink to:

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

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

Information about the 'Have your say' page

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

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

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

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

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

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

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