

To Whom it May Concern,

Following the receipt of the Rule 6 letter on the 10th February 2026, North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) provides the following information in response to the requirements of Procedural Deadline A as outlined in the Rule 6 letter.

NWLDC has no comments on the examination procedure outlined within the Rule 6 letter and consider the use of virtual methods (i.e. a blended event) to be beneficial in allowing accessible attendance by all who wish to be involved in the examination.

With regards to the Items 3 to 5 of the Preliminary Meeting Agenda at annex A of the Rule 6 letter, NWLDC would provide the following comments.

1. Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (Annex C) (Item 3)

NWLDC has no comments in relation to the principal issues which have been initially identified by the ExP for formal assessment as outlined within annex C.

2. Draft Examination Timetable (Annex D) (Item 4)

NWLDC has previously commented on the dates of the Preliminary Meeting, the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH), Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) and Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) but are of the understanding that these are not subject to change.

NWLDC has no other comments on the draft examination timetable based on the dates currently proposed for the hearings and accompanied site inspection.

If any dates are to be amended, then NWLDC would advise of the following committed annual leave during the examination timeline:

a) NWLDC Lead Officer – not available week commencing 25th May 2026 (25th May 2026 to 29th May 2026) and from the 27th July 2026 until the 4th August 2026.

b) The Council's Landscape Consultant – not available week commencing 30th March 2026 (30th March to 3rd April 2026); 25th and 26th June 2026; week commencing 29th June 2026 (29th June 2026 to 3rd July 2026) and week commencing 10th August 2026 (10th August 2026 to 14th August 2026).

3. Procedural Decisions (Annex F) (Item 5)

The comments of NWLDC on this matter are as outlined in the separate response associated with the 'Submission of additional information as requested by the ExPs' procedural decisions in annex F for the Rule 6 letter'.