

## Examination Timetable

The Examining Authority (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.

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.	<p><b>Deadline 1</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Local Impact Reports</b> (see <b>Annex G</b> of this letter), from any local authorities</li> <li>• <b>Post-Hearing Submissions</b>, including written summaries of oral submissions and any documents requested by the ExA</li> <li>• <b>Comments on any oral submissions put at the Hearings.</b></li> <li>• <b>Comments on Relevant Representations (RR)</b> (see <b>Annex G</b> of this letter)</li> <li>• <b>Summaries of all RR exceeding 1500 words</b></li> <li>• <b>Comments on any Additional Submissions</b></li> <li>• <b>Notification by Statutory Parties of their wish to be considered as an Interested Party (IP)</b> by the ExA.</li> <li>• <b>Applicant’s draft itinerary for an Accompanied Site Inspection ASI</b> (if required)</li> <li>• <b>Request to attend any ASI</b> (if required)</li> <li>• <b>Requests to be heard at any further OFH</b> Requests by Interested Parties to be heard at an Open Floor Hearing (OFH)</li> <li>• <b>Requests to be heard at a CAH</b> Requests by Affected Persons (defined in section</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday 18 July 2023</b></p>

	<p>59(4) of the Planning Act 2008) to be heard at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Applicant’s updated documents</b> - clean versions and versions showing tracked changes since the last submitted version: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ draft Development Consent Order</li> <li>○ Explanatory Memorandum</li> <li>○ Book of Reference</li> <li>○ Statement of Reasons</li> <li>○ Statements of Common Ground</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Applicants reports on progress</b> – reports requested by the ExA (see Annex G of this letter). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure Projects</li> <li>○ Statement of Commonality and additional Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers</li> <li>○ Schedule of the latest versions of the Applicant’s submission documents and documents to be certified</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress in securing other consents</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Any further information requested by ExA</b> under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> </ul>	
2.	<p><b>Deadline 2</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Responses to the ExA’s First Written Questions</b></li> <li>• <b>Written Representations</b></li> <li>• <b>Summaries of Written Representations</b> exceeding 1500 words</li> <li>• <b>Request to attend hearings being held on the w/c 22 August 2023</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday 8 August 2023</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Comments on Local Impact Report(s)</b></li> <li>• <b>Comments on the Applicant's draft itinerary for the ASI</b></li> <li>• <b>The Applicant's updated documents</b> - clean versions and versions showing tracked changes since the last submitted version: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects</li> <li>○ draft Development Consent Order</li> <li>○ Explanatory Memorandum</li> <li>○ Book of Reference</li> <li>○ Statement of Reasons</li> <li>○ Statement of commonality and Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers</li> <li>○ Schedule of the latest versions of the Applicant's submission documents and documents to be certified</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress in securing other consents</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Comments on any further information received</b> Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received by <b>Deadline 1</b></li> <li>• <b>Any further information requested by ExA</b> under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules</li> </ul>	
3.	<p><b>Week reserved for Hearings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accompanied Site Inspection (if required)</li> <li>• Issue Specific Hearing(s) (if required)</li> <li>• Open Floor Hearings(s) (if required)</li> <li>• Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s) (if required)</li> </ul>	<p><b>W/C 21 August 2023</b></p>

4.	<p><b>Deadline 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Post-Hearing Submissions</b>, including written summaries of oral submissions and any documents requested by the ExA</li> <li>• <b>Comments on any oral submissions put at the Hearings.</b></li> <li>• <b>Comments on Written Representations</b></li> <li>• <b>Comments on responses to the ExAs First Written Questions</b></li> <li>• <b>The Applicant's updated documents</b> - clean versions and versions showing tracked changes since the last submitted version: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects</li> <li>○ draft Development Consent Order</li> <li>○ Explanatory Memorandum</li> <li>○ Book of Reference</li> <li>○ Statement of Reasons</li> <li>○ Statement of commonality and Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers</li> <li>○ Schedule of the latest versions of the Applicant's submission documents and documents to be certified</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress in securing other consents</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Comments on any further information received</b> Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received by <b>Deadline 2</b></li> <li>• <b>Any further information requested by ExA</b> under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules</li> </ul>	<p><b>Friday 1 September 2023</b></p>
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5.	<b>Issue by the ExA of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Examining Authority's Further Written Questions (ExQ2)</b> (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 12 September</b>
6.	<b>Deadline 4</b> For Receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Responses to the Examining Authority's Further Written Questions (ExQ2)</b> (if required)</li> <li>• <b>The Applicant's updated documents</b> - clean versions and versions showing tracked changes since the last submitted version: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects</li> <li>○ draft Development Consent Order</li> <li>○ Explanatory Memorandum</li> <li>○ Book of Reference</li> <li>○ Statement of Reasons</li> <li>○ Statement of commonality and Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers</li> <li>○ Schedule of the latest versions of the Applicant's submission documents and documents to be certified</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress in securing other consents</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Comments on any further information received</b>  Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received by <b>Deadline 3</b></li> <li>• <b>Any further information requested by ExA</b> under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 3 October 2023</b>
7.	<b>Week reserved for Hearings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accompanied Site Inspection (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>W/C 9 October 2023</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue Specific Hearing(s) (if required)</li> <li>• Open Floor Hearings(s) (if required)</li> <li>• Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s) (if required)</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>Issue by the ExA of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Examining Authority's Further Written Questions (ExQ3)</b> (if required)</li> <li>• <b>Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)</b> and any associated questions (if required)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday 25 October 2023</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Deadline 5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Responses to the Examining Authority's Further Written Questions (ExQ3)</b> (if required)</li> <li>• <b>Comments on the RIES and responses to any associated questions</b> (if required)</li> <li>• <b>The Applicant's updated documents</b> - clean versions and versions showing tracked changes since the last submitted version: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects</li> <li>○ draft Development Consent Order</li> <li>○ Explanatory Memorandum</li> <li>○ Book of Reference</li> <li>○ Statement of Reasons</li> <li>○ Statement of commonality and Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers</li> <li>○ Schedule of the latest versions of the Applicant's submission documents and documents to be certified</li> <li>○ Schedule of progress in securing other consents</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Comments on any further information received</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Monday 20 November 2023</b></p>

	<p>Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received by <b>Deadline 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Any further information requested by ExA</b> under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules</li> </ul>	
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Issue by the ExA of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the draft Development Consent Order(dDCO) (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Friday 1 December 2023</b>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Deadline 6</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Comments on ExA DCO</b> (if required)</li> <li>• <b>Final DCO</b> Final DCO to be submitted by the Applicant in the SI template with the SI template validation report (in clean and tracked changed versions)</li> <li>• <b>Final updated BoR</b> Final BoR (in clean and tracked changed versions) and schedule of changes to BoR</li> <li>• <b>Final SoCGs</b> (in clean and tracked changed versions)</li> <li>• <b>Final Statement of Commonality and Statements of Common Ground</b> (in clean and tracked changed versions)</li> <li>• <b>List of matters not agreed where SoCG could not be finalised</b> (in clean and tracked changed versions)</li> <li>• <b>Final Navigation Document/Guide to the application</b> (in clean and tracked changed versions)</li> <li>• <b>Final Status of Negotiations CA Schedule</b> (in clean and tracked changed versions)</li> <li>• <b>Final Status of Negotiations with Statutory Undertakers</b> (in clean and tracked changed versions)</li> <li>• <b>Final NPS tracker</b> (in clean and tracked changed versions)</li> <li>• <b>Final signed and dated section 106</b> (if required)</li> <li>• <b>Comments on any further information received</b> Comments on any additional information/submissions received by <b>Deadline 5</b></li> </ul>	<b>Thursday 14 December 2023</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Any further information requested by ExA</b> under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> </ul>	
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Deadline 7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Summary statements from parties</b> regarding matters that they have previously raised during the examination that have not been resolved to their satisfaction.</li> <li>• <b>Comments on any further information received</b> Comments on any additional information/submissions received by <b>Deadline 6</b></li> <li>• <b>Any further information requested by ExA</b> under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> </ul>	<b>Thursday 4 January 2024</b>
<b>13.</b>	The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months	<b>Thursday 4 January 2024</b>

### 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.

### 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 and/or Regulation 28 of The Offshore Marine Regulations.