

DRAFT 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.

The interrelationship with the Examination timetables of other projects is addressed in **Annex C**.

Item	Event(s)	Date(s)
1.	<p>Procedural Deadline A</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> written submissions about how the application should be examined, including the draft Examination Timetable requests to register for the Preliminary Meeting requests to register for Open Floor Hearing 1 requests to register for Issue Specific Hearing 1 regarding the draft Development Consent Order suggested locations for site inspections, including the reason for nomination, issues to be observed there and whether the location(s) require access to private land 	Tuesday 22 August 2023
2.	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> updated agendas for the Preliminary Meeting, Open Floor Hearing 1, and Issue Specific Hearing 1 regarding the draft Development Consent Order (if required) 	Tuesday 29 August 2023
3.	Preliminary Meeting	10:00am Tuesday 5 September 2023
4.	Open Floor Hearing 1	2:30pm Tuesday 5 September 2023
5.	Issue Specific Hearing 1 regarding the draft Development Consent Order	10:00am Wednesday 6 September 2023

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6.	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Examination Timetable 	As soon as practicable after the Preliminary Meeting
7.	<p>Deadline 1 – see Annex G</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comments on Relevant Representations • Statements of Common Ground requested by the ExA – see Annex H • Local Impact Reports from local authorities • Written summaries of oral submissions made at Hearings held during the w/c 4 September 2023 • Written Representations and summaries for any that exceed 1500 words. • Requests from Interested Parties to be heard at a further Open Floor Hearing • Requests by Affected Persons (defined in section 59(4) of the Planning Act 2008) to be heard at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing • the Applicant’s proposed itinerary for an Accompanied Site Inspection (if required) • the Applicant’s updated documents - clean version and version showing tracked changes since the last submitted version: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ draft Development Consent Order ○ Explanatory Memorandum ○ Book of Reference ○ Statement of Reasons • the Applicant’s reports on progress – see Annex G: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects ○ Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight ○ Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers ○ Schedule of the latest versions of the Applicant’s submission documents and documents to be certified ○ Schedule of progress in securing other consents 	Tuesday 17 October 2023

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any other information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	
8.	<p>Deadline 2</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comments on submissions for Deadline 1 • responses to the ExA's First Written Questions • updated Statements of Common Ground in clean and tracked changes versions • the Applicant's updated documents – clean version and version showing tracked changes since the last submitted version: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects ○ draft Development Consent Order ○ Explanatory Memorandum ○ Book of Reference ○ Statement of Reasons ○ Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight ○ Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers ○ Schedule of the latest versions of the Applicant's submission documents and documents to be certified ○ Schedule of progress in securing other consents • Any other information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	Tuesday 21 November 2023
9.	<p>Time reserved for hearings and an Accompanied Site Inspection (if required):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Issue Specific Hearings • Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (if required) • Further Open Floor Hearings (if required) • Accompanied Site Inspection (if required) 	Week commencing 4 December 2023

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10.	<p>Deadline 3</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comments on submissions for Deadline 2 • updated Statements of Common Ground in clean and tracked changes versions • written summaries of oral submissions made at Hearings held during the w/c 4 December 2023 • the Applicant's updated documents – clean version and version showing tracked changes since the last submitted version: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects ○ draft Development Consent Order ○ Explanatory Memorandum ○ Book of Reference ○ Statement of Reasons ○ Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight ○ Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers ○ Schedule of the latest versions of the Applicant's submission documents and documents to be certified ○ Summary of progress in securing other consents • any other information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	Tuesday 19 December 2023
11.	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the ExA's Second Written Questions • the Report on Implications for European Sites (if required) 	Tuesday 16 January 2024

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12.	<p>Deadline 4</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responses to the ExA’s Second Written Questions • comments on submissions for Deadline 3 • updated Statements of Common Ground in clean and tracked changes versions • the Applicant’s final documents – clean version and version showing tracked changes since the version submitted with the application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ draft Development Consent Order in the Statutory Instrument template with the Statutory Instrument template validation report ○ Explanatory Memorandum • the Applicant’s updated documents – clean version and version showing tracked changes since the last submitted version: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects ○ Book of Reference ○ Statement of Reasons ○ Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight ○ Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers ○ Schedule of the latest versions of the Applicant’s submission documents and documents to be certified ○ Schedule of progress in securing other consents • any other information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	Tuesday 30 January 2024
13.	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the ExA’s schedule of changes to the draft Development Consent Order (if required) 	Tuesday 13 February 2024

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14.	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comments on submissions for Deadline 4 • comments on the ExA's schedule of changes to the draft Development Consent Order • comments on the Report on Implications for European Sites (if required) • final Statements of Common Ground in clean and tracked changes versions • the Applicant's final documents – clean version and version showing tracked changes since the last submitted version: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects ○ Book of Reference ○ Statement of Reasons ○ Schedule of progress regarding Compulsory Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight ○ Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers ○ Schedule of the latest versions of the Applicant's submission documents and documents to be certified ○ Schedule of progress in securing other consents • any other information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	Tuesday 27 February 2024
15.	<p>Deadline 6</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • summary statements from parties regarding matters that they have previously raised during the examination that have not been resolved to their satisfaction • comments on submissions for Deadline 5 • any other information requested by the ExA for this deadline 	Tuesday 5 March 2024
16.	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.	Tuesday 5 March 2024

Submission times for Deadlines

The time for submission of documents at any Deadline in the timetable is 11:59pm 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.