

Note regarding the final day of the Inquiry for Closing Submissions.

For the avoidance of doubt Parties will not be able to make any further representations; nor does the Inspector envisage accepting any, beyond that specifically referred to in the following paragraph.

At the session, and in the public domain, Kirklees Council (Mr Gill) and the Applicant (Mr Scanlon) will be asked to read out their closing submissions as recently put before the Inquiry in writing. The contents of the “Final Comments on Respective Closing Submissions” and other appendices to the Council’s and Applicant’s closing submissions will be taken as read. The Inspector may have some questions of Mr Gill or Mr Scanlon, including in relation to the Unilateral Undertaking which the Applicant has indicated he intends to submit in writing by the deadline of 14 January 2022 (in accordance with the timetable set out in Inquiry Note 1). Whilst the Inspector emphasises that he is not inviting any costs applications, any such applications which are to be made should be submitted, and will be considered, in line with the approach also detailed in Inquiry Note 1. Otherwise, there will be no discussion and the Inspector will then close the Inquiry.

In the lead-up to and throughout the Inquiry many arguments have been put as to the evidence which should and should not be taken into account. Insofar as is necessary the Inspector will make clear in his report to the Secretary of State the evidence he considers should be given weight in the determination of the application. However, the Secretary of State will be provided with access to all the submitted written evidence when making his decision on the order.