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**From:** Mckenna, John (Energy Security) <John.McKenna@energysecurity.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 25 January 2024 16:20  
**Subject:** FW: 20231207 Southern Gas Networks Plc (SGN) - proposed Kingsferry Gas Pipeline Replacement Project Compulsory Purchase Order - inquiry details

Good evening,

Following on from the procedural email below for the abovementioned CPO, please see updated details in relation to the public inquiry:

**Date and time:**

- 30th April to 2 May 2024, with a 10am start.

**Venue:**

- Holiday Inn Sittingbourne, 70 London Road, Sittingbourne, ME10 1NT.

Notice is given that the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero has instructed a Planning Inspectorate Inspector – Christina Downes - to hold a public local inquiry into the above order on the above dates and times.

If you give, or call another person to give evidence at the inquiry by reading from a written statement you are required in accordance with Rules 15(1), (2) and (3) of the Compulsory Purchase (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 2007 (modified by the Compulsory Purchase (Inquiries Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendments and Electronic Communications) Rules 2018) to send a copy of that statement with a summary (where required) to the Inspector c/o:

Mr Stephen Waterfield,  
Environment, Transport and Compulsory Purchase  
The Planning Inspectorate  
3A Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square,  
Bristol,  
BS1 6PN.  
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and to the acquiring authority by **week commencing 01/04/24.**

The inquiry is currently scheduled to last three days. Those who wish to speak should not assume that they can be heard at a particular time, as this is for the Inspector to decide.

Many thanks.



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I work compressed hours with a non working day once a fortnight. My NWD will change around business need and will be reflected in my calendar.

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**From:** Mckenna, John (Energy Security)

**Sent:** Thursday, December 7, 2023 5:40 PM

**Subject:** 20231207 Southern Gas Networks Plc (SGN) - proposed Kingsferry Gas Pipeline Replacement Project Compulsory Purchase Order - procedural email

Dear all,

**Notice of Inquiry:**

Notice is given under Rule 3(3) of the Compulsory Purchase (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 2007 (SI 2007 No 3617), amended by the Compulsory Purchase (Inquiries Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendments and Electronic Communications) Rules 2018 (SI 2018 No 248) that the Secretary of State for the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, has decided to hold a public local inquiry into the above compulsory purchase order. For the purpose of Rule 3(3), the date of this email is the **'relevant date'**.

Advice is also contained in DLUHC publication 'Guidance on Compulsory purchase process and The Crichel Down Rules for the disposal of surplus land acquired by, or under the threat of, compulsion'

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/684529/Compulsory\\_purchase\\_process\\_and\\_the\\_Crichel\\_Down\\_Rules - guidance updated 180228.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/684529/Compulsory_purchase_process_and_the_Crichel_Down_Rules_-_guidance_updated_180228.pdf)

Your attention is drawn to the requirement of Rule 7 of the above rules. This states that where a public local inquiry is to be held, the acquiring authority shall send a Statement of Case to the Planning Inspectorate and to each remaining objector within six weeks of the relevant date (currently 18 January 2024), however, please see below regarding pre-inquiry meetings). The Statement of Case must set out in full the case that the acquiring authority intend to put forward at the inquiry, including the acquiring authority's reasons for making the order. It must also contain copies of any documents referred to in the written statement, or the relevant extracts, and a list of any documents which the acquiring authority intend to refer or to put in evidence. Rather than copying the documents referred to in the written statement to each remaining objector, the acquiring authority may alternatively send each remaining objector a notice naming each place where a copy of these documents may be inspected free of charge.

It is important that those whose interest or rights are included in the Order should be in a position to put their case at the inquiry without having to probe for further details. If they have to do this during the inquiry, they may not be in a position to deal with the additional information and this could lead to a request for an adjournment. Therefore, remaining objectors should be fully informed as the acquiring authority's case well in advance of the inquiry.

The Secretary of State, or the Inspector, may require further details of the acquiring authority's case or clarification of particular aspects of it under Rule 7(5). Failure by the acquiring authority to provide relevant details may, in an extreme case – for example, where the Inspector has to adjourn an inquiry – lead to a recommendation that the Secretary of State makes an award of costs against the acquiring authority.

**Date of the Inquiry:**

The date, time and venue will be confirmed shortly.

**Pre-inquiry meetings:**

We will confirm if a pre-inquiry is required and any amendments to timescales for providing evidence.

Many thanks.



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