**PUBLIC INQUIRY PROGRAMME –Version 23.09.2021**

**Appeal Ref: APP/H0900/V/21/3271069**

**Applicant: West Cumbria Mining Ltd**

**Proposals: Development of a new underground metallurgical coal mine and associated development**

**Site: Former Marchon Site, Pow Beck Valley and area from Marchon Site to St Bees Coast, Whitehaven, Cumbria**

**Inquiry Opens: 7 September 2021 (Note on all sitting days the Inquiry will open at 10.00 hours)**

**Abbreviations used in this programme**

CCC – Cumbria County Council

Applicant – West Cumbria Coal Mining Ltd

Rule 6 Parties – Friends of the Earth (FoE), South Lakes Action on Climate Change (SLACC)

RTS – Round Table Session – The Inspector will provide Agendas for these sessions

EiC – Examination in Chief

XE – Cross Examination

RE – Re-examination

IQ – Inspectors Questions

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| Week 1 | Morning Session | Afternoon Session |
| Tuesday 7 September  | **Inspector Opening Announcements, Procedural Issues and Housekeeping** (1 hour)**Opening Statements** (30 minutes max per party - Applicant followed by CCC and then Rule 6 Parties – FoE and SLACC - please provide copies in writing) | **Interested Parties MPs** 14.00 – 15.30 14.00 Trudy Harrison MP14.20 Mark Jenkinson MP14.40 Jake Berry MP15.00 Lee Anderson MP15.20 Tim Farron MPDiscussion with Advocates re programme (1 hour) |
| Wednesday 8 September | **Interested Parties** | **Interested Parties** |
| Thursday 9 September | **Economic/Employment Benefits**Mark Kirkbride (Applicant)EiC (1.5 hours)Mark KirkbrideXE FoE Advocate (1 hour)Mark KirkbrideXE SLACC Advocate (1 hour) | **Economic/Employment Benefits**Mark KirkbrideRE Applicant Advocate and IQ (1 hour)Rebekah Diski (SLACC)EiC (1.5 hours)Rebekah DiskiXE Applicant Advocate (1.5 hours)Rebekah DiskiRE SLACC Advocate and IQ (1 hour) – Poss overrun to Friday |
| Friday 10 September | **Need for the coal** Mark Kirkbride (Applicant)EiC (1 hour)Mark KirkbrideXE FoE/SLACC Advocate (1.5 hours)Mark KirkbrideRE Applicant Advocate and IQ (1 hour) | Contingency - no availability of SLACC witnesses |
| Week 2 | Morning Session | Afternoon Session |
| Tuesday 14 September | Contingency | **Need for the coal (possibly of early evening sitting also)**Jim Truman (Applicant) – **14.00 Start**EiC (1.5 hours)Jim Truman XE FoE Advocate (1.5 hours)XE SLACC Advocate (1 hour)Jim Truman RE Applicant Advocate and IQ (1 hour) |
| Wednesday 15 September | **Need for the coal** Simon Nicholas (FoE)EiC (1 hour)Simon NicholasXE Applicant Advocate (1.5 hours)Simon NicholasRE FoE Advocate and IQ (1 hour) |  |
| Thursday 16 September | **Need for the coal** Professor Paul Ekins (SLACC)EiC (1 hour)Professor Paul EkinsXE Applicant Advocate (2.5 hours)Professor Paul EkinsRE SLACC Advocate and IQ (1 hour) | **Need for the coal**Professor Lars Nilsson (SLACC)EiC (1 hour)Professor Lars NilssonXE Applicant Advocate (1.5 hours)Professor Lars NilssonRE SLACC Advocate and IQ (1 hour) |
| Friday 17 September | **Need for the coal** Professor Stuart Haszeldine (SLACC)EiC (1 hour)Professor Stuart HaszeldineXE Applicant Advocate (2.0 hours)Professor Stuart HaszeldineRE SLACC Advocate and IQ (1 hour) | **Character and Appearance RTS**John Flannery (Applicant)Peter Radmall (FoE) Michael Spence (FoE) |
| Week 3 | Morning Session | Afternoon Session |
| Tuesday 21 September | **Climate change/GHG/Flooding/Coastal Change**William Tonks (Applicant)EiC (1 hour)William Tonks XE FoE/SLACC Advocate (2 hours)William Tonks RE Applicant Advocate and IQ (0.5 hour) | **Climate change/GHG/Flooding/Coastal Change**Caroline Leatherdale (Applicant)EiC (1.5 hours)Caroline LeatherdaleXE FoE |
| Wednesday 22 September | **Climate change/GHG/Flooding/Coastal Change**SLACC Advocate (2.5 hours)Caroline Leatherdale RE Applicant Advocate and IQ (0.5 hour) | **Climate change/GHG/Flooding/Coastal Change**Professor John Barrett (FoE)EiC (1.5 hours)Professor John Barrett XE Applicant Advocate (2.5 hours)Professor John Barrett RE FoE Advocate and IQ (1 hour) |
| Thursday 23 September | **Climate change/GHG/Flooding/Coastal Change**Professor Michael Grubb (SLACC)EiC (1 hour)Professor Michael Grubb XE Applicant Advocate (2 hours)Professor Michael Grubb RE SLACC Advocate (1 hour) | **Climate change/GHG/Flooding/Coastal Change**Sir Robert Watson (SLACC) EiC (1 hour)Sir Robert Watson (SLACC) XE Applicant Advocate (1.5 hours)Sir Robert Watson (SLACC) RE SLACC Advocate (1 hour) |
| Friday 24 September | Overrun/contingency 10.00**Character and Appearance RTS cont’d**John Flannery (Applicant)Peter Radmall (FoE)  | **Need for the coal – time subject to any overrun** Dr Jonathan Cullen (FoE)EiC (1 hour)Dr Jonathan CullenXE Applicant Advocate (2 hours)Dr Jonathan CullenRE FoE Advocate and IQ (1 hour) |
|  Week 4  | Morning Session | Afternoon session |
| Tuesday 28 September  | **Biodiversity RTS**Peter Shepherd (Applicant) Tony Martin SLACC | **Climate change/GHG/Flooding/Coastal Change**3.30 Derik Broekoff (FoE)EiC (1 hour)Derik BroekoffXE Applicant Advocate (2 hours)Derik BroekoffXE FoE Advocate (1 hour) |
| Wednesday 29 September | **Planning Issues**Samuel Thistlethwaite (Applicant)EiC (1.5 hours)Samuel ThistlethwaiteXE FoE Advocate (1.5 hours)Samuel ThistlethwaiteXE SLACC Advocate (1 hour)Samuel Thistlethwaite RE Applicant Advocate and IQ (1.5 hours) | **Planning Issues**Paul Bedwell (SLACC)EiC (1.5 hours)Paul BedwellXE Applicant Advocate (3 hours)Paul BedwellRE SLACC Advocate and IQ (1.5 hours) |
| Thursday 30 September | **Planning Issues Contingency session** | **Conditions and Obligations RTS**ApplicantCCCFoESLACCSt Bees School |
| Friday 1 October | **Conditions and Obligations RTS Contingency session**  | **Closing Statements**FoE, SLACC, Applicant (max 1.5 hours per party – please provide copies in writing in advance)Costs?Close |
| Week 5  | Morning Session | Afternoon session |
| Monday 4 October | **Site Visit**11.00 Site visit | **Site Visit**Site visit continued |