**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 MP  14.20 Mark Jenkinson MP  14.40 Jake Berry MP  15.00 Lee Anderson MP  15.20 Tim Farron MP  Discussion 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 Kirkbride  XE FoE Advocate (1 hour)  Mark Kirkbride  XE SLACC Advocate (1 hour) | | **Economic/Employment Benefits**  Mark Kirkbride  RE Applicant Advocate and IQ (1 hour)  Rebekah Diski (SLACC)  EiC (1.5 hours)  Rebekah Diski  XE Applicant Advocate (1.5 hours)  Rebekah Diski  RE SLACC Advocate and IQ (1 hour) – Poss overrun to Friday |
| Friday 10 September | **Need for the coal**  Mark Kirkbride (Applicant)  EiC (1 hour)  Mark Kirkbride  XE FoE/SLACC Advocate (1.5 hours)  Mark Kirkbride  RE 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 Nicholas  XE Applicant Advocate (1.5 hours)  Simon Nicholas  RE FoE Advocate and IQ (1 hour) |  | |
| Thursday 16 September | | **Need for the coal**  Professor Paul Ekins (SLACC)  EiC (1 hour)  Professor Paul Ekins  XE Applicant Advocate (2.5 hours)  Professor Paul Ekins  RE SLACC Advocate and IQ (1 hour) | **Need for the coal**  Professor Lars Nilsson (SLACC)  EiC (1 hour)  Professor Lars Nilsson  XE Applicant Advocate (1.5 hours)  Professor Lars Nilsson  RE SLACC Advocate and IQ (1 hour) | |
| Friday 17 September | | **Need for the coal**  Professor Stuart Haszeldine (SLACC)  EiC (1 hour)  Professor Stuart Haszeldine  XE Applicant Advocate (2.0 hours)  Professor Stuart Haszeldine  RE 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 Leatherdale  XE 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 Cullen  XE Applicant Advocate (2 hours)  Dr Jonathan Cullen  RE 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 Broekoff  XE Applicant Advocate (2 hours)  Derik Broekoff  XE FoE Advocate (1 hour) | |
| Wednesday 29 September | | **Planning Issues**  Samuel Thistlethwaite (Applicant)  EiC (1.5 hours)  Samuel Thistlethwaite  XE FoE Advocate (1.5 hours)  Samuel Thistlethwaite  XE SLACC Advocate (1 hour)  Samuel Thistlethwaite  RE Applicant Advocate and IQ (1.5 hours) | **Planning Issues**  Paul Bedwell (SLACC)  EiC (1.5 hours)  Paul Bedwell  XE Applicant Advocate (3 hours)  Paul Bedwell  RE SLACC Advocate and IQ (1.5 hours) | |
| Thursday 30 September | | **Planning Issues Contingency session** | **Conditions and Obligations RTS**  Applicant CCC  FoE  SLACC  St 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 | |