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Haslar Immigration Removal Centre, Dolphin Way, Gosport

Thank you for your emails of 21 and 23 October 2026 requesting a further extension of time for No Detention No Haslar (NDNH) to submit its statement of case and proofs of evidence.

I have carefully considered the reasons advanced in support of the request, including NDNH's reliance upon pro bono assistance, the arrangements being made with potential witnesses and the fact that Rule 13 status was granted on 19 October 2026. I have also noted the comparison you draw with the arrangements made for Rule 13 parties at the Sevington Inquiry.

However, I do not consider the date upon which Rule 13 status was granted can be viewed in isolation. The Notice of Inquiry was issued on 9 September 2026 and established a timetable under which statements of case and proofs of evidence were due on 20 October, any necessary rebuttal proofs on 3 November, and the Inquiry would open on 17 November 2026. The Notice expressly explained the importance of the timetable given the rapid timescales involved.

NDNH's application for Rule 13 status was not made until 16 October 2026 and was received at 6.17 pm that day. It was determined on 19 October 2026. I am therefore satisfied that the application for Rule 13 status was dealt with expeditiously.

I have already agreed that NDNH may submit its statement of case and proofs of evidence by 27 October 2026, one week later than the deadline established for the other parties. I have considered carefully whether a further extension to 3 November, or beyond, would be appropriate. I do not consider that it would.

In particular, 3 November is the date already identified in the Inquiry timetable for the submission of any necessary rebuttal proofs. Allowing NDNH until that date to submit its primary evidence would therefore leave insufficient time for the other parties to consider that evidence and, where necessary, prepare and submit evidence

in rebuttal, and for me to consider the evidence properly in advance of the Inquiry. Any alteration to the Inquiry timetable must be considered in the interests of fairness to **all** parties, rather than solely by reference to the circumstances of the party seeking the extension.

I have also noted your reference to Planning Practice Guidance concerning the time normally afforded to Rule 6 parties. However, NDNH's participation in this Inquiry arises through the specific procedural arrangements applicable to this Crown Development application and the timetable established for this Inquiry. The circumstances must therefore be considered in that context and also, that the Rule 13 request was not submitted until some five weeks after the Notice of Inquiry was issued.

Nevertheless, having regard to the circumstances outlined in your correspondence, **I am prepared, reluctantly, to allow a final extension until 5.00 pm on Friday 30 October 2026** for NDNH's statement of case and proofs of evidence.

This represents the final extension of time. **No further extension will be granted.** NDNH should therefore make the necessary arrangements to ensure that its statement of case and all proofs of evidence upon which it intends to rely are submitted by that deadline.

NDNH is also reminded of the importance of complying with the Inquiry timetable and of the potential costs implications which may arise from unreasonable behaviour that causes another party to incur unnecessary or wasted expense.

Yours sincerely

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