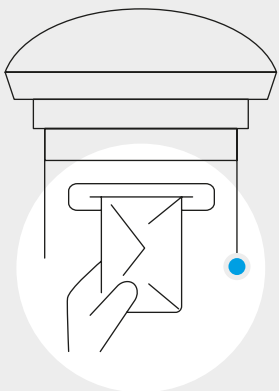


What happens when the application is submitted?

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After receiving our application the Planning Inspectorate has 28 days to accept it and decide if it can proceed to the examination stage.



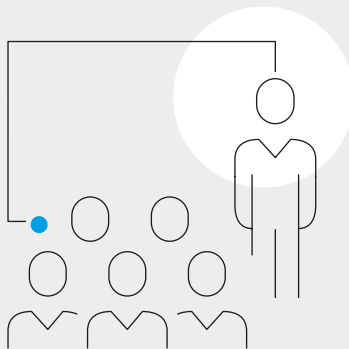
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When the application is accepted people wishing to be involved in the examination process will be invited to register their interest with the Planning Inspectorate.



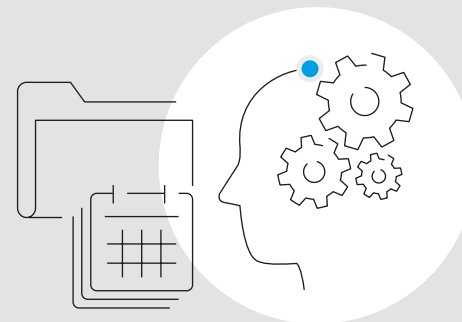
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Those who register their interest will be invited to submit their views on our proposals in writing and may be asked to speak at any public hearings that are held.



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The Planning Inspectorate will hold an examination. When this finishes it has three months to make a recommendation to the Secretary of State about whether the application should be approved. The Secretary of State then has a further three months to make a final decision.



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Subject to our application being approved construction of the project will start. We anticipate that construction would start no earlier than 2025.

