

PUBLIC INQUIRY PROGRAMME – FINAL VERSION PUBLISHED 07.04.2026

Appeal Ref: 6002168

Appeal by: Baxter Group Limited

Proposal: The extraction and processing of sand and gravel including the construction of new site access roads, landscaping and screening bunds, minerals washing plant and other associated infrastructure with restoration to leisure end-uses, agricultural land and biodiversity enhancement, using imported inert fill.

Appeal Site: Mytax Farm, 4 Bourbles Lane, Preesall, Poulton-Le-Fylde, FY6 0PE

Inquiry Venue: Wyre Borough Council, Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 7PU.

Abbreviations used in this programme

LCC – Lancashire County Council
Rule 6 - Preesall & Knott End against Quarry Application
EiC – Examination in Chief
XE – Cross Examination
RE – Re-examination
RTS - Round Table Session

Day 1 – Tuesday 14 April 2026 10.00 hours

(Note - other than first day the opening times for each day are 09.30, all other timings are approximate)

Morning Session – Openings	Afternoon Session – Scheme Overview Interested Parties
<p>10.00 - 10.45 Inspector Opening Announcements, Procedural Issues and Housekeeping Matters</p> <p>10.45 - 12.30 Opening Statements</p> <p>(30 minutes maximum per party - Appellant followed by LCC then Rule 6)</p> <p>*Please provide copies in writing and an electronic copy to the case officer before 10.00.</p> <p>Break at an appropriate time in proceedings</p>	<p>13.30 – 14.30 Simon Rees (Appellant) EiC (Appellant Advocate)</p> <p>14.30 – 15.00 Simon Rees (Appellant) XE (Council Advocate)</p> <p>15.00 – 15.15 Simon Rees (Appellant) XE (Rule 6 Advocate)</p> <p>15.15 – 15.30 Simon Rees Appellant RE (Appellant Advocate)</p> <p>15.30 – 17.00 Interested Parties who wish to speak at the Inquiry*</p>

***Note:** In the unlikely event that it is not possible to accommodate all of the interested persons who wish to speak at the Inquiry on the afternoon of 14 April 2026, an additional allocated slot is proposed in the afternoon of Thursday 16 April 2026. Although it is customary for interested parties to speak on the opening of the afternoon session, in this case, the Inspector considers that it would be beneficial for the Appellant to provide an overview of the scheme first so the all present can gain an understanding of the scheme prior to further evidence being considered.

Day 2 – Wednesday 15 April 2026 09.30 hours

Morning Session –Noise	Afternoon Session – Noise
09.30 – 10.15 David Gray (LCC) EiC (LCC Advocate)	13.15 – 14.00 Robert Storey (Appellant) EiC (Appellant Advocate)
10.15 – 12.00 David Gray (LCC) XE (Appellant Advocate)	14.00 – 15.45 Robert Storey (Appellant) XE (LCC Advocate)
12.00 – 12.30 David Gray (LCC) RE (LCC Advocate)	15.45 – 16.15 Robert Storey (Appellant) XE (Rule 6 Party Advocate)
Break at an appropriate time in proceedings	16.15 – 16.45 Robert Storey (Appellant) RE (Appellant Advocate)
	Break at an appropriate time in proceedings

Day 3 – Thursday 16 April 2026 09.30 hours (Note need to vacate venue by 16.00)

Morning Session –Dust and Air Quality	Afternoon Session – Planning Conditions RTS and Interested Parties
09.30 – 10.15 Matthew Edwards (LCC) EiC (LCC Advocate)	13.15 – 15.00 RTS Conditions/Planning Obligation
10.15 – 12.00 Matthew Edwards (LCC) XE (Appellant Advocate)	(Appellant, HCC, Rule 6, Interested Parties)
12.00 – 12.30 Matthew Edwards (LCC) RE (LCC Advocate)	15.00 – 16.00 Interested Parties who wish to speak at the Inquiry and were unable to do so on the opening day
Break at an appropriate time in proceedings	Break at an appropriate time in proceedings

Day 4 – Friday 17 April 2026 09.30 hours

Morning Session – Dust and Air Quality (cont’d)	Afternoon Session – Site Visit
09.45 – 10.00 Cat Smith MP (Interested Party) 10.00 – 10.45 Katrina Hawkins (Appellant) EiC (Appellant Advocate) 10.45 – 12.30 Katrina Hawkins (Appellant) XE (LCC Advocate) 12.30 – 13.00 Katrina Hawkins (Appellant) XE (Rule 6 Party Advocate) 13.00 – 13.30 Katrina Hawkins (Appellant) EiC (Appellant Advocate) Break at an appropriate time in proceedings	14.30 – 17.00 Site Visit

Day 5 – Tuesday 21 April 2026 09.30 hours

Morning Session – Highways	Afternoon Session – Highways
09.30– 10.15 Ryan Derbyshire (LCC) EiC (LCC Advocate) 10.15 – 12.00 Ryan Derbyshire (LCC) XE (Appellant Advocate) 12.00 – 12.30 Ryan Derbyshire (LCC) RE (LCC Advocate) Break at an appropriate time in proceedings	13.15 – 14.00 Jim Budd (Appellant) EiC (Appellant Advocate) 14.00 – 15.45 Jim Budd (Appellant) XE (LCC Advocate) 15.45 – 16.15 Jim Budd (Appellant) XE (Rule 6 Party Advocate) 16.15 – 16.45 Jim Budd (Appellant) RE (Appellant Advocate)

Day 6 – Wednesday 22 April 2026 09.30 hours

Morning Session -Planning/Need	Afternoon Session – Planning/Need
09.30– 10.15 Richard Sharples (LCC) EiC (LCC Advocate)	13.30 – 14.15 Liam Toland (Appellant) EiC (Appellant Advocate)
10.30 – 12.15 Richard Sharples (LCC) XE (Appellant Advocate)	14.15– 16.00 Liam Toland (Appellant) XE (LCC Advocate)
12.15 – 12.45 Richard Sharples (LCC) RE (LCC Advocate)	16.00 – 16.30 Liam Toland (Appellant) XE (Rule 6 Party Advocate)
Break at an appropriate time in proceedings	16.30 – 17.00 Liam Toland (Appellant) RE (Appellant Advocate)
	Break at an appropriate time in proceedings

Day 7 – Thursday 23 April 2026 09.30 hours

Morning Session – Closing Submissions	Contingency/Overrun
09.30 – 10.30 Closing by LCC	
10.30 – 11.00 Closing by Rule 6	
11.00 – 12.00 Closing by Appellant	
45 - 60 minutes approx. maximum per party	
12.00 – 12.30 Cost applications and close?	

*** Note – Closing Statements to be emailed to the case officer prior to the commencement of openings**