

EAST PARK ENERGY
SECTION 91 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008
**RULE 13 (6) OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION
PROCEDURE) RULES 2010**
**NOTICE OF HEARINGS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED EAST PARK ENERGY
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER**

Notice is hereby given that, at the date, time and place set out below, a Preliminary Hearing, Open Floor Hearing and Issue Specific Hearings 1 and 2 (together “the Hearings”) will be held by the Examining Authority (appointed by the Secretary of State) for the examination of the application made by BSSL Cambsbed 1 Ltd for a development consent order under Sections 14(1)(a) and 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008 for the East Park Energy project (“the DCO Application”).

The DCO Application relates to a development comprising a new ground-mounted solar photovoltaic energy generating station and an associated on-site battery energy storage system (“BESS”) on land to the north-west of St Neots (“the Scheme”). It includes the associated infrastructure for connection to the national grid at the Eaton Socon National Grid Substation. The Scheme would allow for the generation and export of 400 MW of renewable electricity, as well as the storage of 100 MW of electricity in the BESS.

The Scheme is located to the north-west of the town of St. Neots and is across two administrative areas: Bedford Borough Council and Huntingdonshire District Council (a two-tier authority with Cambridgeshire County Council).

The DCO Application was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate on 3 October 2025 and was accepted for examination on 30 October 2025. The Application has been given the Planning Inspectorate reference number EN010141.

Following this, the Planning Inspectorate has recently confirmed details of the Hearings that will mark the start of the Examination of the DCO Application.

This information, which is made available in accordance with Sections 88 and 89 of the Planning Act 2008 and Rules 5, 6, 9 and 13 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, is summarised below and available in full in the [Rule 6 letter](#).

The Rule 6 letter also sets out the draft Examination timetable, the examining authority's initial assessment of key issues and other information. If you have previously registered as an interested party by submitting a relevant representation,

then you should have been contacted directly by the Planning Inspectorate via post or email with this information.

| Date/time | Type of meeting | Joining information |
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| Tuesday 17 th March 2026 Registration starts at 9:30am, meeting begins at 10:00am | Preliminary meeting – Marks the start of the Examination, with a focus on how the Examination will be carried out | In person at King’s House, 245 Ampthill Road, Bedford, MK42 9AZ or virtually via Microsoft Teams |
| Tuesday 17 th March 2026 Registration starts at 1:30pm, meeting begins at 2:00pm | Open floor hearing 1 – An opportunity for registrants to speak directly to the examining authority about their views on our application | In person at King’s House, 245 Ampthill Road, Bedford, MK42 9AZ or virtually via Microsoft Teams |
| Wednesday 18 th March 2026 Registration starts at 9:30am, meeting begins at 10:00am | Issue specific hearing 1 – Focused on the draft development consent order and general principles of our application | In person at King’s House, 245 Ampthill Road, Bedford, MK42 9AZ or virtually via Microsoft Teams |
| Wednesday 18 th March 2026 Registration starts at 1:30pm, meeting begins at 2:00pm | Issue specific hearing 2 – Focused on best and most versatile land, soil and construction traffic | In person at King’s House, 245 Ampthill Road, Bedford, MK42 9AZ or virtually via Microsoft Teams |

You must register in advance if you wish to speak in-person or virtually at the preliminary meeting and/or any of the hearings scheduled above. You must also register in advance if you wish to observe in-person the preliminary meeting and/or any of the hearings scheduled above.

To register, complete the form on the Planning Inspectorate's website [here](#). All registrations must be submitted by Tuesday 10th March 2026. The Planning Inspectorate will then provide joining information to those who have registered by the deadline.

You do not need to register if you wish to observe the preliminary meeting and/or any of the hearings scheduled above virtually - a livestream of each session will be

published shortly prior to each meeting on the Planning Inspectorate's website [here](#). A recording will also be made available after each meeting.

Find out more

You can find an overview of our submitted plans and supporting documents describing the Scheme in detail on our website [here](#). A copy of all the documents included in our development consent order application can be inspected on our website [here](#).

For more information on the upcoming preliminary meeting and hearings, please refer to the [Rule 6 letter](#) on the Planning Inspectorate's website. You can also register to receive email notification of upcoming hearings and other procedural matters from the Planning Inspectorate [here](#), or you can contact the Planning Inspectorate via email at eastparkenergyproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk